

Miami-Dade Parks Events



Come play with us!

Miami-Dade Parks January 2009 Calendar of Events

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

JANUARY

JAN 1, 7 – 9 PM

NITE HIKE

Free with admission to the Estate.

Experience the wood and its wildlife as it comes to life at night.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.

(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 2, 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

ECOADVENTURES: WINTER NATURE CAMP

Join the staff at Bill Sadowski Park for a fun and educational adventure. Children 6 – 12 will learn about South Florida's native plants and animals through hands-on activities, games, and crafts. Pre & post camp care available from 7:30-9:30 AM & 3:30-5:30 PM, at no extra charge. Children need to bring lunch, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, comfortable clothes, and enclosed shoes.

Reservations required.

Bill Sadowski Park

17555 SW 79 Ave.

(305) 255-4767

JAN 3, 12 – 7 PM

(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 11:45 AM)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! EXPEDITION SOUTH FLORIDA ~ AIRBOAT & SHARK VALLEY BIKE ADVENTURE

\$65/Person

Glide through the Everglades. Stop by alligator holes and eat alligator tail, cat fish, frog legs at Coopertown Restaurant! Bike a scenic trail of saw grass prairies, grassy marshes and tropical hardwood hammocks at Shark Valley. Watch for alligators, wading birds and otters. Reptile presentation included! Travel by EcoAdventures van. Meet at A.D. Barnes Nature Center. Reservations required.

A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder

Nature Center

3401 SW 72 Ave.

(305) 365-3018

JAN 3 – FEB 7 (SAT)

10:30 AM – 12 PM

BEGINNERS TAI CHI CLASSES

\$60

Apply your internal power with slow motion routines that promote health and longevity. The instructor is J. Morris. Classes are held in the Exhibit Room of the Visitor Center. Space is limited. Advance registration is required.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.

(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 5 – FEB 23 (MON)

6 – 7:30 PM

(No class on 1/19 & 2/16)

INTERMEDIATE TAI CHI CLASSES

\$60

Apply your internal power with slow motion routines that promote health and longevity. The instructor is J. Morris. Classes are held in the Exhibit Room of the Visitor Center. Space is limited. Advance registration is required.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 6 – FEB 10
(TUE) 6 – 7:30 PM
EVENING YOGA CLASSES

JAN 7 – FEB 11
(WED) 10 – 11:30 AM
MORNING YOGA CLASSES
\$60

Learn how to relax, meditate and relieve stress during this six-week course. Instructed by M. Shulman. Class size is limited.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 7 – FEB 11 (WED)
7 PM – 8:30 PM
BEGINNING BALLROOM
DANCING CLASSES
\$70

Learn the basic moves of Fox Trot, Cha-Cha and Swing. Instructor Gwen Peiffer. Class size is limited.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 7 – FEB 11 (WED)
8:30 – 10 PM
INTERMEDIATE BALLROOM DANCING CLASSES
\$70

Learn additional moves of Fox Trot, Cha-Cha and Swing. Instructor Gwen Peiffer. Class size is limited.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 7 & 10,
7 – 8 PM
(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:45 PM)
ECOADVENTURES: NEW! PET CARE CLASSES
\$6/Person

Trained A.D. Barnes naturalists will teach valuable lessons about animal care. Includes mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. Call ahead for schedule of pets. Reservations are recommended.

A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder
Nature Center
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 662-4124

JAN 8 – FEB 12 (THU)
6:30 – 7:30 PM
PILATES
\$60

Focus on improving flexibility and strength with controlled movements that engage your body and mind. Instructed by Celia Maluf. Class size is limited.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 9, 7:30 – 9 PM

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! ARCH CREEK PARK CAMPFIRE

\$6/Person

Ease the stress of your work week 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 that are sure to be filled with fright! Reservations required.

Arch Creek Museum & Nature Center Arch Creek Park
1855 NE 135 St.
(305) 948-2891

JAN 9, 5:30 – 6:30 PM

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! CRANDON PARK'S SUNSET TRAM TOURS

\$4/Adult, \$2/Child

(Ages 14 and under)

(Minimum 10 people ~

Reservations required)

Take a ride throughout Crandon Park on our open air tram. Enjoy the cool, crisp ocean breeze during this time of year as we visit the Bear Cut Preserve, the scenic ocean beach wall and the Crandon Gardens.

Reservations required.

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

JAN 10, FEB 8, 5:30 – 8 PM

ECOADVENTURES: CRANDON PARK'S SUNSET & MOONLIGHT KAYAK ADVENTURE

\$40/Person (Ages 9 and above)

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. Wear closed-toe water shoes.

Reservations required.

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

JAN 10 & 24, 7 – 9:30 PM

ECOADVENTURES: FAMILY CAMPFIRE AND NIGHT WALK

\$6/Person

Join park naturalists to learn about scary nighttime critters then search for them on the nature trail after dark. Afterwards, enjoy a campfire with marshmallow roast and star viewing with Southern Cross Astronomical Society. Reservations required.

Bill Sadowski Park
17555 SW 79 Ave.
(305) 255-4767

JAN 10 & 24, 7:30 – 10:30 AM

(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 7:00 AM)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! CUTLER WETLANDS BIRDWATCHING TOUR

\$35/Person

Hike to the Cutler Wetlands and experience birding for wading and other species of birds. Bring binoculars and camera. Water, comfortable walking shoes, bug spray and sun block recommended.

Travel by EcoAdventures van. Meet at A.D. Barnes Nature Center.

Reservations required.
A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder
Nature Center
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 365-3018

JAN 10 & 24, 6 – 9 PM (PLEASE ARRIVE AT 5:45 PM)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW!! CHEKIKI HERP TOUR

\$35/Person

Search for and identify reptiles and amphibians in Everglades National Park. Learn about the impact of exotic reptiles on ecosystem. Travel by EcoAdventures van. Meet at A.D. Barnes Nature Center.

Reservations required.

A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder
Nature Center
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 365-3018

JAN 10 & 11, 10 AM – 5 PM

REDLAND FESTIVAL

\$6/Adult

Children 11 & under are free.

A tradition at the park since 1976, this annual festival features local arts and crafts, a large selection of tropical plants and great food. Children's activities include a petting zoo, pony rides, an interactive puppet & magic show, and a wild and wonderful Everglades reptile show.

Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Ave.
(305) 247-5727 or
www.fruitandspicepark.org

JAN 10, 23,

9 AM – 12 PM

SATURDAY MORNING KIDS CAMP: TOPICS VARY

\$30/Child (Ages 6-10); \$10 one-time annual camp registration fee.

Children can participate in a hands-on, site-specific program that focuses on nature, archeology, arts & science.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 10, 9 AM – 12 PM

VOLUNTEER WORKDAY AT KENDALL INDIAN HAMMOCKS

Free.

Come join the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program and Natural Areas Management and assist with air-potato removal. Community service hours provided.

11345 SW 79 St.

JAN 11, 4:30 – 7 PM

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! KEY BISCAYNE SUNSET BOAT TOUR

\$35/Person

Welcome aboard the Pelican Skipper! Cruise around the island of Key Biscayne with our knowledgeable and experienced naturalist staff on a 40-passenger catamaran boat. Enjoy breathtaking views of Biscayne Bay and historical landmarks such as Stiltsville and the Cape Florida Lighthouse. We highly recommend sunglasses, sunscreen and camera to make your trip more enjoyable.

Reservations required.

Crandon Park Marina
4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne
(305) 365-3018

JAN 12

7 – 11 PM

ECO ADVENTURES: DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER - MOONLIGHT CANOE TOUR

\$40/Person (Ages 18 and older). Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.

(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 16, 9 AM – 12 PM

VOLUNTEER WORKDAY AT CAMP MATECUMBE PINELAND PRESERVE

Free.

Come join the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program and Natural Areas Management and assist with the removal of exotic vegetation. Community service hours provided.

11400 SW 137 Ave.

JAN 16, 7 PM

LIVING ARTIST CONCERT SERIES: "PECULIAR PLANTS"

\$35 General admission.

Chamber Music/Baroque Series: Special guest American harpsichordist and musicologist Kenneth Cooper and composer Victoria Bond in collaboration with Living Artist Concert Series Founding Artists.

Artist in Residence, Cesar Barroso, will concurrently choreograph his exhibit by the same title that serves as a photographic survey of the uniqueness of South Florida.

Stone House Ballroom

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.

(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 16, 9 AM – 4:30 PM

KIDS CAMP

(TEACHER PLANNING DAY)

TOPICS VARY

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.

(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 16 – MAR 31, 7 PM

FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT: "PECULIAR PLANTS"

(Opening of the SoBay Festival of the Arts)

Free with admission to the Estate.

Artist in Residence, International Fine Art Photographer and conservationist, Cesar Barroso, exhibits "Peculiar Plants" as the second exhibition of his three-part exhibition "Ecosphere," chronicling man's interaction with the living resources of our planet.

Stone House Ballroom

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.

(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 16,

9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

ECOADVENTURES: TEACHER WORKDAY PROGRAMS

Spend a day of fun and hands on learning with our naturalist staff. Themes vary and children will hike the nature trails, create nature crafts, and play fun and educational games. Children need to bring lunch, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, comfortable clothes, and enclosed shoes. Early and late drop off available at no extra cost. Reservations required.

Bill Sadowski Park

17555 SW 79 Ave.

(305) 255-4767

JAN 16, 7 – 9 PM

Opening for annual women's art exhibit held January through March
Free.

Honor recipient of the 2009 In the Company of Women Outstanding Woman in Arts & Entertainment.

Women's Park
10251 W. Flagler St.
(305) 480-1717

JAN 17, 1 – 3 PM

ECOADVENTURES: BASIC OUTDOOR SKILLS

\$12/Person

Learn the basic skills to have an enjoyable and safe camping experience in South Florida. Apply your newly acquired skills by participating in overnight camping trips scheduled for our new Expedition South Florida Camping Program. Practical equipment, knots, cuisine, and places to camp will be discussed. Pre-registration required.

Castellow Hammock
Nature Center
22301 SW 162 Ave.
(305) 242-7688

JAN 17

9 AM – 4PM

(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! EXPEDITION SOUTH FLORIDA ~ AIRBOAT & SWAMP TROMP

\$60/Person

Glide through the Everglades. Stop by alligator holes and eat alligator tail, cat fish, frog legs at Coopertown Restaurant! At the Swamp Tromp, cool your feet through wet prairies and cypress swamps in search of birds, wildflowers and adventure. Trip limit 10 participants. Bring binoculars and change of shoes. Reptile presentation included! Travel by EcoAdventures van. Meet at A.D. Barnes Nature Center. Reservations required.

A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder
Nature Center
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 365-3018

JAN 17, 10 AM – 12 PM

BUTTERFLY WALK

Free with admission to the Estate.

Explore various habitats of the Estate while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 17, 9 – 11 AM

American Association of University Women Breakfast with Keynote Speaker

Free.

Honor recipient of the 2009 In the Company of Women Outstanding Woman in Government & Law

Women's Park
10251 W. Flagler St.
(305) 480-1717

JAN 17 – FEB 21 (SAT)

10 AM – 12 PM

INTRODUCTION TO PASTELS CLASS

\$150

Students will learn how to combine pastels and use different types of paper that are best suited for their project. Students will also do an in-depth analysis of color in order to achieve the correct tone. All levels

are welcome. Classes will be held in the exhibit room. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. A materials list will be provided upon registration.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 18,
10 – 11 AM

ECOADVENTURES: NATURALIST GUIDED FAMILY TRAIL WALKS

\$3/Person

Discover all about South Florida flora and fauna through nature walks and short animal presentations. Themes will vary, so please call to find out the theme for the day and to pre-register. Please bring a water bottle, sun protection, bug spray, binoculars, walking shoes, and clothes appropriate for the weather.

Bill Sadowski Park
17555 SW 79 Ave.
(305) 255-4767

JAN 18, 2 – 4 PM
(Please arrive at 1:30 PM)

BAY CRUISE

\$35/Person

Take a relaxing trip on the Pelican Island Skipper Pontoon Boat and discover South Florida's nature and history. The boat will depart from the Deering Estate and explore Biscayne Bay.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 21 – MAR 30
ANTIQUÉ MAP EXHIBIT:

LA ROSE DES VENTS,
"CARTOGRAPHY OF YORE"

Free with admission to the Estate.

This exhibit features a collection of original, antique maps from Europe and the Americas from the 1500s through the 1700s.

Richmond Cottage, Second Floor
Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

JAN 21, 7 – 9 PM

Lecture as part of Florida International University's Women of Distinction Series

Free.

Honor recipient of the 2009 In the Company of Women Outstanding Woman in Science & Technology

Women's Park
10251 W. Flagler St.
(305) 480-1717

JAN 23, 7:30 – 9 PM

ECOADVENTURES: GREYNOLDS PARK CREATURES OF THE NIGHT HIKE

\$6/Person

Fascinated by the moon and the stars or even glow bugs? Then come learn about the mysteries of the night and see what lurks around our park when the lights go out! Our naturalists will take you on a night hike through the park in search of its nocturnal residents. A walk through the park will follow our presentation. Pre-registration required. Meet at the Greynolds Park Office

Greynolds Park
17530 W. Dixie Highway
(305) 945-3425 or
(305) 948-2891

JAN 23, 8 PM

NOCHES TROPICALES featuring an evening of tango

Free. This concert series, sponsored in part by Target, celebrates Hispanic music and dance.

Tropical Park

7900 SW 40 St.

(305) 271-0812

JAN 24, 8 PM

ST. PETERSBURG RUSSIAN BALLET

Classical ballet program.

Miami Dade County Auditorium

2901 West Flagler St.

Box Office (305) 547-5414

Ticketmaster (305) 358-3558

JAN 24,

10 AM – 1 PM

(PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9:45 AM)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! EXPEDITION SOUTH FLORIDA ~ CAMPING PROGRAM ~

INTRODUCTION TO CAMPING \$12/Person

Workshops and clinics re basics of safe, comfortable and enjoyable overnight wilderness trekking. Learn to prepare for types of camping & equipment/gear to buy. Reservations required for all workshops, clinics and overnight campouts.

A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder

Nature Center

3401 SW 72 Ave.

(305) 365-3018

JAN 24,

9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES: ECOADVENTURES CITY TOUR

\$50/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, Coral Gables's- Biltmore Hotel and Little Havana are just some of the fascinating places you will get to visit. Bring a camera and wear comfortable shoes and sunglasses. There will be a stop for lunch during the tour. Lunch not included in above fee.

Reservations required.

Crandon Park Visitors & Biscayne Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

22301 SW 162 Ave.

(305) 242-7688

JAN 25, FEB 22, 6 – 8:30 PM

ECOADVENTURES: GREYNOLDS PARK CANOE 'N CAMPFIRE

\$18/Person

Join our naturalists on a leisurely paddle on the Oleta River to Camp Greynolds. Sit around a campfire, roasting marshmallows, while listening to stories of the area's first inhabitants. Pre-registration required.

Meet at the Greynolds Park Office

Greynolds Park

17530 W. Dixie Highway

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

JAN 28 – MAR 4,
3:30 – 5:30 PM

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY FOR CHILDREN

\$72/Child

Wednesdays are the perfect day for kids to learn the basics of digital photography in Bill Sadowski's beautiful nature preserve and create their very own scrapbook. Each child must supply his or her own digital camera and a package of photo paper. Class will end with an art show and campfire celebration! Reservations required.

Bill Sadowski Park
17555 SW 79 Ave.
(305) 255-4767

JAN 31, 10 AM – 12 PM

ORGANIC GARDENING LECTURE

Lecturer: Margie Pikarsky

\$10/Person

Organic food tastes like "food" should! It hasn't been genetically altered or picked green without flavor. Organic gardening may take a few extra steps but the effort is worth it.

Fruit & Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Ave.
(305) 247-5727 or
www.fruitandspicepark.org

JAN 31, 9 AM – 1 PM

ECOADVENTURES:

EVERGLADES CANOE TOUR

\$39/Person (Ages 7 and above)

This naturalist guided canoe trip takes you along the edge of Everglades National Park where you can view birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, wildflowers and other wetland vegetation. Bring water, snack and/or lunch. Meet at Glenn Garrett Memorial Park (near the entrance to Everglades National Park, south side of 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead).

Pre-registration required.
Castellow Hammock Nature Center
22301 SW 162 Ave.
(305) 242-7688

JAN 31, 9 AM – 12 PM

VOLUNTEER WORKDAY AT DEERING ESTATE - NORTH

Come join the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program and Natural Areas Management and assist with coastal clean-up. You will also enjoy a tour of the Estate. Community service hours provided.
16701 SW 72 Ave.

JAN 31,

9 AM – 4 PM

(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! EXPEDITION SOUTH FLORIDA ~ AIRBOAT & SCENIC ADVENTURE

\$60/Person

Glide through the Everglades. Stop by alligator holes and eat alligator tail, cat fish, frog legs at Coopertown Restaurant! At the Swamp Tromp, cool your feet through wet prairies and cypress swamps in search of birds, wildflowers and adventure. Ride the "Eco van" for a scenic drive. Reptile presentation included! Travel by EcoAdventures van. Meet at A.D. Barnes Nature Center.

Reservations required.
A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder
Nature Center
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 365-3018

SAT & SUN: 1/3 & 1/4; 1/10 & 1/11; 1/17 & 1/18; 1/24 & 1/25; 1/31
10 AM – 3 PM

KAYAK RENTALS

Adults \$10/Hour plus regular park admission; Children (ages 9-15) \$8 per hour plus regular park admission.

Minimum 1 hour rental. Includes kayak, life vests, paddles and a small dry bag. To rent a kayak, you must be at least 21 years old. Ages of 9– 20 must be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian in the same kayak. Two people per kayak required. All rentals are subject to weather and wind conditions.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

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.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave Miami, FL 33157
(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. 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.

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 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, 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!

Commercebank 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

12400 SW 152 St.

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

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.

Miami Metrozoo

12400 SW 152 St.

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

MON – FRI, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

(Through end of school year)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! After-School Program at Bill Sadowski Park

Pick up at school available (grades 2-5)

A creative natural environment is provided so that your child will enjoy their after-school hours. Please contact the park staff to check if transportation is available from your child's school. Our after-school program will consist of homework assistance, active games, quiet games, and arts and crafts.

Registration required.

Bill Sadowski Park

17555 SW 79 Ave.

(305) 255-4767

EVERY MON, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO ACRYLICS CLASS

\$125 (five-week session)

Students will complete two acrylic paintings inspired by the natural surroundings of the Deering Estate. This course offers students the opportunity to work on the grounds of the Estate and in the studio. All levels are welcome. Space is limited and advanced registration is required. A materials list will be provided upon registration.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave Miami, FL 33157

(305)235-1668 ext. 233

MON & WED, 5 pm – 6 pm

BASKETBALL (SPECIAL OLYMPICS)

\$32/month. For people ages 22 and over with mild/high developmental disabilities. Learn basketball skills, drills, and compete in Special Olympics games.

AD BARNES PARK

3401 SW 72 Avenue, Leisure Access Center

305-665-5319

EVERY MON, WED, & FRI

11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Low impact water exercises

\$45 for 15 classes

Tamiami Pool

11201 SW 24 St.

(305)222-2128/(305)222-2175 (TDD)

EVERY TUE & THU, 11 a.m. – noon

Low impact water exercises

\$20 for 10 classes

Gould's Pool

21805 SW 114 Ave.

305-752-4966/ 305-385-6230 (TDD)

TUE & THU, 11 a.m. – noon

WATER EXERCISE

\$30.00 (10 lessons). Adults with all abilities. Low impact water exercise class focusing on range of motion, strength and endurance.

AD BARNES PARK

3401 SW 72 Avenue, Leisure Access Center

305-665-5319/(305)669-4052 (TDD)

TUE & THU, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

SWIM TEAM (SPECIAL OLYMPICS)

\$40. (10 lessons). For people ages 22 and over with mild/high developmental disabilities. Learn swim techniques and participation in Special Olympics swim competitions. Must be able to swim.

AD BARNES PARK

3401 SW 72 Avenue, Leisure Access Center

305-665-5319

1st WED of the month, 7:30 p.m.

Redland Evening Herb Society

Enjoy learning about herbs and their uses.

Fruit and Spice Park,

24801 SW 187 Ave

(305) 247-5727 or www.fruitandspicepark.org.

EVERY WED, 12 p.m. – 2 p.m.

Fitness Swimming

Lap swimming for people with disabilities

Palm Springs North Pool

7901 NW 176 St.

(305)752-4966/(305)385-6230 (TDD)

EVERY WED, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Sports program for children with autism

\$35 for 8 classes

Rotating sports program include soccer, fencing, tennis, and basketball

Coral Estates Park

1405 SW 97 Ave.

(305)226-1622

Last WED of month, 7:30 p.m.

Tropical Fruit & Vegetable Society of The Redland

Free tasting table, plant exchange and horticultural library and monthly guest speaker lecturing on tropical fruits & vegetables. Fruit and Spice Park, 24801 SW 187 Avenue, (305) 247-5727 or

www.fruitandspicepark.org.

WEDNESDAYS, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

FREE TRAIN RIDE WEDNESDAYS

\$5/adult, \$3/child (3-12) under 3 free

Enjoy a free ride on our Edwin Link 2-ft gauge train on Wednesdays. Trains depart at 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. sharp. Limit 1 ride per person.

Gold Coast Railroad Museum

12450 SW 152nd Street

305-253-0063

www.goldcoat-railroad.org

EVERY WED & SAT, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 9:45 a.m.)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW!! MORNING NATURE STROLL

Admission: \$ 6/Stroller

Meet at the Nature Center for this new program offered for parents with children ages 1-4 years old. Naturalists will focus on teaching children about nature and offering an outdoor exercise experience for parents. Activities will include a story, an art and nature craft project and a nature walk that begins at the fire circle. Parents and kids can walk or ride in their strollers safely along the asphalt path through the hardwood hammock to the tree hotel and back through the pine rockland. Bug spray, sun block, and water is highly recommended. Reservations are recommended.

A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 662-4124

EVERY WED & SAT, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:15 p.m.)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW!! EVENING NATURE STROLL

Admission: \$ 6/Stroller

Meet at the Nature Center for this new program offered for parents with children ages 1-4 years old. Naturalists will focus on teaching children about nature and offering an outdoor exercise experience for parents. Activities will include a story, an art and nature craft project and a nature walk that begins at the fire circle. Parents and kids can walk or ride in their strollers safely along the asphalt path through the hardwood hammock to the tree hotel and back through the pine rockland. Bug spray, sun block, and water are highly recommended. Reservations are recommended.

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2nd THU of the month, 7 p.m.

SOUTH DADE GARDEN CLUB

In existence for 70 years, 55 years at the Park, the South Dade Garden Club is an opportunity to learn about gardening, and make some new friends.

Fruit and Spice Park,
24801 SW 187 Ave

(305) 247-5727 or www.fruitandspicepark.org.

FUN ON FRIDAYS, 6 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

\$25 per day, \$160 per month. Social- and community-based program for people ages 22 and over with mild developmental disabilities. Participate in a variety of community trips and continue working on independence and safety skills.

A.D. Barnes Park
Leisure Access Center
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 665-5319

EVERY FRI, 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Friday Fencing Club

\$35. Fencing instruction for people with physical disabilities

Tamiami Park

11201 SW 24th St.

305-222-2128/ 305-222-2175 (TDD)

EVERY SAT, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Wheelchair Tennis

Free

Tennis instruction for people 9 & up who use a wheelchair. Novice and professionals are welcomed.

Big Five Tennis Club

600 SW 92 Ave.

(305)752-4966/(305)385-6230 (TDD)

EVERY SAT, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Jr. Wheelchair Basketball
Learn to play wheelchair basketball. For children ages 6 & up
Camp Matecumbe
13841 SW 120 St.
(305)752-4966/(305)385-6230 (TDD)

EVERY SAT, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Power Soccer
Team information and practice of a power wheelchair sport.
Camp Matecumbe
13841 SW 120 St.
(305)752-4966/305-385-6230 (TDD)

SAT, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Twice a month)
SPORTS SATURDAY
(SPECIAL OLYMPICS)
\$32/Month. For people ages 22 and over with mild developmental disabilities. Come and learn a rotating schedule of sports such as track & field, tennis, basketball, bowling and compete in the Special Olympics games!
A.D. Barnes Park
Leisure Access Center
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 665-5319

SATURDAY IN THE PARK,
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
\$40 per day, \$160 per month.
Social- and community-based program for people ages 22 and over with mild developmental disabilities. Participate in a variety of community trips and continue working on independence.
A.D. Barnes Park
Leisure Access Center
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 665-5319

EVERY SAT, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.
ECOADVENTURES: ARCH CREEK TRAIL TOURS
\$ 3/Person. Join this naturalist guided tour through a tropical hardwood hammock and find an assortment of interesting plants and animals native to South Florida. Learn about the role Arch Creek has played in the early history of North Miami. Reservations are required.
Arch Creek Museum & Nature Center
Arch Creek Park, 1855 NE 135 St., North Miami
(305) 948-2891

EVERY SAT, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
ECOADVENTURES: Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip
\$ 28/Person (For Ages 7 and Above). The beauty of the Oleta River has drawn man to its shore for centuries. Relive the river's historic past with park naturalists. Explore this natural haven for wading birds, osprey, fish and the endangered West Indian Manatee. Reservations required.
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Meet at East Greynolds Park (Northeast Regional Dog Park)
16700 Biscayne Blvd
305-365-3018

EVERY SAT, 7 a.m. - 8 a.m.
ECOADVENTURES: **NEW!** CRANDON PARK SUNRISE BEACHCOMBING
Admission: \$ 3/Person

Enjoy a leisurely walk along the beach wreck line. Learn about shorebirds 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! Wear closed-toe shoes (water shoes). Reservations are recommended.

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

EVERY SAT, 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: CRANDON PARK'S BAYSIDE CANOE ADVENTURE

Admission \$ 44/Person (For Ages 7 and Above)

This naturalist-led canoe trip explores the forgotten and secret part of the beautiful shallow waters 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. Wear closed-toe shoes (water shoes). Reservations are required.

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

SAT, 9 – 11 AM

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

Free.

Tennis instruction for those 9 and above who use a wheelchair. Novice and professionals are welcomed.

Big Five Tennis Club

600 SW 92 Ave.

(305) 752-4966/(305) 385-6230 (TDD)

EVERY SAT & SUN, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: Bear Cut Preserve Nature Walks

\$3/Person. Learn about the invertebrates that inhabit the sea grass beds of Crandon Park as you participate in a touch tank presentation, or enjoy a leisurely walk along one of the many trails of Bear Cut Preserve. Bring your binoculars along and your water shoes.

Crandon Park Visitors & Biscayne Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 361-6767, Ext. 112

EVERY SAT & SUN, 10 a.m. – Noon, and 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: MATHESON BAY SHORE CANOE TREK

\$ 28/Person (For Ages 7 and Above) Canoe through a mangrove forest and learn about the native wading birds and other bay animals and plants of this South Florida ecosystem. Reservations are required.

A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center

Meet at Matheson Hammock Park & Marina

9610 Old Cutler Road

(West of Sailing School)

305-365-3018

SAT & SUN, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

KAYAK RENTALS

Adults \$10 per hour plus regular park admission; Children (Ages 9-15) \$8 per hour plus regular park admission.

Minimum 1 hour rental. Includes kayak, life vests, paddles and a small dry bag. To rent a kayak, you must be at least 21 years old. Ages 9– 20 must be accompanied by a parent or a legal guardian in the same kayak. Two people per kayak required. All rentals are subject to weather and wind conditions.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave
305-235-1668 ext. 233

SAT & SUN, 11 a.m. – Noon, & 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! GREYNOLDS PARK GUIDED CANOE TOURS

Admission: \$ 12/Adult, \$ 9/Child (Ages 9-14) CASH ONLY

Come explore the waterways of Greynolds Park on these naturalist guided one-hour canoe tours. Wear closed-toe shoes (water shoes).

Meet at the Canoe Rental Site, just east of Oleta River Shelter

Greynolds Park Entrance, NE 22nd Ave. & Miami Gardens Dr., North Miami Beach
(305) 945-3425 or (305) 948-2891

EVERY SUN, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: GREYNOLDS PARK OLETA RIVER KAYAK TOUR

\$ 25/Person (Ages 9 and Above). Head on out to the park and get your heart rate going before that mid-morning brunch! Explore the quiet surroundings of the Oleta River and North Miami Beach's waterways nestled amongst a bustling city still at rest! Wear closed-toe shoes (water shoes). Reservations are required.

Meet at East Greynolds Park, (Northeast Regional Dog Park)

16700 Biscayne Blvd., North Miami Beach
305-365-3018

EVERY SUN, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.

ECOADVENTURES: GREYNOLDS PARK GUIDED NATURE WALKS

\$3/Person. Join a naturalist-guided walk around Miami-Dade County's second oldest park to discover the wonder of our local history, flora and fauna. Reservations are recommended.

Greynolds Park

17530 W. Dixie Hwy., North Miami Beach
305-945-3425

EVERY SUN, 1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: Crandon Park's Key Biscayne Bike Adventure

\$ 28/Person (For Ages 9 and Above) or \$ 20/Ride your own bike

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 Cape Florida Lighthouse at Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park, home of the oldest landmark in South Florida. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors & Biscayne Nature Center

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

SAT, SUN & HOLIDAYS, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: CRANDON KAYAK RENTALS

3 Person Kayak: \$ 20/Hour or \$ 35/3 Hours

Snorkeling Gear Rental: \$ 8/Daily

Weekday rentals available by reservation only

Fully equipped "sit on top" kayaks and snorkeling equipment available. Wear closed-toe shoes (water shoes).

Crandon Park Visitors & Biscayne Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.

Kayak Aquatic Concession located on the beach southeast of the Nature Center
305-361-6767, Ext. 112

SAT, SUN & HOLIDAYS, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! GREYNOLDS KAYAK & CANOE RENTALS

Admission: \$ 5/Adult & \$ 3/Child (Ages 9-14)/Per half hour/CASH ONLY

Rent canoes or kayaks from this new launch site located just east of the Oleta River Shelter. Last rental at 4:30 p.m. Wear closed-toe shoes (water shoes).

Kayak & Canoe Rental Site, just east of the Oleta River Shelter

Greynolds Park Entrance, NE 22nd Ave. & Miami Gardens Dr., North Miami Beach

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

Available Upon Request

ECOADVENTURES: CRANDON PARK HERITAGE TRAM TOURS

\$ 4/Adult, \$ 2/Children (Ages 14 and Under) Minimum 10 people. Reservations required.

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. Tram rides also available upon request for birthday parties, corporate events and other special events.

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6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

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