

Miami-Dade Parks Events



Come play with us!

Miami-Dade Parks February 2010 Calendar of Events

(Note: Calendar events and dates and times are subject to change)

FEB 1 – 26, 2010

The Parks Project – Deering Estate at Cutler

The Parks Project is a series of environmental art installation presented throughout the Miami-Dade Park System from January to May and features a different artist in a different park each month. February features the work of South Florida artist Xavier Cortada and addresses issues facing the environment. All installations are free and accessible to the public. The Parks Project is made possible through a grant from the State of Florida, Division of Cultural Affairs' Culture Builds Florida grant program.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Avenue

Miami, FL 33157

305-235-1668 ext. 233

FEB 3, 7 pm

SoBay Festival of the Arts: Poetry Slam *presented by the South Florida Writer's Association*

Enjoy an evening of poetry & music in the historic Stone House Ballroom.

\$10 adults; \$5 children (ages 4-14). Free for Foundation Members.

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FEB 4, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Nite Hike

\$10 adults; \$5 children (ages 9-14)

Walking down the tropical hardwood hammock trail at dusk takes on a whole new meaning to the exploration of our natural areas. This hike offers the visitor a rare opportunity to view the woods and it's wildlife as it comes to life at night. Listen for great horned owls and eastern screech-owls along the way.

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FEB 5, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

GREYNOLDS PARK CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

\$6/person

Rated: Easy

Before there were televisions and video games for entertainment, families would gather around campfires to tell stories and sing songs. Pay homage to those simpler times with our classic campfire program!

Reservations are required. Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3425.

Meet at Camp Greynolds

18601 NE 22nd Ave, North Miami Beach, FL, 33160

FEB 6, 9 a.m. – noon

REDLAND FARM TOUR

\$25/person

Visit agricultural sites and learn about crops and unusual farms that make South Miami-Dade County agriculture so unique and valuable. Conducted by Fruit and Spice Park Manager Chris Rollins.

Fruit & Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Homestead, FL 33031

305-247-5727; www.fruitandspicepark.org

FEB 6, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

CRANDON PARK BIRD WALK

\$3 / person

Whether an experienced birder or a novice, join a park naturalist and leisurely explore hammock trails, dunes, beach, and coastal mudflats for the rich avian species that inhabit and migrate through the park. Bring your binoculars!

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center
6767 Crandon Blvd. (Key Biscayne)
Call for reservations (305) 361-6767 Ext. 112

FEB 6, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Artist Village Open Studio Tour

Free with Estate admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children (ages 4-14)

Through exhibits and artist studios, the Artist Village located at the Deering Estate at Cutler tells America's story of contemporary artistic creation as well as the history, science, and art of traditional American fine craft. Lead by the Educational and Interpretive Staff, as well as the Estate's own Artists in Residence, discover the cultural and architectural features of some of South Florida's earliest buildings!

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FEB 6, 10:00 am – noon

Book Nook by the Bay

Free with Estate admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children (ages 4-14)

On the first Saturday of each month, enjoy family story time, on-site eco-arts and crafts, science programs and more. There is a different topic each month!

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Avenue
Miami, FL 33157
305-235-1668 ext. 233

FEB 6, 6:30 p.m. to midnight

Gala in the Garden: A Romantic Evening Under the Venetian Moon

Fairchild's Gala in the Garden is South Florida's must-attend social event. A who's who of guests participates in the annual event. For more information, please contact Susanna Shubin at 305-667-1651 ext. 3375.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, Florida 33156

FEB 6, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Crandon Naturalist Ecology Series: Seagrass

\$10 / person (Bring your own mask and snorkel gear or rent ours for \$8 (you get to keep the snorkel!))

This workshop will focus on the amazing and hidden world of our underwater marine flora community. Learn about these amazing plants as we discuss species, morphology, life cycle, threats and much more. The presentation will also include snorkeling off Crandon beach for a total interactive experience. Don't miss this opportunity to discover and learn why our seagrass are so important.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center
6767 Crandon Blvd. Key Biscayne
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 361-6767 ext 112

FEB 6, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

BASICS OF BIRD WATCHING

\$6 per person

Our Naturalists will guide you through the basics of bird watching in preparation for the Great Backyard Bird Count of 2010! Learn everything you need to know to get started on bird watching and how you, or

your family, can participate in this year's Backyard Bird Count bird census. Appropriate for all ages. Reservations required.
Bill Sadowski Park, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami, FL 33157
305-255-4767

FEB 7, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Tekesta Trail Tour

This special walking tour introduces the public to the Tekesta – a Native American people who canoed the waters of Biscayne Bay and hunted on the high ground of the Miami Rock Ridge on the land known today as the Deering Estate at Cutler. Naturalists guide you through protected natural areas as you visit a Tekesta habitation site and a burial mound, walk an ancient Tekesta trail, and handle Tekesta artifacts, in the hopes of inspiring an interest in the Native Americans who lived in the Miami area before us, and a respect for a people and a way of life that vanished long ago.

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FEB 11; 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

HISTORIC LECTURE SERIES: The Seminole Wars

Admission: Free; Parking: \$6/vehicle.

Rated: Easy

Come out to learn about South Florida's rich heritage at Greynolds Park as we continue our 2009-2010 History Lecture Series. Join us as guest historian, Alan Sokol, presents lectures on South Florida's early days. Bring your family and friends along for an evening social and enjoy coffee and refreshments on the porch of the boathouse.

Reservations are required. Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3425.

Meet at the Greynolds Park Boathouse and Nature Center
17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, FL, 33160

FEB 12 & 26; 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

ARCH CREEK PARK: CAMPFIRE

\$6/person

Rated: Easy. Ease the stress of your workweek with our classic campfire program. Our naturalists will take you on a hammock hike in search of the critters that lurk in the night. Then join us around our fire ring where you'll hear classic tales while roasting marshmallows.

Reservations are required. Call (305) 944-6111.

Meet at the Arch Creek Museum & Nature Center
1855 NE 135 Street
North Miami, FL

FEB 13, 11 a.m.

ArtSoBay Exhibit Curator's Tour

Location: Richmond Cottage

Cost: \$25 includes gourmet boxed luncheon.

Join LegalArt Executive Director Kathleen Carignan, the Deering Estate at Cutler's "Exhibit's and Collections" committee, Xavier Cortada, and juried artists for a tour of our ArtSoBay Winter Exhibit followed by lunch with discussion topic – Economic Impact of Arts on our Community. RSVP required by Tuesday, February 9. Please call 305-235-1668 ext. 233.

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305-235-1668 ext. 233

FEB 13, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Bird Walk

Free with Estate admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children (ages 4-14)

Join a Deering Education and Interpretive Staff Member in search of some of the Estate's estimated 170 resident and migratory bird species. Watch for ibises, herons, egrets and other shorebirds in and around our shallow coastal waters. Spot migrating songbirds, including several types of warblers, vireos, and flycatchers, flitting through acres of pines, palms, mangroves, and tropical hardwoods. And don't forget to look up to see raptors soaring high overhead or, perhaps, just in time to glimpse the swift flight of a White-crowned Pigeon.

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FEB 13; 9:00 a.m. – noon

ECO-ACTION DAYS: Volunteer Work Day at Greynolds Park

FREE

Rated: Moderate

There is no better way to connect with nature than to get down and dirty at one of our monthly volunteer days! Join our naturalists in restoring our parks and natural areas. Projects include removing weeds or invasive exotic vegetation, planting, mulching, and picking up garbage. Bring your work gloves and small hand tools. Sunscreen, long shirts/pants, water, hats, sunglasses are highly recommended.

Reservations are required. Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3435.

Meet at the Greynolds Park Boathouse and Nature Center
17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, FL 33160

FEB 13, All Day

SKUNK APE TOUR

\$100/person

Fundraiser for The Fruit and Spice Park sponsored by The Friends of The Fruit and Spice Park. A true South Florida "Snipe Hunt." This all-day excursion includes a visit to The Ochopee Skunk Ape Research Center. A hike into the Everglades with renowned naturalist Roger Hammer will be the highlight of the day.

Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727; www.fruitandspicepark.org

FEB 14, 7 p.m. (Gates open at 5:30 p.m.)

Valentines Day Concert

Join Fairchild for a romantic outdoor concert featuring multiple Grammy-winner Jon Secada. Bring a blanket and a picnic basket and enjoy Fairchild's most romantic event of the year. For more information and tickets, please contact Tricia Frank at 305-663-8091.

Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens
10901 Old Cutler Road
Coral Gables, Florida 33156

FEB 14, and FEB 28; 8:00 am – 11:00 am

Chicken Key Canoe Tour

\$25 adults; \$15 children (ages 9-14)

Canoe to Chicken Key, a seven-acre mangrove island and restored bird rookery, which lies one mile off shore. The island contains sand dunes and mangrove forests and is surrounded by sand bars, tidal flats, seagrass beds, and rocky debris. While canoeing, you can observe marine wildlife such as manatees and sea turtles, as well as numerous species of birds. The program is designed for beginners and experts alike. Please bring closed-toe shoes, comfortable clothes, water, a hat, and sunscreen.

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FEB 14; 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

VALENTINE'S DAY OLETA RIVER KAYAK TOUR

\$25/person

Rated: Moderate

Join park naturalists on this special day for a guided kayak exploration of the romantic Oleta River. Guides will tell historic South Florida love stories while gliding over mangrove-lined creeks to the sounds of crooning wading birds and other wildlife.

Adults ONLY. Reservations are required. Call (305) 365-3018. On Sundays and holidays please call Greynolds Park at (305) 945-3425.

Meet at East Greynolds Northeast Regional Dog Park
16700 Biscayne Blvd, North Miami Beach, FL, 33160

FEB 14, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Pine Rockland Trail Hike

There are approximately only 4,000 acres left of Pine Rocklands in the world. The Deering Estate at Cutler preserves one of the largest blocks of these globally endangered habitats remaining in the United States. On this specialized tour, walk with the Estate's naturalists among slash pines and an incredibly diverse understory of shrubby and herbaceous vegetation. You will see numerous endangered plant and animal species that live in this area - some are included on the federally endangered list.

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FEB 14, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm

"Moonlight & Music" Valentine's Day Concert

Celebrate Valentine's Day in Miami at the 11th annual **"Moonlight & Music" Valentine's Day Concert** on Sunday, February 14, 2010 at 8:00 p.m. [Johnny Rodgers](#) will delight guests with his original soft rock ballads, Taylor-flavored melodies, and sultry jazz arrangements. Johnny Rodgers performed to a sold out crowd at the Summer Cabaret Concert Series in July 2009 at the Deering Estate.

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FEB 14, 3:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

VALENTINE'S DAY SUNSET CANOE TOUR & CAMPFIRE

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

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.

Bill Sadowski Park, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami, FL 33157

305-255-4767

FEB 14, 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

VALENTINE'S DAY SUNSET BIKE HIKE & WINE TASTING

\$50 per person

Enjoy a leisurely-paced 7-mile bike ride along the Long Pine Key Nature Trail in Everglades National Park, followed by a picturesque sunset over Pine Glades Lake while you sample exotic wines and cheeses. Bicycles, helmets, wine, snacks, and transportation into Everglades National Park provided. Reservations required. To RSVP, please call 305-365-3018.

Meet at the Ernest Coe Visitor Center in Everglades National Park

40001 State Road 9336 (Palm Drive/SW 344 St), Homestead, FL 33034

FEB 19, 7:00 pm (meet the artist reception at 6:30 pm)

Living Artist Concert Series "Emergination"

Piano Series featuring emerging pianists from the FIU School of Music Piano Department in a thematic concert reflecting works inspired by nature.

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FEB 19; 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

CREATURES OF THE NIGHT HIKE

\$6/person

Rated: Easy

Fascinated by the moon and the stars or even glow bugs? Then come to learn about the mysteries of the night and see what lurks around our park when the lights go out! After a 30-minute Power Point presentation, our naturalists will take you on a night hike through the park in search of its nocturnal residents.

Reservations are required. Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3425.

Meet at the Greynolds Park Boathouse and Nature Center
17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, FL, 33160

FEB 20, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 a.m.

7th Annual Big Cat-Nap Campout

Pre-registration is required

Come be a part of the 7th annual Big Cat-Nap Campout on Saturday, February 20, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Pack your camping gear and head on over to experience a night of wilderness, complete with sound effects (provided by Zoo animals)! *Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so register early.*

Children must be at least 6 years old and in the first grade to participate.

The Zoological Society of Florida

12400 SW 152nd Street

Miami, FL 33177

305-255-5551

FEB 20, 10:00 a.m. – noon

Butterfly Walk

Free with Estate admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children (ages 4-14)

Whether you're looking to photograph the elusive Dingy Purplewing or just want to appreciate some of nature's most delicate beauties, butterflies abound at the Deering Estate at Cutler. Walk with a Deering Education and Interpretive Staff Member along historic roads and trails, through sunny pineland, tree-shaded forest, manicured grounds and other habitats. Here you'll encounter graceful Giant Swallowtails, lively Ruddy Daggerwings, rare Atalas, and other butterflies of all wondrous shapes, sizes, and colors.

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FEB 20, 10:00 a.m. – noon

Butterfly Gardening Club

Free with Estate admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children (ages 4-14)

In partnership with the International Garden Club of Miami, and volunteer gardener Ines Maunder, parents, grandparents and our next generation of gardeners are invited to learn about the different butterfly species that reside in and migrate through Florida. Seed your own native plants and shrubs to take home that will attract Florida wildlife. And, work alongside other volunteer gardeners on our community butterfly garden next to the Rock Wall and People's Dock. All ages and abilities are welcome.

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FEB 20, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Crandon Naturalist Ecology Series: Mangroves

\$10 / person

South Florida's coast has changed drastically over the last century. Where tall buildings and beautiful homes stand, a lush tropical swamp thrived. Learn about the mangrove habitat and how it is protected today. The workshop includes a presentation and tram ride to the mangrove swamp in Crandon Park's Bear Cut Preserve. Come out and enjoy this opportunity to learn about these complex and curious plants.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center
6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 361-6767 ext 112

FEB 20, 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

BISCAYNE BAY KAYAK FISHING (CONVOY POINT)

\$85 per person

Join two expert flats fishermen on this guided fishing excursion along the shoreline of Biscayne Bay in search of barracuda, permit, snook, seatrout, redfish, and other shallow-water fish. Fishing kayak, paddle, life vest, and safety equipment provided. Participants must have a valid Florida saltwater fishing license. (5–6 hours; rated moderate to moderately strenuous, depending on wind)

Castellow Hammock Park
22301 SW 162 Avenue
Homestead, FL
305-365-3018

FEB 20, 9 a.m. – noon

AQUACULTURE TOUR

\$25/person

Aquaculture is an important economic force in South Florida. Visit several of these fish farms and talk to the farmers.

Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727; www.fruitandspicepark.org

FEB 25, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Voices of the Past – Ghost Story Tour

Everyone loves a Great Ghost Story! Now you can have your own personal experience if you dare to join us. In partnership with the [League of Paranormal Investigators](#), the Deering Estate at Cutler Educational and Interpretive Staff, Artists in Residence and community collaborators share the many “Voices of the Past” that have lived in our community. Learn about sightings and experiences at *Lummas Park*, *Cauley Square*, *Loxahatchee Nature Preserve*, and our own *Deering Estate at Cutler*.

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FEB 27, 10:00 a.m. – noon (please arrive at 9:45 a.m.)

Eco-Bike Tour

\$25 or \$20 ride your own bike

Join a Deering Interpretive and Education Staff Member on an Eco Bike Tour along historic limestone trails and through native ecosystems preserved at the Deering Estate at Cutler. From a mangrove forest at the edge of Biscayne Bay, to tropical hardwood hammock, and through globally endangered rock pinelands, pedal along and visit Miami as it was long ago.

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FEB 27, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Full Moon Campfire – All About Bats!

\$6 per person

Need a change of pace for your Sunday nights? Join our naturalist staff for an educational and fun-filled evening dispelling old wives tales about bats, and learning how beneficial these creatures are in controlling insects and as pollinators. Enjoy some stories and songs, and then roast marshmallows around the campfire. Dress for the weather and for walking. Bring your own hotdogs, chocolate and graham crackers if you like! We provide the marshmallows!

A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center 3401 SW 72 Ave., Miami, FL 33155
305-365-3018

FEB 27, 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

SUNSET & MOONLIGHT KAYAK

\$40 / person

View a spectacular South Florida sunset from the seat of a kayak as we paddle through the waters of Bear Cut and explore the forgotten and secret part of Key Biscayne by light of the rising full moon. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center.
6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 365-3018

FEB 27, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

FULL MOON NIGHTWALK & CAMPFIRE

\$6 per person

Join our naturalists as we take a walk on the nature trails after dark in search of nocturnal creatures including the Eastern Screech Owl. Then relax by the campfire, roast some marshmallows and tell a few stories. Appropriate for all ages. Reservations recommended.

Bill Sadowski Park, 17555 SW 79 Ave., Miami, FL 33157
305-255-4767

FEB 27, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

EVERGLADES WILDFLOWER WALK

\$25 per person

Join EcoAdventures™ Naturalist Roger Hammer, author of Everglades Wildflowers, on this leisurely-paced walk along the Long Pine Key Nature Trail in Everglades National Park to view and learn about the fascinating wildflowers of the Everglades. Transportation provided. (2 1/2 hours; rated easy). For more information, please call 305-365-3018.

Castellow Hammock Park
22301 SW 162 Avenue
Homestead, FL

FEB 27, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

MOONLIGHT IN THE GARDENS

\$8/person

Experience the Fruit and Spice Park under the light of the full moon. Activities will include entertainment, stargazing, a bonfire, and garden tour with guide and Park manager Chris Rollins.

Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727; www.fruitandspicepark.org

FEB 28, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES CITY TOUR

\$50 per person

Experience the natural and cultural side of Miami through the eyes of a native. Cruise around town in our "Eco Van" as we make stops and walk among South Florida's historical landmarks. The Cape Florida Lighthouse, The Barnacle, and Coral Gables Biltmore Hotel are just some of the fascinating places you will get to visit. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center
6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 365-3018

Ongoing Activities

DAILY, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.

DEERING HISTORIC HOUSE TOURS

Free with admission to the Estate.

This tour highlights the history surrounding the Deering Estate at Cutler and the story of Charles Deering. Guests will visit the 1st and 2nd floors of the Stone House and Richmond Cottage, as well as the basement/wine cellar of the Stone House.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave Miami, FL 33157

(305)235-1668 ext. 233

DAILY, 12:30 p.m.

NATURAL AREA TOURS

Free with admission to the Estate.

Join a naturalist guide and walk in the footsteps of Florida's first people. Hike through a lush forest of tropical hardwood trees and clinging vines down the Native American footpath that, near the end of the nineteenth century, would become the first Cutler Road/Ingram Highway.

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(305)235-1668 ext. 233

DAILY 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (YEAR-ROUND)

ECOADVENTURES: CRANDON PARK VISITORS & BISCAYNE NATURE CENTER

\$5/Vehicle, \$10/Bus (\$6/vehicle, \$12/ bus on weekends and holidays)

The Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center is your gateway to the Bear Cut Preserve, a 264-acre natural barrier island habitat located on the northern tip of Key Biscayne. Guided tours and educational programs are offered year round for all ages - from low tide marine beach and wading tours, to bird watching, canoeing, kayaking, snorkeling and bicycling. Visit the center's exhibit room and aquariums with different re-created underwater habitats. Self-guided nature trails are available with trail brochures at the Nature Center.

Crandon Park Visitors & Biscayne Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 361-6767, Ext. 112

DAILY, 9:30 a.m. – Noon

ECOADVENTURES: CRANDON PARK'S KEY BISCAYNE KAYAK ADVENTURE

\$ 30/Per Person (For Ages 9 and Above) Kayak along the beautiful shallow waters of Key Biscayne and explore the protected areas of Bear Cut Preserve where land meets the sea. Join us as we discover the tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, sea stars, and coastal birds that share this fragile and unique environment. This trip is a great introduction to kayaking and snorkeling and we are certain it will be the highlight of your visit to Crandon Park. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors & Biscayne Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

305-365-3018

DAILY, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

SEA KAYAK & SNORKEL ADVENTURE

\$70 / person

Kayak along the beautiful shallow waters of Key Biscayne and explore the protected areas of Bear Cut Preserve where land meets the sea. Join us as we discover the tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, sea stars, and coastal birds that share this fragile and unique environment. This trip is a great introduction to kayaking and snorkeling and we are certain it will be the highlight of your visit to Crandon

Park. We highly recommend closed-toe shoes (water shoes), water (1 quart minimum), snacks, sunglasses, sunscreen, towel, and a wide-brimmed hat. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center.

6767 Crandon Blvd

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

DAILY, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FREE FLIGHT AVIARY

Encounter rare and exotic Asian birds close-up and in free flight. Watch them build their nests and care for their young. American Bankers Family Aviary, Wings of Asia

Miami Metrozoo

12400 SW 152 St.

(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

DAILY, 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

BIRD FEEDINGS

Follow the bird keepers for fun and information while they go throughout the aviary feeding the birds.

American Bankers Family Aviary, Wings of Asia

Miami Metrozoo

12400 SW 152 St.

(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

DAILY, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Observe ducks swimming on top of and under the water with fish and turtles through the viewing glass of the indoor, air-conditioned Observation Center. Step out behind two waterfalls to see the aviary from a duck's eye view, and learn how you can participate in local conservation efforts in the Potamkin Conservation Center.

Miami MetroZoo,

12400 SW 152 St.

(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

DAILY, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

DINOSAUR ENCOUNTERS

View a film showing the link between dinosaurs and birds at the Field Research Center, then search for the skeleton of a 40-foot-long carnivorous dinosaur in a mock fossil excavation dig pit.

Miami MetroZoo,

12400 SW 152 St.

(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m

TOADSTOOL!

ToadStool is a place for fun, observation, learning, and is sure to delight the entire family. You can observe poison dart frogs in ferocious battles, watch blind cave fish as they swim without bumping into each other, see Emperor scorpions and meet a large Burmese python!

Commercebanc Children's Zoo

Miami MetroZoo

12400 SW 152 St.

(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

Open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

THE SAMBURU GIRAFFE FEEDING STATION

Cost: \$2. You will get to feed our giraffes delicious veggie treats like romaine or iceberg lettuce, kale or collard greens. Visitors have the opportunity to walk up a custom built ramp that leads to an elevated platform overlooking the giraffe exhibit.

Miami MetroZoo

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PINE ROCKLAND GUIDED TOUR

Walk through this fire-dependent habitat that the gopher tortoise, great horned owl and the Florida panther call home. Learn about the county's largest remnant of the rare native pinelands that exists nowhere else on earth. Walking tours are scheduled through the Education Department at 305-255-5551.

Miami MetroZoo
12400 SW 152 St.
www.miamimetrozoo.com

DAILY, 1:30 PM (with an extra show at 2:30 PM on weekends & holidays)

DIEGO'S DISCOVERY DEN

At the Commercebank Children's Zoo, see Diego in his Discovery Den! The star of Nick Jr.'s Go, Diego, Go!, one of the top pre-school shows on commercial television, has started his featured performances.

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12400 SW 152 St.
(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

MON & WED, 11 AM – NOON

LOW IMPACT WATER EXERCISES

\$30/10 sessions

Water exercises for adults to promote joint flexibility, muscle strength, coordination, and balance.

Palm Springs North Pool
7901 NW 176 St.
(305) 945-3425

MON & WED, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL TEAM

\$40 monthly

Learn basketball skills and drills. Compete in the Special Olympics. For adults 21+ with developmental disabilities.

3401 SW 72nd Ave Miami, FL
305-665-5319

MON, WED & FRI, 11 AM – 12 PM

LOW IMPACT WATER EXERCISES

\$45/15 sessions

Water exercises for adults to promote joint flexibility, muscle strength, coordination, and balance.

Tamiami Park
11201 SW 24 St.
(305) 222-2128

MON – FRI, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

ADULT DAY TRAINING

\$117.50/week

Adults 18 and over with Developmental Disabilities participate in a meaningful day of activities. Goal-oriented activities focus on life skills, social skills, community integration, self-help, nutrition, hygiene, art, dance, and fitness. Our person-centered approach includes a team involving the participant, parents/guardian, staff and others who work together to create an individualized implementation plan.

AD Barnes Park
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 665-5319 / (305) 669-4052

MON – FRI, 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

ADULT AFTERCARE

\$45 weekly

Adults 18+ with developmental disabilities will be provided a guided learning environment in which they will learn leisure activities, physical fitness, continue developing and exercising appropriate social skills, teamwork, and daily living skills.

A.D. Barnes Park
3401 SW 72nd Ave Miami, FL
305-665-5319

August 24, 2009-June 9, 2010
MON – FRI, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Free

Children participate in a variety of activities including, but not limited to sports, arts & crafts, homework help, field trips, and literacy. Program will run full day on teacher planning days and most holidays

Coral Estates Park
1405 SW 97th Ave Miami, FL
305-226-1622

Goulds Park
11350 SW 216 St Miami, FL
305-234-1673

Camp Matecumbe
13841 SW 120th St Miami, FL
305-752-4966

Tamiami Park
11201 SW 24th St Miami, FL
305-222-2128

Westwind Lakes
6805 SW 152nd Ave Miami, FL
305-380-9106

Greynolds Park
17530 West Dixie Highway North Miami Beach, FL
305-945-3425

TUE & THU, 9 AM – NOON

PLAYING TUNES BEFORE NOON

\$35/7 sessions (30-minute sessions)

Keyboard lessons for adults of all abilities. Beginner and Intermediate levels welcomed.

Greynolds Park
18601 NE 22 Ave.
(305) 945-3425

TUE & THU, 9:45 – 11 AM

TAI CHI

Free.

Learn 12 slow flowing movements that will improve balance and flexibility and reduce stress.

Westwind Lakes Park
6805 SW 152 Ave.
(305) 234-1673

TUE & THU, 11 AM – NOON

LOW IMPACT WATER EXERCISES

\$30/10 sessions

Water exercises for adults to promote joint flexibility, muscle strength, coordination, and balance.

A.D. Barnes Park
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 226-1622

TUE & THU, 11 AM – NOON

LOW IMPACT WATER EXERCISES

\$30/10 sessions

Water exercises for adults to promote joint flexibility, muscle strength, coordination, and balance.

Goulds Pool

21805 SW 114 Ave.

(305) 234-1673

TUE & THU, 12 – 1 PM

FITNESS SWIMMING

\$30/10 sessions

Lap swimming for adults 18 and up who have physical disabilities and sensory impairments. Participants must be able to swim already. Instruction on stroke refinement will be provided.

Goulds Pool

21805 SW 114 Ave.

(305) 382-8160

TUE, THU, FRI

LEARN TO SWIM

\$30/10 classes

Swimming classes for children and adults with physical disabilities. Various times.

Goulds Pool

21805 SW 114 Ave.

(305) 382-8160

TUE & THU

8 – 9 AM (LOW IMPACT); 9 – 10 AM (HIGH IMPACT)

AEROBIC AQUATICS

\$30/10 sessions

Learn a variety of aquatic exercise techniques facilitated by a certified instructor. Improve your endurance, circulation, balance, and much more.

Rockway Pool

9760 SW 27 Dr.

(305) 752-4966

TUE & THURS, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

SWIM TEAM

\$40 monthly

Learn swim techniques and participate in Special Olympics swim competitions. Participants must have basic swimming skills. For adults 21+ with developmental disabilities.

A.D. Barnes Park

3401 SW 72nd Ave Miami, FL

305-665-5319

WED, 3 – 4 PM

FITNESS SWIMMING

\$30/10 sessions

Lap swimming for adults 18 and above who have physical disabilities and sensory impairments.

Participants must be able to swim already. Instruction on stroke refinement will be provided.

Palm Springs North Pool

7901 NW 176 St.

(305) 382-8160

WED, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

SWING FOR AUTISM

\$35 for 8 sessions

Program for children with autism ages 6 & up. Learn the fundamentals of tennis and sportsmanship.

Coral Estates Park

1405 SW 97th Ave.

Miami, FL

305-226-1622

1st Wednesday of the Month; 7:30 p.m.

Redland Evening Herb Society

Enjoy learning about herbs and their uses.

Fruit & Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Homestead, Fl. 33031

305-247-5727

Last Wednesday of Every Month, 7:30 p.m.

TROPICAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE SOCIETY OF THE REDLAND

Free tasting table, plant exchange and horticultural library. Monthly guest speaker lecturing on tropical fruits & vegetables.

Fruit & Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Homestead, Fl. 33031

305-247-5727

THURS, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Everglades Expedition

\$65.00 per person

Glide through the Everglades with your local guide and experience the breathtaking beauty and unique wildlife native to the “river of grass.” After your airboat ride, have lunch at the Coopertown Restaurant and then travel to Shark Valley, Everglades National Park where you will enjoy a leisurely paced guided walk through the Bobcat Boardwalk where deer, otter, and alligator are often spotted.

A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center

3401 SW 72 Ave.,

Miami, FL 33155

305-365-3018

2nd Thursday of the month; 7:00 p.m.

South Dade Garden Club

In existence for 70 years, 55 years at the Fruit & Spice Park. Come to a meeting and learn about gardening, and make some new friends.

Fruit & Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Homestead, Fl. 33031

305-247-5727

FRI, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Miami 101

\$60.00 per person

If you're new to Miami or just visiting, this is a great introduction to the “magic city”. EcoAdventures staff will show you Miami like no one else can. Visit key neighborhoods of the city and learn what made Miami the vibrant international place it is today. It's a four hour van tour with stops along the way that give you the real flavor of Miami. This town has a lot of stories to tell: good, bad, and unbelievable. Let us show you the magic.

A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center

3401 SW 72 Ave.,

Miami, FL 33155

305-365-3018

FRI; 5:30-6:30 p.m. (children); 6:30-7:30 p.m. (adults)

August 28, 2009-Jun 4, 2010

FRIDAY FENCING CLUB

\$35 per 8 sessions

Fencing instruction for children and adults with physical disabilities.

Tamiami Park
11201 SW 24th St Miami, FL
305-222-2128

FRI, 6 – 10:30 PM
FUN ON FRIDAYS

\$40/weekly

Ongoing program for adults with developmental disabilities. Participate in social programs with community trips and indoor activities. Work on life and safety skills.

AD Barnes Park
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 665-5319 / (305) 669-4052

SAT, 9 AM – 4:30 PM
SATURDAYS IN THE PARK

\$40/weekly

Ongoing program for adults with developmental disabilities. Participate in social programs with community trips and indoor activities. Work on life and safety skills.

AD Barnes Park
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 665-5319 / (305) 669-4052

SAT, 1 – 3 PM
GOALBALL

Free.

Learn and practice the competitive game of Goalball. For children and adults with visual impairments.

NFL YET Center
7090 NW 22 Ave.
(305) 234-1673

SAT, 10 AM – 12 PM
JR. WHEELCHAIR SPORTS

\$40/10 sessions

Participate in rotating wheelchair sports clinics including but not limited to basketball, tennis, fencing, and hand-cycling.

Camp Matecumbe
13841 SW 120 St.
(305) 382-8160

SAT, 9 – 10 AM (BEGINNERS); 10 – 11 AM (ADVANCED)
WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

Free.

Learn how to play wheelchair tennis from a professional. This program is open to children and adults ages 9 and up with physical disabilities.

Big Five Tennis Club
600 SW 92 Ave.
(305) 382-8160

SAT, 11 a.m. – noon
Tai Chi

Fee: \$10

Instructor Elisa C. Smith will calmly guide you in the practice of this ancient martial art. Experience increased energy, strengthened muscles, joint mobility, improved balance, posture, and flexibility. Breathing exercises will aid in healthy stress release.

Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, Fl. 33031
305-247-5727

SAT, 11:30 AM – 1 PM

FITNESS SWIMMING

\$30/10 sessions

Lap swimming for individuals ages 9 - 20 who have physical disabilities and sensory impairments.

Participants must be able to swim already. Instruction on stroke refinement will be provided.

A.D. Barnes Park

3401 SW 72 Ave.

(305) 382-8160

SAT, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

JUDO FOR PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

Free

Participants will learn the fundamentals of Judo from a USA Judo instructor. Opportunities for competition will also be available. This program is opened to individuals 6 and up with visual impairments.

NFL/Yet Center

7090 NW 22nd Ave Miami, FL

305-382-8160

SAT, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

KEY BISCAYNE CANOE TREK

\$44.00 / person

This naturalist-led canoe trip explores the forgotten and secret part of Key Biscayne. Explore this peaceful water wilderness where great blue herons, spotted eagle rays, upside down jellyfish and green iguanas live among the mangrove fringes. We highly recommend closed-toe shoes (water shoes), water (1 quart minimum), snacks, sunglasses, sunscreen, towel, and a wide-brimmed hat to make your trip more enjoyable. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

SAT, 9:00 a.m. - noon

ECO-ACTION DAYS

Free

Rated: Easy – Moderate

This is no better way to connect with nature than to get down and dirty at one of our volunteer days! Join our naturalists in restoring our parks and natural areas. Projects include removing weeds or invasive exotic vegetation, planting, mulching, and picking up garbage. Bring your work gloves and small hand tools. Sunscreen, long sleeves/pants, water, hats, sunglasses are highly recommended. Volunteer letter available if needed for students fulfilling school requirements. Reservations are required. Call (305) 944-6111 for more information. Projects and work locations subject to change. Recommended for all ages!

Meet at the Arch Creek Museum & Nature Center

1855 NE 135 Street

North Miami, FL

SAT (January-March), 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ARCH CREEK PARK: OLETA RIVER CANOE TOUR

\$28/Adult

Rated: Moderate

The beauty of the Oleta River has drawn man to its shore for centuries. As early as 500 B.C., the river was home to Tequesta Indians who camped along its shore and was part of the route used by Federal troops in the 2nd Seminole War to travel south from Loxahatchee. The river linked the Seminole Indians living in the Everglades to Biscayne Bay. Relive the river's historic past with park naturalists as you explore this natural haven for wading birds, osprey, fish and the endangered West Indian Manatee. It is recommended that you bring at least 2-quarts of water, sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses. Reservations are required. Call (305) 365-3018; on Sundays and holidays, please call the Greynolds Park Boathouse at (305) 948-2891.

Meet at East Greynolds North Regional Dog Park
16700 Biscayne Blvd
North Miami Beach, FL 33160

SAT and SUN (January-March), 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

ARCH CREEK PARK: TRAIL TOURS

\$3.00/participant

Rated: Easy

Join us on this naturalist guided tour through a tropical hardwood hammock where you will find an assortment of interesting plants and animals native to South Florida and come learn about Arch Creek's role in the early history of North Miami. Reservations are required. Call (305) 948-2891.

Meet at the Arch Creek Museum & Nature Center

1855 NE 135 Street
North Miami, FL

SAT and SUN; 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

GUIDED NATURE WALKS

\$3/person.

Rated: Easy

Join us on a naturalist guided walk around Miami-Dade County's second oldest park and discover the wonder of our local history, flora and fauna. Reservations are recommended. Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3425.

Meet at the Greynolds Park Office

17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, FL 33160.

SAT, SUN & Holidays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. / Weekdays upon request

KAYAK RENTALS

Single or 2 Person Kayak: \$20.00/Hour or \$35.00/3 Hours; Snorkeling Gear Rental: \$8.00 Daily.

Fully equipped "sit on top" ocean kayak rentals and snorkeling equipment available at Crandon Park from our kayak concession building on the beach at lifeguard tower #3.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center.

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 365-3018

SAT, SUN, and Holidays; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (last rental at 4:30 p.m.)

BOAT RENTALS (Kayaks, Canoes, and Paddleboats) and Concession Stand

Kayak: \$5/adult, \$3/child for 30 min.

Canoes: \$10 for 30 min.

Paddleboats: \$6 for 30 min.

Rated: Easy-Moderate

Explore the mangrove-lined waterways of Greynolds Park on a kayak, canoe, or paddleboat. Our life-guarded lagoon is the perfect place to learn how to paddle. If you are planning a party at the park this is the perfect activity for all your guests. Bring along your water bottles, hats, and sun block.

Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3425.

Meet at the Greynolds Park Boathouse and Nature Center

17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, FL 33160

SUN, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

OLETA RIVER KAYAK TOUR

\$25/person. Not recommended for children under the age of 7.

Rated: Moderate

Join park naturalists on this guided kayak exploration of the Oleta River and its mangrove-lined creeks where many wading birds and other wildlife can be viewed up close. You will also have the opportunity to visit an archaeological site where Tequesta Indians made their home over 2000 years ago. Reservations are required. Call (305) 365-3018. On Sundays and holidays please call Greynolds Park at (305) 945-3425.

Meet at East Greynolds Northeast Regional Dog Park

16700 Biscayne Blvd, North Miami Beach, FL, 33160

SUN, 9 a.m. - noon

Historic Coral Gables Waterway Canoe Adventure

\$33 per person

One of the joys of paddling a canoe is the access it gives you to memorable places such as the Coral Gables Waterway. It is a leisure canoeing experience that encompasses both nature and history in a delightful blend of unique natural vistas and historic landmarks. A surprising amount of wildlife can be seen in the water and on the shore.

A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center

3401 SW 72 Ave.,

Miami, FL 33155

305-365-3018

SUN, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

CRANDON PARK'S KEY BISCAYNE BIKE ADVENTURE

\$28 / person

Come and explore beautiful Key Biscayne as you bike along the streets and paths of this historic barrier island. This tour highlights Crandon Park's Bear Cut Preserve, the Crandon Gardens – site of the original Crandon Zoo - and the Village of Key Biscayne. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

Available Upon Request / Reservation Required

BEAR CUT PRESERVE NATURE WALKS

\$3.00/Person

Learn about the invertebrates that inhabit the sea grass beds of Crandon Park as you participate in a touch tank presentation. Then enjoy a leisurely walk along one of the many trails of Bear Cut Preserve. Learn about butterflies, birds and the many plant and animal species that inhabit the coastal environments of South Florida. Bring your binoculars along and your water shoes in tow! You never know what the tide might wash in!

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center.

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

Available Upon Request / Reservation Required

CRANDON PARK TRAM TOURS

\$4 / Adult, \$2 / Children (14 years old and younger) (minimum 10 people)

Enjoy a tram ride through the Bear Cut Preserve. Learn about the island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. From the Tequesta Indians to the pirates and pioneers, it's been an amazing journey.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center.

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

EcoAdventures Scout Programs

Earn a badge or patch; or participate in one of our several other EcoAdventures programs designed for a great scouting experience. You can choose from a menu of outdoor programs ranging from nature hikes, animal and plant studies, compass work, campfire programs, night hikes and camping. Call (305) 365-3018 for information.

EcoAdventures Birthday Parties

Create a birthday party experience your child will never forget! Our EcoAdventures Nature Centers offer nature-based birthday parties that are educational and fun for children ages 3 to 13 years old. Call (305) 365-3018 for information.

EcoAdventures Outreach Programs (at your location)

Bring the excitement of EcoAdventures Nature Center programs to your classroom! Our EcoAdventures Naturalists can bring you curriculum-based programs from the Living Classroom Series that focuses on the natural and cultural history of South Florida. Lesson plans are aligned with the Sunshine State and FCAT Standards. Pair an outreach program with a field trip to a Miami-Dade Park and Recreation nature center or park for even more fun and learning. Call (305)365-3018 for more information.