



Miami-Dade Parks May 2010 Calendar of Events

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

JAN 23 – AUG 1, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

THE WORLD OF GIANT INSECTS

Included with Zoo admission

Don't miss The World of Giant Insects at Miami MetroZoo from January 23rd – August 1st at Dr. Wilde's World. You will be able to explore these amazing creatures shown 40 to 120 times their life size. Details that were previously indiscernible are magnified and explored, like the complexity of insect eyes, mouths and sensory organs.

Miami MetroZoo
12400 SW 152nd Street
Miami, FL 33177
305-251-0400

MAY 1, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES: CRANDON NATURALIST ECOLOGY SERIES: COASTAL BIRDS

\$10 / person

This workshop will introduce you to the wonderful world of coastal birds. Learn how to identify the many coastal birds found in South Florida. After the presentation, you will get a chance to go out on the beach with our naturalist guides to try out your new learned skills. Remember to bring your binoculars.

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

MAY 1, 10 AM – 12 PM

BOOK NOOK BY THE BAY

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

Held on the first Saturday of each month, join us for "Book Nook by the Bay" for family story time, on-site eco-arts and crafts, science programs and more! Each month the Estate offers to the public an environmentally themed topic, story-time and a host of activities.

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

MAY 1-2, 8 AM – 6 PM

SOUTH FLORIDA HORSE SHOW

Free

Tropical Park Equestrian Center
7900 SW 40 Street
Miami, FL
(305) 226-7886

MAY 2, 2 PM – 3:30 PM

TEKESTA TRAIL TOUR

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

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.

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

MAY 2; 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Event is FREE. Parking: \$6.00/vehicle.

Local Bluegrass talent is showcased at our monthly festivals, held the first Sunday of every month, except for holiday weekends.

Greynolds Park
17530 W. Dixie Highway
North Miami Beach, FL, 33160
(305) 945-5641

MAY 3 - 28, 2010

THE PARKS PROJECT – THE WOMEN’S PARK

The Parks Project is a series of environmental art installations presented throughout the Miami-Dade Park System from January to May and features a different artist in a different park each month. May is the final installation in the series, and will be held at The Women’s Park with the work of South Florida artist Francesca LaLanne addressing issues facing the environment. In addition, there will be a photography exhibition which documents the entire series of installations by the five participating artists at the five parks that will hang in the Gallery of the Roxcy O’Neal Bolton Women’s History Gallery at The Women’s Park, from May 8 – June 18, 2010. An opening reception for the photo exhibit will be held on May 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. The public is invited attend. All installations and the photo exhibit 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.

The Women’s Park
10251 W Flagler Street, Miami, FL
(305) 480-1717

MAY 5, 7:30 PM

REDLAND EVENING HERB SOCIETY

Enjoy learning about herbs and their uses.

Fruit and Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727

MAY 7; 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

GREYNOLDS PARK CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

\$6/person

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.

Camp Greynolds
18601 NE 22nd Ave.,
North Miami Beach, FL, 33160.
Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3425.

MAY 8, 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM

BIRD WALK

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

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.

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

MAY 8, 10 AM TO NOON

BAMBOO WORKSHOP

Fee: \$25

Discover the 70 varieties of bamboo grown in South Florida. Learn how to select the right bamboo for your garden and make it thrive. Instructor: Daniel Holmes

Fruit and Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727

MAY 8-9, 8 AM – 6 PM

HERITAGE HORSE SHOW

Free

Tropical Park Equestrian Center
7900 SW 40 Street
Miami, FL
(954) 347-1799

MAY 9, 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

PINE ROCKLAND TRIAL HIKE

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

There are approximately only 4000 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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Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

MAY 9, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

CANOE TOUR

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

The Deering Estate offers guided canoe tours of Biscayne Bay that depart from Charles Deering's boat turning basin. You will 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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16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

MAY 9, 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

\$70/Adults; \$45/Children ages 5-12; Free/Children 4 and under.

Celebrate Mother's Day at the Deering Estate at Cutler's annual **Mother's Day Brunch**. Guests can taste appetizing dishes and desserts, provided by Bill Hansen Catering, tour the grand Stone House and

historic Richmond Cottage, and take in the lush natural beauty and grandeur of the Estate. The cost is \$70 for adults and \$45 for children (ages 5-12). Children 4 and under are free. Advance reservations are required. Purchase your tickets early for preferred seating!

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

MAY 9, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: MOTHER'S DAY CANOE TRIP

\$28 Adults, \$17 children 14 and under

Take Mom on an adventure this Mother's Day with a naturalist-guided canoe trip to Coral Reef Park. Paddle the calm, quiet waters of a residential canal as you enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. We provide the equipment. Participants should bring a 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

MAY 9 & 23; 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: ECOADVENTURES MIAMI TOUR

\$65 / person

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. Reservations are required.

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

MAY 11 – JUNE 15, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

BEGINNING YOGA (EVENING CLASSES)

\$60 for 6 weeks.

Practice postures and focused breathing techniques that will help you achieve a sense of well-being and self-control while strengthening your body. Ages 18 and up. *Instructor: Marlene Shulman*

Visitors Center Exhibit Hall
Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

MAY 12 – JUNE 16, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

BEGINNING YOGA (MORNING CLASSES)

\$60 for 6 weeks.

Practice postures and focused breathing techniques that will help you achieve a sense of well-being and self-control while strengthening your body. Ages 18 and up. *Instructor: Marlene Shulman*

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MAY 12 & 26; 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. repeats at 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES™: LITTLE EXPLORERS – CRANDON PARK VISITORS AND NATURE CENTER

\$6 per child & caregiver (Ages 3- 6 accompanied by a grownup)

Little ones get to explore nature through a variety of activities such as stories, games, coloring, nature walks, and presentations. Each day will have a different theme and the program will be repeated in the afternoon to help accommodate naptime and other activities.

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

MAY 13 & 27; 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. repeats at 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES™: LITTLE EXPLORERS – BILL SADOWSKI PARK

\$6 per child & caregiver (Ages 3- 6 accompanied by a grownup)

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

MAY 13, 7:00 PM

MONTHLY LECTURE SERIES

Free to the public

In partnership with the Archaeological Society of Southern Florida, a non-profit, volunteer organization which acts as a support mechanism for the office of the Miami-Dade County Archaeologist, the Deering Estate at Cutler presents a monthly lecture highlighting unique and interesting connections to our past. This serves as a focal point for local archaeology enthusiasts and professionals in the field, and helps to promote knowledge and appreciation of native archaeological and historical sites in the South Florida area.

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

MAY 13, 7:00 PM

SOUTH DADE GARDEN CLUB

The South Dade Garden Club has been in existence for 70 years, 55 years at the Park. Come to a meeting and learn about gardening, and make some new friends.

Fruit and Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727

MAY 14-16; 9 AM – 5 PM

REDLAND INTERNATIONAL ORCHID SHOW

\$8/person. Children under 12 are free

Don't miss the Redland International Orchid Show, May 14, 15, & 16, 2010, at the Fruit & Spice Park, 24801 SW 187th Avenue in Homestead.

Truly the largest annual orchid show in the United States, featuring over 50 booths of educational exhibits and orchid vendors. An American Orchid Society-judged event, it showcases various types of orchids, plants, and unique supplies for sale, as well as lectures by experts, raffles, and international food.

Admission is \$8 per person and children under 12 years of age are admitted free. Doors open at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. For more information, please call the Fruit & Spice Park at 305-247-5727.

MAY 14 & 22; 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES™: 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

MAY 15, 10:00 AM – NOON

BUTTERFLY WALK

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

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.

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

MAY 15 – JUNE 19, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

PREPARATORY MUSIC CLASSES FOR YOUTH – BEGINNING STRINGS AGES 6-9

\$60 for 6 weeks.

In this course, students ages 6 and older will be introduced to string instruments – violin, viola, cello or bass – and will learn to read sheet music. Students must bring their own instruments. *Instructors: The Greater Miami Youth Symphony*

Visitors Center Exhibit Room and Auditorium
Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

MAY 15 – JUNE 19, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

PREPARATORY MUSIC CLASSES FOR YOUTH – BEGINNING STRINGS AGES 10 AND UP

\$60 for 6 weeks.

In this course, students ages 6 and older will be introduced to string instruments – violin, viola, cello or bass – and will learn to read sheet music. Students must bring their own instruments. *Instructors: The Greater Miami Youth Symphony*

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MAY 15, ALL DAY

FLORIDA KEYS PLANT SAFARI

Fee: \$40

Visit gardens and botanical sites in this all day excursion to the Florida Keys. Breadfruit trees, Key Deer, and hand fed Tarpon highlight this tour. Guide: Chris Rollins

Fruit and Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727

MAY 15; 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON NATURALIST ECOLOGY SERIES – COASTAL HAMMOCKS

\$10 / person

This workshop will focus on the amazing world of our coastal hammock community. Learn about these amazing plants as we discuss species, morphology, life cycle, threats, and much more. The presentation will also include an exploration through the hammock community on our nature trails for a total interactive experience. Don't miss this opportunity to discover and learn why our hammocks are so important.

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

MAY 15 & 22, 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: INDIAN KEY KAYAK AND SNORKEL EXPEDITION

Fee: \$85.00

This is truly an Eco-Adventure! Jump in our Eco-van with your naturalist-guide as we make our way to Indian Key, the first government seat of Miami-Dade County. Explore the island by canoe, just as the first settlers did in the 1800s. Snorkel in the clear waters and surrounding coral reefs which are teeming with wildlife! Join us as we retell historic events and spend the day exploring the island on foot.

Meet at A.D. Barnes Nature Center
3401 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
(305) 365-3018

MAY 15; 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: LIGNUM VITAE KEY KAYAK EXPEDITION

\$85/ person

Return to Florida of the 1900's when lives were simpler and enriched by the natural elements of South Florida's environment. Lignum Vitae is a 280-acre botanical state park. State Park Rangers will lead us on a guide through the island.

Meet at A.D. Barnes Nature Center
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(305) 365-3018

MAY 16, 11 AM – 6:30 PM

GREYNOLDS PARK LOVE-IN

Take a journey back to the 1960s at Greynolds Park Love-In featuring *The Grass Roots*, live in concert. The annual 1960s-themed outdoor festival also features concerts by local artists: *Rewind*; *The Fit*; *Been There, Done That*; and *Black Star*, as well as family-friendly activities including beat poetry, 1960s costume contest, vintage clothing, and much more. Admission is free. Parking fee: \$7/Car.

Greynolds Park
17530 W. Dixie Hwy.
(305) 945-3425
www.greynoldslovein.com

MAY 16, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM (please arrive at 1:30 pm)

BAY CRUISE

\$35 per person

Pontoon Boat Tours are offered on the "Pelican Island Skipper," a 45-foot Corinthian Catamaran. The boat will depart from the Deering Estate and will explore the waters of Biscayne Bay. A Deering Education & Interpretive Staff Member will educate passengers on birds, sea mammals, Native Americans, and early pioneers. The vessel complies with Coast Guard regulations and is ADA accessible. Space is limited; reservations required

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

MAY 22, 9 AM TO NOON

THINGS THAT POISON, ITCH, STING, AND BITE

Fee: \$25

This workshop covers the dangerous things in South Florida that every resident should know. Poisonous plants encountered in our yards, marine life, dangerous snakes, stinging caterpillars and insects.

Instructor: Chris Rollins

Fruit and Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727

MAY 22, 10:00 AM – NOON (please arrive at 9:45 am)

ECO BIKE-TOUR

\$25 for tour and bicycle rental. \$20 to ride your own bike. \$3 helmet rental.

For ages 9 and up. 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. All participants must wear a helmet. A limited number of adult-sized bicycles and helmets are available to rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that all bicycles are one size and can accommodate a rider no shorter than 60" (5 feet) tall.

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MAY 22; 9 a.m. - Noon

ECO-ACTION DAYS: VOLUNTEER WORK DAY AT GREYNOLDS PARK

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, and sunglasses are highly recommended.

FREE. Reservations are required.

Greynolds Park Boathouse and Nature Center
17530 W. Dixie Highway
North Miami Beach, FL 33160.
Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3435.

MAY 23, 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

CANOE TOUR

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

The Deering Estate offers guided canoe tours of Biscayne Bay that depart from Charles Deering's boat turning basin. You will 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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16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

MAY 26, 7:30 PM

TROPICAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE SOCIETY OF THE REDLAND: MONTHLY MEETING

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
Homestead, FL 33031

305-247-5727

MAY 27, 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

MOONLIGHT CANOE TOUR

\$40 adults

Take a canoe tour across Biscayne Bay to Chicken Key under the light of the full moon! A Deering Education and Interpretive Staff Member will accompany you to Chicken Key while sharing some of the ecological facts of the bay. This night-time adventure includes a camp-fire and light snacks on the island. Ages 18 and over. For the safety of our guests and staff, alcohol is not permitted.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.

Miami, FL

305-235-1668 ext. 233

MAY 28, 2010, 6:00-9:30PM

ECOADVENTURES™: 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 as the full moon rises. We provide the equipment. Participants should bring a picnic and a 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

MAY 28; 7:30-9:00pm

CREATURES OF THE NIGHT HIKE

Admission: \$6/person

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.

Greynolds Park Boathouse and Nature Center

17530 W. Dixie Highway

North Miami Beach, FL, 33160.

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

MAY 29; 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: SUNSET & MOONLIGHT KAYAK ADVENTURE

\$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, FL

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

MAY 29, 9 AM – 12 PM

GROWING REAL FOOD IN YOUR BACK YARD

Fee: 25

This is a realistic approach to genuinely producing a quantity of good foods that can be grown in your own back yard throughout the year. Emphasis will be on low maintenance plants that can be introduced into your existing landscape. Seeds and cuttings will be distributed to class members. Instructor: Chris Rollins

Fruit and Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727

MAY 29-30, 8 AM – 11 PM

FLORIDA PASO FINO HORSE SHOW

Free

Tropical Park Equestrian Center
7900 SW 40 Street
Miami, FL
(954) 477-4043

Ongoing Activities

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

DEERING HISTORIC HOUSE TOURS

Free with admission to the Estate. Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children ages 4-14

After Charles Deering's death in 1927, the mysterious Deering Estate sat for nearly six decades, frozen in time. The houses were immaculately maintained and filled with fine art and antiques, now in private collections and museums worldwide, but virtually unoccupied. Join one of our Education and Interpretive Staff Members on a guided tour to hear the amazing history of the Richmond Cottage, the first hotel between Coconut Grove and Key West, and the Stone House, a tiny piece of Deering's beloved Barcelona on Biscayne Bay. This tour begins on the front porch of the Richmond Cottage.

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

DAILY, 12:30 p.m. (Seasonal: October – May)

NATURAL AREA TOURS

Free with admission to the Estate. Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children ages 4-14.

This tour begins on the front porch of the Richmond Cottage.

Join one of our Education and Interpretive Staff Members and walk in the footsteps of Florida's first peoples. 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. Along the way visit the Cutler Burial Mound and Cutler Creek, where work is currently underway to restore historic water flow throughout the park. Comfortable walking shoes and insect repellent are recommended for this one-and-a-half mile excursion.

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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 (\$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

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON PARK'S 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.
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Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 365-3018

DAILY, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON GARDENS CANOE ADVENTURE

\$22 / person

Come explore the beautiful gardens at Crandon Park with a leisurely paced canoe tour through its canals. Learn about the origins of the gardens, as it was once the home of the Crandon Park Zoo, as well as the many birds that inhabit the gardens today.

Crandon Gardens at Crandon Park
4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL
Parking Lot #3, South 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.

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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 & WED, 11 AM – NOON

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, NOON – 1 P.M.

LOW IMPACT WATER EXERCISES

\$30/10 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 & 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

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 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

2nd Thursday of the month; Board meeting begins at 6:30 pm; Lecture begins at 7:00 pm for the public.

ARCHEOLOGY SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

Free

In partnership with the Archaeological Society of Southern Florida, a non-profit, volunteer organization which acts as a support mechanism for the office of the Miami-Dade County Archaeologist, the Deering Estate at Cutler presents a monthly lecture highlighting unique and interesting connections to our past. This serves as a focal point for local archaeology enthusiasts and professionals in the field, and helps to promote knowledge and appreciation of native archaeological and historical sites in the South Florida area.

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

FRI, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

MIAMI 101

\$60 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)

AUG 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, (March 20 – May 15, 2010)

10 A.M. – 11 A.M.

SHOOT FOR THE GOAL

\$35 for 8 sessions

Program for children with autism ages 6 & up. Participants will learn fundamental soccer skills including passing, dribbling, scoring, and goal keeping. Working on these skills can also improve balance, coordination, and cardio-fitness. Learning and displaying good sportsmanship, teamwork and social skills will also be emphasized during the program.

Coral Estates Park

1405 SW 97th Ave.

Miami, FL

305-226-1622

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, 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

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON PARK'S BAYSIDE CANOE ADVENTURE

\$44 / 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 / 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; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

KAYAK RENTALS

This tour begins on the front porch of the Richmond Cottage.

Join one of our Education and Interpretive Staff Members and walk in the footsteps of Florida's first peoples. 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. Along the way visit the Cutler Burial Mound and Cutler Creek, where work is currently underway to restore historic water flow throughout the park. Comfortable walking shoes and insect repellent are recommended for this one-and-a-half mile excursion.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.

Miami, FL 33157

305-235-1668 ext. 233

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

ECOADVENTURES™: KAYAK RENTALS/ SNORKEL 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, FL

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

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

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON GARDENS CANOE RENTAL

Single or 2-Person Canoe: \$12.00/Hour or \$28.00/3 Hours

Fully equipped canoe rentals available at Crandon Gardens. Enjoy a leisurely paced canoe ride through the canal system at the Crandon Gardens, the former home of the Crandon Park Zoo.

Crandon Park Gardens

4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL

Parking Lot #3, South 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.

ECOADVENTURES™: 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

ECOADVENTURES™: 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

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON PARK'S BAYSIDE BIRDING KAYAK ADVENTURE

\$40 / person

Join our naturalist on a kayak tour of Biscayne Bay as you explore Key Biscayne's coastline for different birds that call this area home. Depending on the season you may even see some migratory species taking a well-deserved rest on their migration route. This trip is a great introduction to kayaking 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., Key Biscayne, FL

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

SUN, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: 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, FL

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

Available Upon Request / Reservation Required

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. 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

ECOADVENTURES™: 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.