

# Everglades

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Everglades National Park



## Shark Valley Ranger-Guided Programs

**December 2014 – April 5<sup>th</sup> 2015**

All activities are FREE unless noted. Reservations are only needed for specified programs.

<p><b>Shark Valley Tram Tours (2-hours, fee charged)</b> Find yourself in the middle of the “River of Grass”, the heart of the Everglades. See alligators, wading birds and other wildlife in their natural habitat. Narrated by a park ranger or park naturalist. (Reservations recommended - 305-221-8455) ♿</p>	<p><b>Trams run every day between 9 – 4 Every hour on the hour. 9, 10, 11, 12 noon, 1, 2, 3, &amp; 4</b></p>						
Program Descriptions	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<p><b>Nature Walk – 10:15am</b> (30 - 45 minute walk) Join a park ranger or volunteer for a stroll around Shark Valley. Learn about the history of the area, identify the birds, and discover what makes the Everglades unique. Meet at the benches behind the Visitor Center. ♿</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<p><b>Ranger Talk - 2:15pm</b> (30 minute sit-down talk) The Everglades story is a complex tale of plants, animals, water, and history. Join us for a short talk and get an in-depth glimpse of the Everglades. Meet under the tree across from the Visitor Center. ♿</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<p><b>Everglades Exploration - 4:15pm</b> (30 minutes) Some like to walk, others like to talk, and they all like to have fun. See what the rangers have planned each day as they explore a new topic in the Everglades. Meet at the benches behind the Visitor Center. ♿</p>	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
<p><b>Wild Walk in the Wilderness! - 10:30am</b> (2-3hrs.) “SAWGRASS and CATTAILS and MUCK OH MY! SAWGRASS and CATTAILS and MUCK OH MY!”... Want to try something different? Want to get off the “beaten path”? Get out into the river of grass with a ranger as they lead you through the Shark River Slough for an adventure of a lifetime! Check in at the Visitor Center desk. <b>Starts January 9, 2015</b> Not offered Jan 10, 11, 31, Feb 1, 14, 15, Mar 6, 7, 14, 22, 28, 29 or Apr 5</p> <p><b>Reservations required (Children must be at least 12 yrs. old).</b> <b>Call 305-221-8776 for reservations and what to wear.</b></p>	●					●	●

## Biking Programs

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### Sunrise in the Glades - (approx. 3 hours.)

Come out for a special Sunday ride. Wake up with a 15-mile bike ride in the wee-hours of the morning. Be at the observation tower in time to watch as the sun comes up over the glades slowly warming and waking its inhabitants.

**Bring your own bicycle** and arrive **30-minutes** before the start time to meet the ranger at the gate. **Reservations required.**

Sunday, January 11 - 5:30am  
 Sunday, February 15 - 5:30am  
 Sunday, March 22 - 6:00am  
 Sunday, April 5 - 5:45

### Glades Biking in the Morn' - 9:30 am (2 - 3hrs.)

Join a Park Ranger or Volunteer for a 15-mile bike ride out into the Shark River Slough. Explore the subtleness of the wetlands as the morning light wakes up its inhabitants. See spider webs covered in dew glisten in the sun and birds, turtles and alligators sunning themselves along your path. Meet behind the Visitor Center.

Not offered Jan 11, Feb 8, or Mar 22

**Bring your own bike or rent one from the concession for \$18.00. Reservations required.**



### Full Moon Bike Tour - (approx. 3 hours)

Watch an amazing sunset over the sawgrass prairie. Listen to the Everglades "night symphony" as the full moon climbs slowly into the sky. Climb the observation tower to enjoy the mystery and to feel the magic of the Everglades Wilderness at night. Join a park ranger for an evening 15-mile bike ride. Meet behind the Visitor Center.

**Bring your own bicycle. Reservations required.**

January 2, 3, at 4:30 pm  
 Jan 31 and Feb 1 at 4:45 pm  
 March 6, 7 at 5:15 pm

**Note:** Bicyclists 15 years and under **MUST** wear a helmet. Reservations are taken up to two weeks prior to the ride. Call the visitor center to make reservations or for more information: 305-221-8776

## Special Programs

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### Morning Bird Walk – 8:00 am (approx. 2 hours.)

Are you an expert birder or just a beginner? From wading birds and song birds to hawks and kites, Shark Valley is a bird watching paradise. Discover the diversity of Everglade's birds. Bring binoculars, camera, and field guides. Meet behind the Visitor Center.



Saturday, January 3  
 Saturday, February 7  
 Saturday, March 14

### Archaeology of the Everglades – 5:00 pm (45 minutes)

Featuring Dr. Michelle Williams: Director for the Southeast and Southwest Regions of the Florida Public Archaeology Network at Florida Atlantic University

- **January 10 - Prehistoric Snowbirds** - Come learn about the prehistoric snowbirds and the evidence they left, as they made seasonal rounds throughout the United States.
- **February 14 - Weeds and Seeds: A History of Dining in Southern Florida** - Learn how the wealth of natural resources in southern Florida has made it a unique dining experience for over 10,000 years.
- **March 14 - Who made the Everglades?** - Explore the geological and cultural history of the Everglades as we look at the role of early Native Americans and initial tree island formations.

Meet at the Visitor Center.

Saturday, January 10  
 Saturday, February 14  
 Saturday, March 14

### Tamiami Trail "Try"athlon – 9:00 am

Bike, hike, and canoe to complete the Tamiami Trail Triathlon in one day with a ranger. Start at the Gulf Coast with a 3.5 mile canoe trip in the mangrove estuary, followed by a 3 mile hike through Big Cypress, and then finish with a 15 mile bike ride through the saw grass prairie at Shark Valley. Canoes provided. Bring your own bike or rent one. Bring plenty of water, food, and protection from the elements!

**Call to make reservations up to 14 days in advance: 239-695-3311**

Saturday, February 21  
 Saturday, April 4

