

# PARK ACTIVITIES THIS WINTER

## FAKAHATCHEE

**Swamp Walks:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat, 4<sup>th</sup> Tues  
cost: \$50

about 6 hours, strenuous

**Canoe Trips:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat

cost: \$50

canoes or kayaks provided

**Boardwalk:** open every day

cost: donation

about 1/2-mile each way, easy walk

gator pond, eagles' nest

**Coastal Cruise:** Jan 31

cost: \$75

**Safari:** Feb 27

cost: \$125

**For info:** 695-1023 or see

[www.friendsoffakahatchee.org](http://www.friendsoffakahatchee.org)

## COLLIER SEMINOLE

**Regular Events:** Bicycling, Canoeing, Kayaking, Campfire Circle, Fishing, 6.5 Mile Hiking Trail, Wildlife Viewing, Nature Trails, Guided Tours, Moonlight Canoe Trips & Hikes

**Moonlight Canoe Trips:** 7:30-10:00 p.m.

on Jan 27 & 29, Feb 26 & 27,

Mar 27 & 29

cost: \$30

**Night Hikes:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Jan 11 &

13, Feb 10 & 11, Mar 10 & 13

cost: \$10

**Canoe Trips:** 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm on

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat

cost: \$25

**Blue Grass Festival:** Feb 13, 14

Featuring Music by Wilson Family Band,

Frontline, Bugtussel Ramblers (formerly

The Fleas), Pure and Simple, Swinging

Bridge, with MC Mike Robinson. More

information to follow in the February

*Mullet Rapper*

**For info:** (239) 394-3397

## TEN THOUSANDS REFUGE

Marsh Trail Walk: Friday, Jan 15, 2010

(Reservations required)

Panther Refuge Week: March 15-20

**For info:** (239) 353-8442 or see

[www.floridapanther.org](http://www.floridapanther.org)

## NIKE MISSILE BASE HOMESTEAD

**Tours:** 10 a.m. daily, 2 p.m. Sat, Sun

meet at Ernest Coe Visitor Center

(Reservations required)

**For info:** 305-242-7700

## ★ STAR GAZING ★

There are "Ten Thousand" things that make the Gulf Coast special – especially a clear night of dazzling stars. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. the next two Saturdays, **January 9** and **January 16**, a ranger will give a 50-minute program with an indoor PowerPoint presentation followed by star gazing outside the National Park visitor center. No reservations required.

## EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

**Boat Tours:** Daily

**Canoe Explorations:** Wed, Sat, Sun

**Eyes on the Everglades:** Daily

**Nature Walk:** Daily

**Bike Tour:** Thursday

**Afternoon Canoe Trip:** Thurs, Fri

**Everglades Nights:** Sat

**Evening Canoe Trip:** Jan 23 & 30

Feb 20 & 27, Mar 9 & 20

**Also:** Shark Valley Tram and Trail

Bike/Hike

**For info:** 239-695-3311 or see

[www.nps.gov/ever](http://www.nps.gov/ever)

## BIG CYPRESS

**"Whose Home?":** 15 minute talks at H P

Williams viewing wildlife, Daily

**"Scales, Teeth and a Big Tail"** or

**"Wings of Wonder":** 15 min talks on

the Oasis viewing platform, 2x daily

**Cypress Sights and Sounds:** Kirby

Storter Boardwalk Stroll, Thurs, Fri,

Sat, Sun, Mon

**Wet and Wild Swamp Walks:** Mon, Sat

(Reservations required)

**Heart of the Swamp Canoe Trips:** Wed,

Sat, Sun (Reservations required)

**Walk on the Wild Side:** Deep Lake or

Gator Hook Hikes, Sun (Reservations

required)

**Campfire Programs:** Midway

Campground, Fri, Sat

**Hike to the Big Trees:** Old Growth

Cypress, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat (Reservations

required)

**The Right Route:** Off Road Vehicle

Tour, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat (Reservations suggested)

**Night Sounds:** Kirby Storter Evening

Boardwalk Stroll, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri (Reservations

suggested)

**Bear Island Bike Ride:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sat (bring

your own bike)

**For info:** 695-1201 or see

[www.nps.gov/bicy](http://www.nps.gov/bicy)



Thanks to Mary Morris who took this photo of a spoonbill in an empty lot on Buckner Avenue.

## NAPLES PRESERVE

**Nature Talks:** 11 a.m., Tues

**Pier Talks:** 1:00 p.m., Thurs

**Eco-Tours:** Fri (call for time/place)

**For info:** 261-4290

## ROOKERY BAY

**Talks, walks:** daily (see calendar)

**"Amazing Adventures":** 6:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Fri

**Annual Festival:** Jan 15, 16, 17

**For info:** (239) 417-6300 or see

[www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org)

## BIG CYPRESS GALLERY

**Winter Muck-About:** Feb 13, 14, 15

cost: \$75

swamp walks

**For info:** 695-2428 or see

[www.clydebutcher.com](http://www.clydebutcher.com)

## NEW CAMP SITES

Everglades National Park has opened new backcountry camp sites at Shark Point Chickee (7.5m east of Flamingo) and at Johnson Key Chickee (6.25m south of Flamingo). Cost is \$10 permit plus \$2 per person; limit to 1 night stay; reservations required. For info, phone 695-3311. Facilities are limited but include an outhouse.

## CONSERVANCY

**Nature Walks:** 9:00 a.m. Mon-Sat

1 1/2 - 2 hrs, Clam Pass Park

**Cruises:** 9:30 a.m., Fri to Keywadin

cost: \$40 (Reservations required)

other cruises available

**For info:** (239) 262-0304 or see

[www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org)