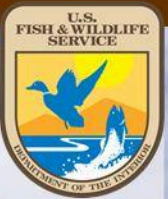


MERRITT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



# October 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 Nature Bus Tour 9am	4 Eagle Talk 12:30pm	5 Boardwalk Hike 11:30am	6 Ranger Lindsey's Fire Program 1pm	7 Nature Bus Tour 9am Butterfly Survey 9am Hawk Watch 10am
8 <u>National Wildlife Refuge Week</u>	9 <u>National Wildlife Refuge Week</u>	10 Nature Bus Tour 9am <u>National Wildlife Refuge Week</u>	11 Reptile Talk 12:30pm <u>National Wildlife Refuge Week</u>	12 Boardwalk Hike 11:30am <u>National Wildlife Refuge Week</u>	13 Ranger Lindsey's Fire Program 1pm <u>National Wildlife Refuge Week</u>	14 <u>Wildlife Refuge Festival 10am-2pm</u>
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### **Wildlife Refuge Festival 2017– Saturday, October 14th**

Celebrate the establishment of the National Wildlife Refuge System in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge during the second week of October. Join us for on October 14 for a fun day of exhibitors, artists, and a wide array of recreational events on the refuge. Come #FindYourWay to a National Wildlife Refuge with your family for free fun for all ages!

### **Butterfly Survey, Volunteers Needed**

Saturday, October 7th at 9:00 am

View a photo presentation to learn how to identify butterflies. Then, participate in a butterfly survey to collect data for the 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.

### **Nature Bus Tour**

Join a knowledgeable refuge volunteer for a guided two hour tour in the Refuge Shuttle bus for an opportunity to view different wildlife sites throughout the refuge. **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: 10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31

Dates for Saturday: 10/7, 10/21, 10/28

### **Boardwalk Hike ~ Thursdays at 11:30am**

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.

### **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.

### **Ranger Program: Fire – Fridays at 1pm**

Join a Ranger to learn about wildfire ecology on Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge and its vital role in maintaining habitat for local flora and fauna.

### **Hawk Watch - Saturday, October 7th**

Join a refuge volunteer from 10am to 12pm at Sandler Education Outpost to identify hawks

### **Shorebird Chat - Saturday, October 30th**

You will have the opportunity to learn about the different types of shorebirds that make Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge home. The program will be followed by a tour to view and identify the various shorebirds on the refuge. Meet at the visitor center auditorium. For more information please call (321) 861- 0669.

***The Visitor Center is closed on Sundays.***