

J.N. "Ding" Darling NWR

1 Wildlife Drive Sanibel, FL 33957
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FREE 2018 Summer Program Schedule – June 4th - August 4th

| Program | Wed | Thurs | Fri | Sat | Description |
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| Family Beach Walk | | | 9 am | | Meet at Sanibel's Gulfside City Park for a guided exploration of the refuge's Perry Tract. Learn about this vital beach ecosystem. Don't forget to bring your shell bag! Note: Parking fees at Gulfside City Park apply. 1 hour. |
| Indigo Trail Walk | | 10 am | | | Naturalists lead a tour identifying and discussing the ecosystem's plant and animal species. Fun for all ages! Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor & Education Center. 1 hour. |
| Reading in the Refuge | 10 am | | | | Join a naturalist for story-time at our refuge. Bring your family to hear an exciting wildlife-themed story and make a craft about an animal from our estuarine ecosystem. Story-time is appropriate for Pre-K through 6th, although everyone is welcome. Program takes place in Visitor & Education Center classroom. 45 min. |
| Wildlife Wonders | | | | 11 am | What makes a bird a bird? Why is a manatee a sea cow? Is it a crocodile or alligator? Find the answers to these questions and more as you join a Refuge staff member in learning about the Refuge's unique ecosystem. Program located in Visitor & Education Center. Subject will change weekly, depending on the presenter. 30 min. |
| GET OUTSIDE! KEEP LEARNING THIS SUMMER. | | | | | |

FREE PHONE APP!



Download FREE Discover Ding App from your app store or Google Play.

TAKE A HIKE!

Explore the 2-mile Indigo Trail!

Be a **Scatvenger!** Pick up an Indigo Trail Explorer sheet from the front desk before you head out.



BECOME A JUNIOR REFUGE MANAGER!

Earn a badge and join the team here at "Ding" by completing the Junior Refuge Manager activity sheet, available at the front desk.



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Free programs 7 days a week at the FREE Visitor & Education Center, open 9 am to 4 pm.

Wildlife Drive is CLOSED on Fridays. All visitors must exit refuge lands and waters no later than 1/2 hour after legal sunset.

Visit Daily

Free Visitor & Education Center,

Open 7 days a week from 9 am to 4 pm:

- ☀ Explore exhibits
- ☀ Forgot your binoculars? Borrow a pair of binoculars at the front desk before 1 pm at no charge.
- ☀ Need a gift? Shop the Refuge Nature Store, operated by the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society. All proceeds support the Refuge.

Wildlife Drive Walk, bike, drive or take a guided tram tour. Open Saturday through Thursday, and it is CLOSED on Fridays.

Indigo Trail is open seven days a week for hiking or bicycling. Discover the **Wildlife Education Boardwalk**, only 3/10 mile from the Visitor & Education Center!

Note: Entry fees apply for **Wildlife Drive & Indigo Trail**.

Tour Tarpon Bay!

Take a guided tour by kayak, canoe or stand-up paddleboard. Enjoy a Breakfast, Nature & Sealife, or Evening cruise. Fishing licenses, charters, bait and tackle available. Rent a bicycle, boat or paddleboard.



900 Tarpon Bay Road 239.472.8900
tarponbayexplorers.com

Sensible Safety

Although incidents with wildlife are rare, please exercise caution during your visit. Fire ants are found at the Refuge, so watch where your step!

What to Bring:

- ☀ **Water:** Be sure to stay hydrated and take plenty of drinking water with you. Cold filtered water is available for FREE to refill your own, or *Just Water* (an eco-conscious water bottle) is available for purchase at the Refuge Nature Store.
- ☀ **Sunscreen/Hat:** Exposure to sun can be harmful. Protect your skin!
- ☀ **Bug Spray:** Insect repellent can defend against mosquitos, no-see-ums, and chiggers. Available to purchase in nature store.

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