

# Free Guided Nature Walks

January - April 2020



## Regional Parks

**Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve** 9:30-11 am & 1:30-3 pm daily; 9:30-11 am daily in April; | 7751 Penzance Blvd., Fort Myers

Discover the diversity of plants and wildlife at this freshwater preserve. Possible sightings include alligators, river otters and woodpeckers. Registration begins 30 minutes prior at the boardwalk entrance. Parking fee \$1/hour. 239-533-7550 ♿

**Lakes Park** Jan. 4, Feb. 1, March 7, April 4, 8-9:30 am | 7330 Gladiolus Dr., Fort Myers

Guides identify the abundant birds and wildlife at this park. Meet at Shelter A7. Parking fee \$1/hour. 239-533-7578 ♿

**Caloosahatchee Regional Park** Jan. 21, Feb. 18, March 17, April 21, 9-11 am | 19130 North River Rd., Alva

Explore several natural plant communities, including pine flatwoods and oak hammock. Parking fee \$1/hour. 239-694-0398 ♿

**Hickey Creek Mitigation Park** Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3, April 7, 9-11 am | 17980 Palm Beach Blvd., Alva

Join an interpretive naturalist to learn about the exciting birds and native plants Florida. Parking fee \$1/hour. 239-694-0398 ♿

**Manatee Park** Sundays, Jan. 5-March 29, 9-10:30 am | 10901 Palm Beach Blvd./SR-80, Fort Myers

Explore the park's garden, which supplies food for many birds and butterflies. Parking fee \$2/hour. 239-690-5030 ♿

**Bowditch Point Park** Tuesdays, 9:30-11 am, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & Fridays, 9-10:30 am, Jan. 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28; March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 50 Estero Blvd., Fort Myers Beach

Learn how plants and animals adapt to this fragile barrier island ecosystem. Parking fee \$2/hour. 239-432-2154 ♿

**San Carlos Bay - Bunche Beach Preserve** Wednesdays, 9-10:30 am, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 18201 John Morris Rd., Fort Myers

"Life Along the Shore": Learn about the birds and aquatic creatures of this beach preserve. Parking fee \$2/hour. 239-432-2154 ♿

Thursdays, 9-10 am, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19, 26

"Everything Changes": Learn how beaches are changed by tides, storms and erosion. Parking fee \$2/hour. 239-432-2154 ♿

## Conservation 20/20 Preserves

**Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve - East** Jan. 18, Feb. 15, 9-10:30 am | 10130 Bayshore Rd., North Fort Myers

This is a bird-watching hotspot, especially during the fall and spring bird migrations. Free parking. 239-204-1125 ♿

**Galt Preserve** Jan. 11, Feb. 8, 9-10:30 am | 3661 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City, Pine Island

Enjoy a hike through pine flatwoods with a chance to see bald eagles and gopher tortoises. Free parking. 239-204-1125 ♿

**Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve** Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 25, 9-10:30 am | 6351 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City

This is one of very few places in Lee County to see naturalized longleaf pines. Free parking. 239-204-1125

**Prairie Pines Preserve** Jan. 4, Feb. 1, 9-10:30 am | 18400 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers

Explore this bird-watching hotspot and learn about the preserve's many plants and animals. Free parking. 239-204-1125 ♿

**Wild Turkey Strand Preserve** Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 21, 9-10:30 am | 11901 Rod & Gun Club Rd., Fort Myers

This seasonal wetland preserve includes remnant structures of the Buckingham Army Air Field. Free parking. 239-204-1125 ♿

*Suggested items to bring include water, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and camera. Please wear closed-toe shoes. No sandals.*

*Meeting location is the parking area. For any questions, please call the listed phone number. Dates are subject to change and may be postponed or cancelled due to rain/lightning. ♿ Includes restroom ♿ Full walk length is ADA-accessible*