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Caption: Every Friday at 9:30 p.m., refuge educators lead a narrated Beach Walk from Perry Tract at

Gulfside City Park.

Free refuge programs begin Jan. 7

J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge has announced its calendar of daily free tours and programs

for winter 2019. The seasonal calendar begins on Monday, Jan. 7, 2019, and runs through Sunday, April

28.

Daily programs begin at 8:30 a.m. and include such diverse activities as Nature Photography, Beach

Walk, Endangered Species, and Indigo Trail Walk.

"We have something for visitors of all ages," said supervisory refuge ranger Toni Westland. "The free

refuge programs and tours last anywhere from a half hour to two hours."

For a full calendar of programs and tours and descriptions, visit

dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/free-refuge-programs. Free educational programs are made possible

through support from the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS).

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 profits.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit <u>dingdarlingsociety.org</u> or contact Birgie Miller at

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