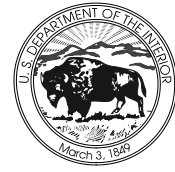


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Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge November Programs

Beginning Birding Bus Tour at 9 am

Join a refuge volunteer for a guided three hour tour in the refuge shuttle bus to learn how to identify a variety of bird species. Space is limited so please call 321-861-5601 for reservations. **There is a fee of \$5.00 per person & children under age 16 are free. Cash or check only please.** Free loaner binoculars and field guides are available.

Sundays: 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22 & 11/29
Mondays: 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23 & 11/30
Thursdays: 11/5, 11/12 & 11/19
Saturdays: 11/7, 11/14, 11/21 & 11/28

Visitor Center Boardwalk Tours at 1 pm.

Take a guided walk along a 1/4 mile boardwalk trail that travels through three habitats to learn about the animals, plants and management of the area. Boardwalk is wheelchair accessible. Call 321-861-5601 to make reservations and for information.

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Butterfly Survey—Volunteers Needed

Saturday, November 7 at 9 am.

Participate in a butterfly survey with volunteers and refuge staff to identify butterflies and collect important data for the University of Florida's Butterfly Monitoring Network. No experience necessary. Survey will involve walking along designated trails and fields to view butterflies. Recommended: Bring water, snacks, insect repellent and wear closed shoes and long pants. Call 321-861-5601 to make reservations.

Fee Free Day, Wednesday, November 11—Celebrating Veterans Day

All fee areas on the refuge will be free to the public in celebration of Veterans Day.

Pine Flatwoods Hike

Fridays, November 13 & 27 at 9 am.

Take a guided walk along a one mile loop trail that travels through pine flatwoods habitat and learn about the management of the area. Recommended: Wear closed sturdy walking/hiking shoes, long pants, and bring insect repellent and drinking water. Please meet at the visitor center and call 321-861-5601 for reservations.

Hawk Photo I.D. Presentation & Caravan Tour

Saturday, November 14 at 10 am

Learn to identify the a variety raptors including hawks, falcons and eagles by viewing a photo presentation and then follow a guide in your own vehicle to observe them in the wild. A hand held radio will be provided for each vehicle for the tour. Call 321-861-5601 for reservations.

Waterfowl Hunt

Hunting occurs in most areas of the refuge from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12 pm on Wed., Sat, Sun. and Thanksgiving Day staring on November 21. Hunting is prohibited on Black Point Drive. See 2015-2016 Hunting Regulations for more information.

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