

Lee County Parks & Recreation

Educational Programs

SIX MILE CYPRESS SLOUGH PRESERVE



Slough in a Nutshell

This introduction to the Preserve briefly discusses the history of the Slough, what interesting plants and animals you may find here, and will give you some hints for finding some of that wildlife.

Great for any age!
Max Group Size: 60
Length: 20 minutes
Cost: Free



Night Visitors

Discover the nightlife at the Slough! What animals live by night and sleep all day? See how adaptations and their heightened use of senses allows them to succeed in the dark.

Grade Level: Pre-K-5th
Max Group Size: 40
Length: 30 minutes
Cost: \$1/student
Location: Interpretive Center



Adaptable Animals

Ever wonder how an Anhinga catches fish, or how an otter can sneak up on its prey? Taxidermy will teach students about the wonderful tools and adaptations some animals have that enable them to survive in the Slough.

Grade Level: 2nd-5th
Max Group Size: 40
Length: 30 minutes
Cost: \$1/student

A Note for Children's Programs - One adult chaperone is required per 10 children. Additional adults (up to the maximum group size) are welcome to attend, but will be charged the program fee.

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Bird Beaks and Feet

Bird's beaks and feet show what they eat, where they eat and how they survive. This program involves an interactive game.

Grade Level: 3rd-5th

Max Group Size: 30

Length: 45 minutes

Cost: \$1/student

Location: Interpretive Center



Bare Facts About Bears

Myths and misunderstandings about Florida's black bears are addressed in this program using artifacts and a true/false activity. Plus, an interactive game models competition in bear habitat and uses the students' mathematical skills.

Grade Level: 3rd-5th

Max Group Size: 30

Length: 45 minutes

Cost: \$1/student

Location: Interpretive Center



Florida's Felines

Although rarely observed, these top predators play important roles in our natural areas. Students learn about the ecology and conservation status of our wild cats. This program includes artifacts and interactive components.

Grade Level: 5th-8th

Max Group Size: 40

Length: 45 minutes

Cost: \$1/student

Location: Interpretive Center

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Student-led Nature Walks

Student becomes teacher in this interactive tour. Students research one animal and one plant found in the Slough (list provided) and present their findings in appropriate locations on the boardwalk. Volunteer Guides facilitate and provide further interpretation.

**Classroom preparation required.*

Grade Level: 4th and up

Max Group Size: 40

Length: 90 minutes

Cost: \$3/student



Sense-atonal Exploration

Sense the Slough from a different perspective on this guided nature walk! This program focuses on using our senses of sight, hearing, touch, and smell to hone our nature awareness skills.

Ages 9 and up

Max. Group Size: 40

Length: 90 minutes

Cost: \$3/student



Guided Nature Walk

This interpretive nature walk on our boardwalk (3/4 mile) gives small groups a chance to learn about the plants and animals of the Slough. Experienced Volunteer Guides discuss the importance of the Slough and point out the small things that may have otherwise gone unnoticed.

Ages 9 and up

Max Group Size: 40

Length: 90 minutes

Cost: \$3/student

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Track Identification

Where's all the wildlife? You may not see the animals, but there are signs of them all around us. Learn how to identify animals by their tracks.

Ages 9 and up

Max Group Size: 30

Length: 45 minutes

Cost: \$1/student

Location: Interpretive Center



Primitive Shelter

This hands-on program teaches one of the most important skills you need in a survival situation. Be prepared to get a little dirty and have a lot of fun learning how to make shelter from natural materials.

Ages 8 and up

Max. Group Size: 20

Length: 2 hours

Cost: \$4/person



Wet Walks

This walk immerses participants and gives them the opportunity to see the beauty of a cypress swamp up close. *This program is available during September and October only.*

Grade Level: 7th and up

Max. Group Size: 30

Length: 90 minutes

Cost: \$5/student

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