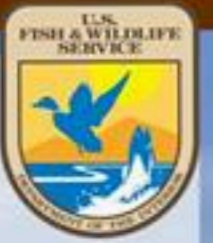


MERRITT ISLAND NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE



April 2018

The Visitor Center is open every day of the week 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 Black Point Bus Tour 9am	2	3 Black Point Bus Tour 9am	4	5 Alligator Program 12pm	6	7 Black Point Bus Tour 9am Butterfly Survey 9am
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Hook Kids on Fishing - Saturday, April 14th from 9am- 11am

These conservation-minded Hook Kids On Fishing programs teach casting, fishing safety, knot tying, the tackle box, catch and release tactics, fishing habitat and conservation; and are taught by professional guides and knowledgeable anglers. Parents and kids bring your smiles, positive attitudes and patience along with you! The Hook Kids on Fishing program will take place at: Coquina Pit, Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. Kids ages 6 to 16, are welcome along with their parents. The first 80 kids registered may receive a free rod and reel.

Registration is required by contacting emily_delanzo@fws.gov or calling 321-861-0668.

Butterfly Survey, Volunteers Needed

Saturday, April 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.

Black Point Wildlife Drive Bus Tour

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at 9 am

Join a knowledgeable refuge volunteer for a guided two hour tour 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.**

Guided Boardwalk Hike – Tuesdays & Thursdays at 12:00pm

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.

The Boardwalk Hike will not be held on Tuesday, April 3rd or Thursday, April 5th

Alligator Program - Thursdays at 12:00pm

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

Fire Program- Saturday, April 21st and 28th at 1:00pm

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

Eagle Talk - Wednesday, April 11th and 25th at 12:30pm

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.

Scrub Ridge Trail Hike - Saturday, April 21st at 11am

Join a ranger for a 45-minute 1-mile loop hike of the Scrub Ridge Trail to learn all about the one of the most charismatic species on the refuge, the Florida Scrub Jay, and the natural history of its home here at Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge. Bring water, solid shoes, bug spray, and anything else you might need for a comfortable, casual walk.

Stand Up Paddleboard Yoga– Saturday, April 21st

The Little Yoga Hut is hosting Stand Up Paddleboard Yoga on the Indian River Lagoon. This class welcomes all levels of experience! There are three times available and each class has a max of 5 people. Classes take place at the Sandler Education Pavilion on the Indian River Lagoon.

Class Times– 7:00am, 8:15am, 9:30am

Please call the refuge visitor center at (321) 861-0669 to register!