

## PRESS RELEASE

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Caption:

### **Refuge celebrates National Wildlife Day on Feb. 24**

Take a free guided bike tour, play wildlife trivia games, watch a free film, and take advantage of Refuge Nature Store specials during National Wildlife Day at J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge, Sanibel Island, on Monday, Feb. 24.

Bring your own bike and helmet to join the 4-mile bike tour at 9 a.m. and meet at the parking lot flagpole. Win prizes in Wildlife Jeopardy for adults and Kids’ Wildlife Trivia in the afternoon. A free showing of the Our Planet film *Coastal Seas* takes place at 2:45 p.m. in the refuge Visitor & Education Center auditorium. The first 20 to show up for the event will receive a 10 percent discount coupon for the Refuge Nature Store.

“My interns and I decided to celebrate this special day by drawing attention to and educating people about wildlife and the importance of its preservation,” said conservation educator Sara Hallas, whose team is organizing the event.

Below is the full schedule for wildlife-friendly and free fun throughout the day:

- 9-11 a.m. – Free guided 4-mile bike tour, meet at the flagpole with your bicycle
- 12 noon- 1 p.m. – Wildlife Jeopardy with prizes in the Visitor & Education Center Classroom
- 1:30-2:30 p.m. – Kids’ Wildlife Trivia (device with cellular data required) with prizes in the Visitor & Education Center Classroom
- 2:45-3:35 p.m. – Free showing of the Our Planet film *Coastal Seas* in the Visitor & Education Center Auditorium

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge supports the National Wildlife Day celebration at the refuge. For more information, call 239-472-1100 ext. 236 or visit [dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/events](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/events).

#### 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 [dingdarlingsociety.org](http://dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-472-1100 ext. 4 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

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