









MERRITT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

March 2017

Visitor Center is open Sunday thru Saturday from **8 am to 4 pm**.
 Trails and wildlife drives **open sunrise to sunset daily**. For more information call **321-861-0669**.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Eagle Talk 12:30pm	2 Beginner Birder Bus Tour 9am Bobcat Talk 12:30pm Boardwalk Hike 12pm	3 Black Point Bus Tour 9am	4 Black Point Bus Tour 9am & 1pm Butterfly Survey 12:30 pm Palm Hammock Guided Hike 10 am
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Titusville Downtown Gallery

March and April 2017

Titusville Downtown Gallery will display several pieces of art in the visitor center auditorium during regular operating hours. Exhibit viewing at Refuge Visitor Center Auditorium during February, Sunday through Saturday, 8 am to 4 pm.

Butterfly Survey, Volunteers Needed

Saturday, March 4 at 12:30 pm

View a photo presentation to learn how to identify butterflies. Then, participate in a butterfly survey to collect data for North American Butterfly Count and Florida Butterfly Monitoring Network. Bring water, snacks, insect repellent and wear closed shoes and long pants. Meet in the auditorium in the visitor center.

Black Point Bus Tour ~ Most Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 am and 1 pm

Join a knowledgeable refuge volunteer for a guided two hour in the Refuge Shuttle bus for an opportunity to identify the varieties of birds found on the Refuge such as the Reddish Egret, Florida Scrub jay, Great Blue herons and many more! Meet at the refuge visitor information center front desk. **Space is limited so please call (321) 861-0669 for reservations. Fee of \$5 per person, \$2.50 with senior or access pass.**

Dates for Sunday: 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Dates for Tuesday: 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28

Dates for Thursday: 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, 3/30

Dates for Friday: 3/3

Dates for Saturday: 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Eagle Talk ~ 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 12:30 pm

Enjoy a photo presentation about the American Bald Eagle, and learn the life history of our National Bird. Held in the auditorium of the visitor center.

Bobcat Talk ~ Thursdays at 12:30 pm

View a photo presentation about the elusive creatures and learn about the bobcat's natural history. No program on 3/16

All About Alligators Talk ~ Every Tuesday at 11:30 am

Learn about the natural history of this intriguing reptile and handle gator bio-facts. Held in the auditorium of the visitor center.

Boardwalk Hike ~ Every Tuesday at 12:00 pm

Join for a guided tour of the 1/4 mile boardwalk hike around the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center to learn about the local flora, fauna, and history of the area.

Palm Hammock Hike

Saturday, 3/4

Wednesday, 3/8 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

Take a guided walk along the 2 mile loop at Palm Hammock Trail. Wear long pants and sturdy footwear. Bring insect repellent and drinking water as well! Please meet at the trailhead at 10:00 a.m. Join us rain or shine!

Peacocks Pocket Guided Hike

Saturday, 3/11 and 3/25

Join us for a guided tour along the currently closed to vehicle traffic Peacocks Pocket Road. Bring water, insect repellent, and anything else you might need for a couple of hours. Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center at 9:00 a.m. to venture out to the starting point. Program is weather dependent.

Behind-the-Scenes Photography Tour

Friday, 3/10

Register in advance to join a guided tour to experience and photograph some special landscape opportunities on the refuge. Meet at 9 a.m. for an all morning adventure.