



Ranger Programs

October 2016

Fort Pickens

Garrison for Freedom*

Discover the importance of this coastal fortification and those who served here in American history.

Bird Walk!*

Fun for bird lovers of all ages and skill levels. Binoculars and field guides will be available for use.

Life on a Barrier Island*

Learn more about what makes barrier islands special places to plants, animals, and people.

Totally Turtles!

Explore the challenges baby sea turtles face and ways that you can help protect them.



Davis Bayou

Bayou Nature Walk

Learn more about the importance of this area, and see some of the plants & animals that call it home.



All About Amazing Alligators

Learn fun facts about these large armored reptiles, and maybe even get to see an alligator in the wild.



Bayou By Boat**

Sit back, relax, see wildlife and learn about the natural resources on this guided small boat tour of the bayou.



Dusk on the Bayou

Find out what goes on in the bayou after sunset and learn about the creatures that thrive at night.



National Fossil Day

Join us to celebrate fossils and earn a special badge as a Junior Paleontologist at Gulf Islands!



Fort Massachusetts

Ship Islands' Silent Sentinel

Walk in the footsteps of engineers, workers, and soldiers of long ago within the echoing brick casemates.



Accessible Programs.



Fun for the whole family.

*Program involves walking on uneven surfaces, sandy walkways, and steps.

**Water level may affect accessibility; Life jackets are provided to all participants.

More Information

All programs are free and subject to change or cancellation based on staffing or weather conditions.

There is an entrance fee for the Fort Pickens and Fort Barrancas Areas.

Pick up a park newspaper, *The Island Breeze*, for information, directions, and operating hours.

More information can be found on our website www.nps.gov/GulfIslands

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Explore on Your Own

Many of the areas and islands at Gulf Islands National Seashore offer self-guiding hikes and tours. Stop by one of our visitor centers, exhibit halls, or museum to pick up information or speak to a national park ranger about these opportunities.

Saturday, October 1

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)
 12:30 pm Life on a Barrier Island (N)
 1:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 2:00 pm Garrison of Freedom (P)
 2:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 3:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 3:30 pm Totally Turtles (N)

Sunday, October 2

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)
 12:30 pm Life on a Barrier Island (N)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 2:00 pm Garrison of Freedom (P)
 3:00 pm All About Amazing Alligators (L)
 3:30 pm Totally Turtles (N)

Monday, October 3

10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)

Wednesday, October 5

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)

Thursday, October 6

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 6:00 pm Dusk on the Bayou (C)

Friday, October 7

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)

Saturday, October 8

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)
 1:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 2:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 3:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)

Sunday, October 9

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)

Monday, October 10

10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)

Wednesday, October 12

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)

Thursday, October 13

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 6:00 pm Dusk on the Bayou (C)

Friday, October 14

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)

Saturday, October 15

8:00 am Bird Walk! (BL)
 10:00 am National Fossil Day (D)
 10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)
 12:30 pm Life on a Barrier Island (N)
 1:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 2:00 pm Garrison of Freedom (P)
 2:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 3:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 3:30 pm Totally Turtles (N)

Sunday, October 16

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)
 12:30 pm Life on a Barrier Island (N)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 2:00 pm Garrison of Freedom (P)
 3:00 pm All About Amazing Alligators (L)
 3:30 pm Totally Turtles (N)

Monday, October 17

10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)

Wednesday, October 19

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)

Thursday, October 20

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 6:00 pm Dusk on the Bayou (C)

Friday, October 21

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)

Saturday, October 22

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)
 12:30 pm Life on a Barrier Island (N)
 1:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 2:00 pm Garrison of Freedom (P)
 2:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 3:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 3:30 pm Totally Turtles (N)

Sunday, October 23

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)
 12:30 pm Life on a Barrier Island (N)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 2:00 pm Garrison of Freedom (P)
 3:00 pm All About Amazing Alligators (L)
 3:30 pm Totally Turtles (N)

Monday, October 24

10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)

Wednesday, October 26

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)

Thursday, October 27

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 6:00 pm Dusk on the Bayou (C)

Friday, October 28

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)

Saturday, October 29

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)
 12:30 pm Life on a Barrier Island (N)
 1:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 2:00 pm Garrison of Freedom (P)
 2:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 3:00 pm Bayou by Boat (R)
 3:30 pm Totally Turtles (N)

Sunday, October 30

10:15 am Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)
 12:30 pm Life on a Barrier Island (N)
 1:15 pm Ship Islands Silent Sentinel (M)
 2:00 pm Garrison of Freedom (P)
 3:00 pm All About Amazing Alligators (L)
 3:30 pm Totally Turtles (N)

Monday, October 17

10:30 am Bayou Nature Walk (D)

(BL) - Meet at Battery Langdon in the Fort Pickens Area in Florida.

(D) - Meet at the Davis Bayou Visitor Center in Mississippi.

(L) - Meet at the Nature Loop Trail in the Davis Bayou Area in Mississippi.

(M) - Meet at Fort Massachusetts entrance on West Ship Island in Mississippi.

(N) - Meet at the Fort Pickens Museum in the Fort Pickens Area in Florida.

(P) - Meet at the entrance to historic Fort Pickens in Florida.

(R) - Reservations are required; call 228-230-4100.

(C) - For register campers only; meet at Davis Bayou Campground Amphitheater