

Free Tours	Description	Location	Duration
Bailey Tract Tour	Walk the trails of the Bailey Tract with a naturalist to learn about the inhabitants of this freshwater ecosystem of Southwest Florida.	Meet at the Bailey Tract parking lot. Fun for all ages.	1 ½ hours-2 miles
Beach Walk (Parking fee applies)	Come join us for a guided exploration of the Refuge's Perry Tract. Learn about this vital beach ecosystem. Don't forget to bring your shell bag.	At Sanibel's Gulfside City Park parking lot. Algiers Lane off of West Gulf Note: Parking fees at Gulfside City Park apply.	1 hour
Biking the Refuge Tour (Entrance fee applies)	Bike enthusiasts, bring your bicycle and join a naturalist on the Wildlife Drive/Indigo Trail loop to learn about the Refuge's bird life and ecology.	Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center. Note: The Drive is paved while the Indigo Trail is hard-packed shell. Fun for all ages!	1 ½ - 2 hours 4 miles Come and go as you please.
Birding Tour (Entrance fee applies)	Advanced birders delight! Follow a naturalist along Wildlife Drive while in the comfort of your car.	Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center to begin your bird identification tour.	1 ½ hours
Birds & Wildlife Tour (Entrance fee applies)	Follow along on a car caravan tour of the Refuge. This tour highlights the fascinating natural wonders of this unique mangrove ecosystem and the wildlife that lives in this area.	Meet at the flagpole in front of the Education Center.	1 ½ hours
Calusa/Shell Mound Trail Tour (Entrance fee applies)	Meet naturalists who will fascinate you with the Calusa people's history and teach you about native Florida plant life on this enchanting boardwalk trail.	Meet at the Shell Mound Trail parking lot on Wildlife Drive.	Ongoing from 1-2:30 pm, 1/3 mile
Indigo Trail Walk (Entrance fee applies)	Naturalists lead tour identifying and discussing the ecosystem's plant and animal species.	Meet at the flagpole in front of the Visitor & Education Center. Fun for all ages.	1 ½ hours ~ 2 miles

Free Programs	Description	Location	Duration
Birds of the Refuge (Entrance fee may apply)	Not sure which feathery friends you are seeing through your binoculars? Learn interesting facts about birds and how to identify them in the estuary. Fun for all ages.	Ed Center or Crossdike Pavilion	30 Minutes
Endangered Species	Habitats throughout the world are disappearing and affecting species everywhere. Come discover endangered species of Southwest Florida and what you can do to help them. Fun for all ages.	Ed Center	30 Minutes
Florida Manatees (Entrance fee applies)	Explore the world of one of America's threatened species, the Florida Manatee, as it faces a challenging future. Find out what you can do to help save this species. Fun for all ages.	Crossdike Pavilion	30 Minutes
Gators & Crocs (Entrance fee applies)	Is it an alligator or a crocodile? Learn about the Order Crocodylia, including crocodiles, gharials, alligators, and caimans. Learn how to identify families and local species in the refuge. Fun for all ages.	Crossdike Pavilion	30 Minutes
"Ding" The Man <i>75th Anniversary Special</i>	Did you know that "Ding" Darling was an actual person -- and a famous one at that? Learn about the Refuge's namesake, check out some never-before-seen memorabilia from his life as a Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist, and learn about his renowned conservation achievements.	Visitor & Ed Cntr	30 Minutes
Story & Wildlife Wonders	Join a naturalist for story-time at our Refuge and learn about different wildlife that call this Refuge home!	Visitor & Ed Cntr	30 Minutes
Nature Photography	Get back to nature! Learn the art of nature photography.	Visitor & Ed Cntr	30 Minutes
Horseshoe Crabs	Learn why this "living fossil" is not a "true crab" and its importance to migrating shorebirds and the medical field.	Visitor & Ed Cntr	30 Minutes
Florida's Venomous Wildlife	Come learn about the interesting venomous wildlife in the area.	Visitor & Ed Cntr	30 Minutes

LECTURE SERIES: Fridays at 10am and 1pm in the Visitor and Education Center. See Lecture Series handout for schedule.

FILM SERIES: Select Wednesdays in the Visitor & Education Center. Held every other week – see Film Series schedule or visit: dingdarlingsociety.org for more information