



EcoAdventures E-Newsletter

The CCC in Miami-Dade County

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If you thought President Obama's "stimulus package" was this country's first major economic recovery plan think again. The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), developed under President Franklin Roosevelt's administration, was a massive federal government effort created to combat the great depression. Over 3.5 million men enrolled in this program to get steady work. From 1933 to 1942, these young men between the ages of 17 and 25 embarked on hundreds of public works projects around the nation. From building bridges and water supply lines to surveying millions of acres and planting over three billion trees, their work was hard, physical labor. Perhaps their greatest legacy is the over 800 state parks they developed. Here in Miami-Dade County there are several examples of their work which we can visit and enjoy today.



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Feature Event for February

VALENTINE'S DAY SUNSET CANOE & CAMPFIRE

Sunday, February 14, 3:30 PM—8:00 PM

\$33 adults, \$20 children (14 and under)

Bill Sadowski Nature Center 305-255-4767

Join us for a naturalist guided canoe trip to Coral Reef Park and return as the sun sets. Then picnic around a cozy campfire. We provide the equipment. Participants should bring picnic and fun, adventurous attitude. Please wear enclosed shoes and comfortable clothing. Reservations required.

For information on customized or group tours please contact

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Nature Centers

AD Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center

3401 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL 33155
305-662-4124

Arch Creek Nature Center

1855 NE 135 St.
North Miami, FL 33181
305-944-6111

Bill Sadowski Nature Center

17555 SW 79 Ave.
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157
305-255-4767

Castellow Hammock Nature Center

22301 SW 162 Ave.
Miami, FL 33170
305-242-7688

Crandon Park Visitors & Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd.
Key Biscayne, FL 33149
305-361-6767 ext. 112

Visit our
[Website](#)

February Calendar of Events

CRANDON NATURALIST ECOLOGY SERIES: MANGROVES

Saturday, February 6, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
\$10 per person
Crandon Park Visitors & Nature Center (305)
361-6767 ext 112

CRANDON PARK BIRD WALK

Saturday, February 6, 8:00 AM—10:00 AM
\$6 per person
Crandon Park Visitors & Nature Center (305)
361-6767 ext 112

BASICS OF BIRD WATCHING

Saturday, February 6, 10:00 AM—11:00 AM
\$6 per person
Bill Sadowski Nature Center 305-255-4767

YOGA

Sunday, February 7, 9:30 AM—10:45 AM
\$ 10per person
Bill Sadowski Nature Center 305-255-4767

ARCH CREEK'S CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Friday, February 12 , 7:30 PM-9:00 PM
\$6 per person
Arch Creek Nature Center 305-944-6111

VALENTINE'S DAY SUNSET BIKE HIKE & WINE TASTING

Saturday, February 13, 3:00 PM—7:30 PM
\$60 Per person
305-365-3018

BISCAYNE BAY KAYAK FISHING (Convoy Point)

Saturday, February 20, 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM
\$85 per person 305-365-3018

CRANDON NATURALIST ECOLOGY SERIES: SEAGRASS

Saturday, February 20, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
\$10 per person (Bring your own mask and snorkel gear or rent ours for \$8 (you get to keep the

snorkel!))
Crandon Park Visitors & Nature Center (305)
361-6767 ext 112

YOGA

Sunday, February 24, 9:30 AM—10:45 AM
\$ 10per person
Bill Sadowski Nature Center 305-255-4767

ARCH CREEK'S CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Friday, February 26, 7:30 PM -9:00 PM
\$6 per person
Arch Creek Nature Center 305-944-6111

EVERGLADES WILDFLOWER WALK

Saturday, February 27, 8:30 AM—11:30 AM
\$25 per person
Meet at Earnest Coe Visitor Center
305-365-3018

SUNSET & MOONLIGHT KAYAK

Saturday, February 27, 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM
\$40 per person
Crandon Park Visitors & Nature Center (305)
365-3018

FULL MOON NIGHTWALK & CAMPFIRE

Saturday, February 27, 7:00 PM -8:30 PM
\$6 Per person
Bill Sadowski Nature Center 305-255-4767

FULL MOON CAMPFIRE PROGRAM – ALL ABOUT BATS!

Sunday, February 28
\$6 per person
A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center 305-365-3018

For a full list of events,
including **on going programs**

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Kid's Corner:

Winter Olympics Games

With the XXI Olympic Winter Games or the 21st Winter Olympics being held on February 12–28, 2010, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, there is going to be a lot of talk about the different competition and who will ultimately win. But what about if animals could enter the Winter Olympics Games who would compete?



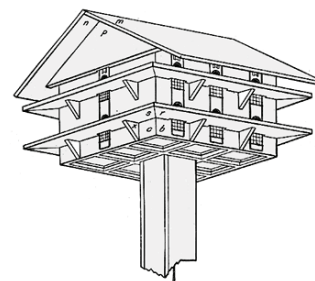
Did You Know?

The Gentoo penguin is the only animal apart from humans to ski on two legs. The flying squirrel that has a recorded jump of 90 meters (98.4 yards) which would make a fierce competition for the current gold medalist in the ski jump.

Ask a Naturalist

Q: I was given a metal purple martin house for Christmas. Will I have any success with my martin house in Florida?

A: You sure will. Purple martins nest throughout Florida and they are one of the easiest birds to attract to a manmade birdhouse. Scouts arrive in Florida from South America in January each year but, some years their arrival is delayed into March. Be sure to place the martin house in an open area as far away from trees as possible. If your property is heavily wooded you will have no success, although you may be able to attach the pole to the top of your house in order to give the birds unobstructed flight into the birdhouse.



Have a question for our Naturalists? Send it to us [here](#).



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