




MERRITT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

May 2017

Visitor Center is open Monday 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	2	3	4	5	6
		Black Point Bus Tour 9am				Black Point Bus Tour 9 am Shorebird Chat 1 pm Butterfly Survey 12:30 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Black Point Bus Tour 9am	Legendary Lagoons Fishing MINWR 10 am Alligator Talk 11:30am	Black Point Drive Bus Tour 9am Alligator Talk 11:30 am Boardwalk Hike 12pm	Legendary Lagoons Fishing MINWR 10 am	Haulover Canal Cleanup 10 am Black Point Bus Tour 9 am
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30	31			
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Butterfly Survey, Volunteers Needed

Saturday, May 6 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 ~ Some Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 am

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 Tuesday: 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30

Dates for Thursday: 5/11, 5/18, 5/25

Dates for Saturday: 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27

Manatee Chat ~ Wednesday May 24 at 12:30 pm

Enjoy a photo presentation about manatees. Learn about its legends, folklore, and conservation efforts here on the refuge. Held in the auditorium of the visitor center.

All About Alligators Talk ~ 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 ~ Thursdays 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

Wednesday, 5/17 at 9 am

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!

Shorebird Chat

Saturday, 5/6 at 1 pm

Meet at 1 pm at the visitor center for a short PowerPoint then join us for a field trip to look for shorebirds.

Legendary Lagoons at Merritt Island NWR

Wednesday, 5/10 and Friday, 5/12 and 5/19 at 10 am

The Space Coast is widely known to have some of the best saltwater fishing in the state of Florida. With it's diverse system of lagoons, canals, grass flats, and marshes, Merritt Island is one of the most popular destinations to fish the big four sport fish of Florida: Snook, Redfish, Spotted Sea Trout, and Tarpon. Come explore these varying habitats and gain insight into techniques and equipment used to land these highly sought after species.

The Visitor Center is closed on Sundays.