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Caption: Admission to Wildlife Drive is usually \$5 per vehicle, and \$1 per biker or hiker over age 15.

‘Ding’ Darling announces closings, fee-free days

J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island announces a schedule of day closings and free admission days for November.

In observance of Veterans Day, the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center and business offices will close the entire day on Friday, Nov. 10, and possibly early on the afternoon of Thursday, Nov. 9. Tarpon Bay Explorers, and Bailey Tract will remain open for normal operating hours those days. Wildlife Drive is also closed on Nov. 10, as it is every Friday.

However, to honor Veterans Day, Wildlife Drive will be open free to the public that weekend on Saturday, Nov. 11, and Sunday, Nov. 12.

The refuge visitor center and offices will also close on Wednesday, Nov. 15, due to a staff education day, and again on Thursday, Nov. 23, for Thanksgiving Day. Wildlife Drive and Bailey Tract will remain open for normal operating hours those days. Tarpon Bay Explorers will end rentals at noon on Thanksgiving and close at 2 p.m.

For questions about closings and fee-free days, call the refuge at 239-472-1100.

ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 239-472-1100 ext. 4 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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