



Miami-Dade Parks December 2008 Calendar of Events

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

DECEMBER

DAILY IN DEC, 1 - 31 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. *(Ticket office closes at 4 p.m.)*

HOLIDAY WONDERLAND AT THE DEERING ESTATE

Free with paid admission to the Estate.

Visitors can tour the elegant and historic houses as they come alive with holiday accents and decorations created by the District XII Garden Clubs, the University of Florida Miami-Dade Extension, the FAFCS District and the International Ikebana Society.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Avenue

Miami, FL 33157

(305)235-1668 ext. 233

MONTH OF DECEMBER

Check out www.miamimetrozoo.com for a complete schedule of animal gift giving during the entire month of December.

DEC 1 - 5, 10 a.m.

NUTCRACKER

Sold through schools only

The classic Christmas ballet, the NUTCRACKER, will be performed by the Thomas Armour Youth Ballet Company for school audiences only.

Miami Dade County Auditorium

2901 West Flagler Street

Box Office (305) 547-5414

Ticketmaster (305) 358-3558

DEC 4, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

LECTURE: "FLORIDA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING: COMMON LANDSCAPE MISTAKES"

Free. As part of the Estate's monthly lecture series, Laura Vazquez, Florida Yards & Neighbors Coordinator, University of Florida, will talk about common landscape mistakes.

Visitor Center Auditorium

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Avenue

Miami, FL 33157

(305)235-1668 ext. 233

DEC 4, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

NITE HIKE

Free with admission to the Estate.

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

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72nd Ave.

(305)235-1668

DEC 4 – 7, Time TBD

Soulful Noel

Soulful Noel is the story of Christmas presented through drama, dance, and song. The contemporary approach makes *Soulful Noel* a holiday must-see for audiences of all ages.

Joseph Caleb Auditorium

5400 NW 22 Avenue

(305)636-2350

DEC 4 & 19, 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: EVENING OWL WALK

Admission: \$ 6/Person

Bring the entire family to join our Naturalist staff for a guided night hike through a tropical hardwood hammock. See what creatures go bump in the night as we look for Ogre-faced spiders, Nighthawks, Black Witch Moths and the Eastern Screech Owl. Taped calls of the Eastern Screech Owl will be used to attempt to lure them close enough for viewing. Bring a flashlight. Pre-registration is required.

Castellow Hammock Nature Center

22301 SW 162 Ave.

(305) 242-7688

DEC 5, 8 p.m.

NOCHES TROPICALES featuring Albita.

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

Tropical Park

7900 SW 40 Street

(305)271-0812

DEC 5, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Free with admission to the Estate.

Celebrate the kickoff of the holiday season of events at the Deering Estate with a tree lighting ceremony and listen to some of your favorite holiday classics.

Deering Estate at Cutler

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DEC 6, 9:30 a.m.

Grand Opening of Amazon & Beyond at Miami Metrozoo

Admission is \$15.95/adult and \$11.95/child, plus tax.

Miami's next big thing, the Amazon & Beyond exhibit at Miami Metrozoo, opens at 9:30 am on Saturday, December 6! Visit this new 27-acre Tropical American exhibit with giant river otters, anacondas, harpy eagles, jaguars and many more animals only at Miami Metrozoo!

Miami Metrozoo

12400 SW 152 Street, Miami, 33177

305-251-0400.

DEC 6, 2008, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

HOLIDAY UNDER THE STARS CONCERT

The 10th Annual *Holiday under the Stars* outdoor concert will feature a musical performance by Mad Romance with the Miami String Project and Stacy Berkley. Guests are welcome to bring blankets, lawn chairs and picnic baskets.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Avenue

Miami, FL 33157

(305)235-1668 ext. 233

DEC 6, 7 p.m.

NUTCRACKER

Tickets: \$25, \$20, \$15

The classic Christmas ballet, the NUTCRACKER, will be performed by Thomas Armour Youth Ballet Company. For all audiences.

Miami Dade County Auditorium

2901 West Flagler Street

Box Office (305) 547-5414

Ticketmaster (305) 358-3558

DEC 6, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 a.m.)

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

Admission: \$ 60/Person

Glide through the Everglades with a local guide (local as in they live in the Everglades!) and experience the breathtaking beauty and unique wildlife native to the “river of grass”. Stop by alligator holes and see these prehistoric reptiles in their natural habitat. See the Purple Gallinule voted the most colorful bird in Florida and the endangered Everglade Snail Kite as well as herons, grackles, turtles, raccoons and other Everglades residents! After your airboat ride step back in time and into the Coopertown Restaurant for some down home Everglades cooking. On the menu – alligator tail, cat fish, frog legs, and much more! Then jump back in the Eco-van for the next leg of our journey “Swamp Tromp!” Cool your feet on this watery hike through wet prairies, sloughs and cypress swamps in search of birds, wildflowers and adventure. This fun hike will explore the various Everglades habitats and the animals that call them home, from reptiles and amphibians to birds, mammals and colorful butterflies. To lessen the impact on the natural ecosystems this trip is limited to 10 participants. So be sure to sign up early and bring your binoculars and a change of shoes. This tour is rated moderate for wading in watery conditions. Reptile presentation also 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

DEC 6, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: CANOEING WORKSHOPS

Admission: \$ 20/Person (For Ages 7 and Above)

Join us at the park for the fundamentals of canoeing, including basic strokes, steering, and safety skills.

We will be canoeing on the C-100 Canal behind the park. Please come prepared with sun protection, drinks and shoes you can get wet. (An adult must accompany children under 18.) Reservations required.

Bill Sadowski Park

17555 SW 79 Ave.

(305) 255-4767

DEC 6 – 7, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

HERITAGE HORSE SHOW

Free to spectators

Ronald Reagan Equestrian Center

Tropical Park

7900 Bird Road

Butch Medin

(954) 347-1799

DEC 7, 7 p.m.

MARCO ANTONIO MUÑIZ

Tickets: \$87, \$77, \$47

Spanish Concert

Miami Dade County Auditorium

2901 West Flagler Street

Box Office (305) 547-5414

Ticketmaster (305) 358-3558

DEC 7 & 14, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

ECOADVENTURES: NATURALIST GUIDED FAMILY TRAIL WALKS

Admission: \$ 3/Per 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

DEC 10 & 13, 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.
(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 6:45 p.m.)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! PET CARE CLASSES

Admission: \$ 6

There is a new pet care program for people of all ages being offered. Trained A.D. Barnes Naturalists will be teaching valuable lessons about animal care. The program will be offered once a week for approximately an hour on Wednesdays and be repeated on Saturdays at 7:00 PM. The type of pet covered during these monthly classes will alternate and will include mammals, birds, fish, reptiles and amphibians. Please call in advance for a schedule of pets being covered. Reservations are recommended.

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

DEC 11, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

ECO ADVENTURES: DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER - MOONLIGHT CANOE TOUR

\$40 per 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 72nd Ave.

(305)235-1668 ext. 233

DEC 12 & 26, 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! ARCH CREEK PARK CAMPFIRE

Admission: \$ 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., North Miami

(305) 948-2891

DEC 12 & 13, 8 p.m.

NUTCRACKER performed by Ballet Etudes

Ballet Etudes performs the Christmas Classic, the Nutcracker.

Miami Dade County Auditorium

2901 West Flagler Street

Box Office (305) 547-5414

Ticketmaster (305) 358-3558

DEC 12, 8 PM

HOLIDAY CONCERT

\$10/person. Join the Miami-Dade Parks Community Band for a concert of holiday music.

Joseph Caleb Auditorium

5400 NW 22 Avenue

(305)636-2350

DEC 12, 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: CRANDON PARK'S SUNSET & MOONLIGHT KAYAK ADVENTURE

Admission: \$ 40/Person (For 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 shoes (water shoes). Reservations required.

Crandon Park Visitors & Biscayne Nature Center

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

DEC 13, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! CRANDON PARK'S SUNSET NATURE WALKS

Admission: \$ 3/Per Person

Enjoy a beautiful walk through our Bear Cut Preserve at sunset, led by our trained and experienced naturalist guides. Night critters become the topic for our popular nature walk as we explore the Tequesta and Osprey trails! Reservations recommended.

Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center

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

DEC 13 & 27, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 7:00 AM)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! CUTLER WETLANDS BIRDWATCHING TOUR

Admission: \$ 35/Per Person

Hike to the Cutler Wetlands and experience birding in this South Florida ecosystem for wading and other species of birds. Bring binoculars to observe wildlife and view birds from a distance and a camera to take pictures. Water, comfortable walking shoes, bug spray and sun block are 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

DEC 13, 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! EVERGLADES MOONLIGHT TOUR

Admission: \$ 18/Person

Meet at the Ernest Coe Visitor Center. Then travel in an EcoAdventures van to Anhinga Trail for a moonlight guided walk. Castellow Hammock Naturalists will point out sounds of the Everglades which may include frogs, owls, alligators feeding, and nighthawks. Participants will then be taken to Pa-hay-okee Overlook for an elevated boardwalk view of the expansive prairie. Pre-registration is required.

(Everglades National Park Coe Visitor Center, 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead)

Castellow Hammock Nature Center

22301 SW 162 Ave.
(305) 365-3018

DEC 13 & 27, 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 5:45 p.m.)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW!! CHEKIKI HERP TOUR

Admission: \$ 35/Person

Pack your backpack with a flashlight for an evening looking for and then identifying the reptiles and amphibians in Everglades National Park. Learn about the impact of exotic reptiles on the native species of South Florida's delicate Everglades ecosystems. 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

DEC 13, 20 & 27, 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: FAMILY CAMPFIRE AND NIGHT WALK

Admission: \$ 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

DEC 13, 7:30 a.m. – 10:30 am
BIRD WALK

Free with admission to the Estate.

Join one of the naturalist guides in search of some of the Deering Estate's estimated 170 perennial and migratory bird species.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72nd Ave.

(305)235-1668

DEC 13, 2008, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Story-time and kids crafts with Santa
Free with admission to the Estate.

Mr. Claus will be reading holiday stories next to the beautiful Christmas tree in the Stone House Ballroom. After story-time there will be kid's crafts activities.

Deering Estate at Cutler

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Miami, FL 33157

(305)235-1668 ext. 233

DEC 13, 7 – 10 a.m.
VOLUNTEER WORKDAY AT LUDLAM PINELAND PRESERVE

Free. Come join the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program and Natural Areas Management as we restore a part of this pineland preserve. Tasks will include birding, cleanup and exotic removal.

Community Service hours provided.

SW 224 ST. & SW 120 AVE.

305-257-0933 x227

DEC 13, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(Please arrive by 9:45 a.m.)

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! EXPEDITION SOUTH FLORIDA ~ CAMPING PROGRAM ~
INTRODUCTION TO CAMPING

\$12/person. Welcome to "EcoAdventures Expeditions"! We are offering a new series of "Camping 101" Workshops and Clinics to teach you the basics of safe, comfortable and enjoyable overnight wilderness trekking. You'll learn how to prepare for different types of camping, what practical equipment and gear to buy and what you need to know and do for a memorable camping experience. Apply your newly acquired skills by participating in the upcoming series of Miami-Dade Parks EcoAdventures overnight campouts scheduled for our new Expedition South Florida Camping Program, where you can explore the greater Everglades on land and sea, by foot, bicycle, canoe or kayak. These campouts will allow participants to see the majesty of the Everglades in a truly unique way. Reservations are required for all Workshops, Clinics and Overnight Campouts. For more information or to register, call (305) 365-3018.

A.D. Barnes Sense of Wonder Nature Center

3401 SW 72 Ave.

(305) 365-3018

DEC 14 – 23, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
JUNIOR ORANGE BOWL TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP 2008

Free to spectators

Tropical Park Tennis Center

7900 Bird Road

Lynn Mitchell

(305) 662-1210

DEC 14, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: ECOADVENTURES CITY TOUR

Admission: \$ 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 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

DEC 14, 3 p.m.

NUTCRACKER performed by Ballet Etudes

Ballet Etudes performs the Christmas Classic, the Nutcracker.

Miami Dade County Auditorium

2901 West Flagler Street

Box Office (305) 547-5414

Ticketmaster (305) 358-3558

DEC 14, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! CRANDON PARK'S SUNSET TRAM TOURS

Admission: \$ 4/Adult, \$ 2/Children (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

DEC 14, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

ECO ADVENTURES: DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER - CHICKEN KEY CANOE TOUR

Adults: \$25; Children ages 9-14: \$15.

Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery.

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(305)235-1668 ext. 233

DEC 18, 8 p.m.

CUBAN CLASSICAL BALLET Performance

Miami Dade County Auditorium

2901 West Flagler Street

Box Office (305) 547-5414

Ticketmaster (305) 358-3558

DEC 19, 8 p.m.

CUBAN CLASSICAL BALLET

Miami Dade County Auditorium

2901 West Flagler Street

Box Office (305) 547-5414

Ticketmaster (305) 358-3558

DEC 19, 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: GREYNOLDS PARK OWL PROWL

Admission: \$ 6/Person

Come learn about the fascinating lives of these rarely seen animals! Greynolds Park and the surrounding natural areas in North Miami provide the last bit of refuge for this once abundant and common bird of prey. An owl walk will follow our presentation. Pre-registration required.

Meet at the Greynolds Park Office

Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach

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

DEC 20, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: GREYNOLDS PARK ECO-ACTION DAY

Admission: FREE

There is no better way to connect with nature than to get down and dirty at one of our monthly volunteer days! Join 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. Closed-toe shoes are required.

Meet at the Greynolds Park Office

Greynolds Park, 17530 W. Dixie Highway

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

DEC 20, 1 p.m.

JUST DANCE IT

Just Dance It school annual holiday program

Miami Dade County Auditorium

2901 West Flagler Street

Box Office (305) 547-5414

Ticketmaster (305) 358-3558

DEC 20, 3:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES: NEW! KEY BISCAYNE SUNSET BOAT TOUR

Admission: \$ 35/Per 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

DEC 20, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 a.m.)

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

Admission: \$ 60/Person

Glide through the Everglades with a local guide (local as in they live in the Everglades!) and experience the breathtaking beauty and unique wildlife native to the "river of grass". Stop by alligator holes and see these prehistoric reptiles in their natural habitat. See the Purple Gallinule voted the most colorful bird in Florida and the endangered Everglade Snail Kite as well as herons, grackles, turtles, raccoons and other Everglades residents! After your airboat ride step back in time and into the Coopertown Restaurant for some down home Everglades cooking. On the menu – alligator tail, cat fish, frog legs, and much more! Then jump back in the Eco-van for a scenic drive through the Everglades. The Everglades is the only ecosystem of its kind and you can only see it in here in Florida! Reptile presentation also 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

DEC 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

STORY-TIME AND KIDS CRAFTS WITH SANTA

Free with admission to the Estate.

Mr. Claus will be reading holiday stories next to the beautiful Christmas tree in the Stone House Ballroom. After story-time there will be kids' crafts activities.

Deering Estate at Cutler

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Miami, FL 33157

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DEC 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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 72nd Ave.

(305)235-1668 ext. 233

DEC 21, 2 – 4 p.m. (*Please arrive at 1:30 p.m.*)

Bay Cruise

\$35 per 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

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DEC 21, 3 p.m.

CUBAN CLASSICAL BALLET

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DEC 22, 2008 - JAN 2, 2009, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (No camp on Dec. 25 and Jan 1)

(early drop off at 7:30 a.m. and late pick-up at 6 p.m.)

Costs vary

Miami-Dade Parks Winter Camps

Miami-Dade Parks has camps all across the County for every child's interest and needs. General program camps will feature field trips, fitness and sports activities, arts & crafts and games. Specialized camps include EcoAdventures nature camps, performing arts camps at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center and Raices Hispanic Heritage Cultural Arts Center, camps for children with disabilities, and the Deering Discovery Camp. For more information, please visit the Miami-Dade Parks website at

www.miamidade.gov/parks.

DEC 22 – DEC 26 (*No camp on Dec. 25*)

DEC 29 – JAN 2

DEERING DISCOVERY CAMP

Children, ages 6-13, will learn about history, archeology, and nature by taking part in a series of hands-on activities at the Deering Discovery Camp. Camp hours are from 9 AM to 4:30 PM. Please note that early drop-off and late pick-up are available for an additional fee. Early drop-off is from 7:30 AM to 9 AM and late pick up is from 4:30 PM to 6 PM. Please note there is a one-time \$10 annual camp registration fee.

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DEC 22 – JAN 2, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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.

Registration required.

Bill Sadowski Park

17555 SW 79 Ave.

(305) 255-4767

DEC 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (*Meet at the Visitor's Center at 9:45 a.m.*)

Eco Adventures: Deering Estate at Cutler - Bike Tour

Ride along the trails and explore the scenic landscapes while learning about the Estate's historic past.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72nd Ave.

(305)235-1668 ext. 233

DEC 28, 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Eco Adventures: Deering Estate at Cutler - Chicken Key Canoe Tour

Adults \$25; Children (ages 9-14) \$15.

Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery.

Deering Estate at Cutler

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(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.

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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.

Miami Metrozoo

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(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.
Reservations are required.
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

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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Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

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