



## Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge

# January

### As Hands Change the Land

**Saturday January 30th @ 1 PM to 4:00 PM**

Long before the Kennedy Space Center or Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge came to exist, wildlife and people alike called this place home. Learn about how as the land changed hands, hands changed the lands in this 3 hour presentation and tour.

Please meet at Sandler Education Outpost, located on the Kennedy Parkway south of Haulover Canal. Visitors will travel to different locations in their own vehicles.

Social Distancing will be practiced.

**Limited to 10 cars because of limited parking on the tour. To reserve a spot, please call 321-861-0669**

### Pumphouse Hike

**Sunday January 24th @ 1:00 PM**

Join us for a fitness hike of Pumphouse Dike. The trail follows dikes bordering the Indian River Lagoon and impounded wetlands. This moderate, 3-mile hike is over level terrain and will require 1 1/2 to 2 hours to complete. Participants should wear comfortable shoes and bring water.

Binoculars are highly recommended.

**Meet at the west entrance kiosk on SR 406.**

Social distancing will be in practice.

### Gator Creek Bike Ride

**Sunday January 17th @ 1:00 PM**

Join a pair of Refuge volunteers for a bike ride along the Gator Creek Roads. This is a leisurely fitness outing that will require a sturdy mountain or comfortable beach cruiser type bike.

We will be riding on hard-packed gravel roads. A few potholes may be encountered along with sightings of birds and other wildlife.

Bring a helmet and enough water to stay hydrated for a 1 1/2 hour ride.

**Meet at the west entrance kiosk on SR 406.**

Social distancing will be in practice.

### Trash Bash

**Saturday February 13th @ 9AM—12PM**

Help make the refuge a more beautiful, cleaner place by joining us on the 2nd Saturday of each month through April. Help clean up the refuge and make a safe space for wildlife. **Meet at the west entrance kiosk** to pick-up grabbers, gloves, and trash bags that will be provided. Social distancing will be in practice.

Everyone is welcome!

***Programs are subject to change. Please call to confirm details.***

*The Outside Visitor Contact Station is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 4 pm.*

*Trails and wildlife drives are open sunrise to sunset daily. Extreme weather may result in unexpected road closures. For more information call 321-861-0669.*

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