

Miami-Dade Parks Events

Come play with us!

Miami-Dade Parks January 2008 Calendar of Events

January 1 – 6, 5 pm – midnight

Santa's Enchanted Forest

Admission: \$23.50 for adults, \$15.50 for children 10 and under

Tropical Park Equestrian Center

7900 SW 40th Street

(305) 559-9689

January 2 – January 4, 9 am - 4:30 pm.

(Early drop-off 7:30 am - 9 am & Late pick-up 4:30 - 6 pm)

Winter Kids Camp

Ages 6-13; Camp fee is \$180 for six-day session or \$90 for three-day session. Early drop off and late pick up fee: \$8 per child, per day. Registration is required. Please note there is a \$10 registration fee. Children, ages 6-13, will learn about history, archeology and nature by taking part in a series of hands-on activities.

Deering Estate at Cutler,

16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami

305-235-1668

January 3, 7:00 – 9:00 pm (and February 7)

Nite Hike

Free with admission: Adults \$7; Children \$5.

Experience the woods and it's wildlife as it comes to life at night.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami

305-235-1668

January 4, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. (and February 1)

EcoAdventures: GREYNOLDS' CREATURES OF THE NIGHT HIKE.

\$5/Person. Meet at Greynolds Park Boathouse and enjoy a PowerPoint presentation and naturalist guided nature walk through Greynolds Park, and learn about the nocturnal creatures that are active at night! Reservations are required.

17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach

(305) 948-2891

January 5, 13 and 26, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (and February 3, 17 and 23)

January 19, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. (and February 9)

January 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (and February 24)

EcoAdventures: MATHESON HAMMOCK CANOE TOUR

\$25.00 Adults, \$15.00 Children (Ages 7-14)

Join a park naturalist as you canoe through winding creeks, over sea grass beds, and through mangrove forests rich in wildlife such as wading birds, raccoons and marine invertebrates. Reservations required.

Castle Harbor Sailing School at Matheson Hammock Park & Marina

9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami

(305) 365-3018

January 5, 12, 19 and 26, 10:00am-1:00pm

EcoAdventures: Greynolds' Historic Oleta River Canoe Trip.

\$25/Adult \$15/Child (Ages 7-14).

The beauty of the Oleta River has drawn man to its shore for centuries. Relive the river's historic past with park naturalist guides as you explore this natural haven for wading birds, osprey, fish and the endangered West Indian Manatee. Reservations are required. Meet at Greynolds Park Boathouse. 17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach
(305) 365-3018

January 5 – February 9, 10:30-12 pm (Saturdays)

February 23 - March 29, 10:30 -12 pm (Saturdays)

Tai Chi

\$60 each session

Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Avenue, Miami.

(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

January 5, 2:00 pm (and February 2)

Architecture Tour

Free with admission: Adults \$7; Children \$5.

Discover the architectural features of some of South Florida's earliest buildings! The Richmond Cottage was built between 1896 and 1916 and is one of the finest remaining examples of South Florida Vernacular Architecture. The Stone House, built in 1922, is a unique example of Florida Mediterranean Revival style architecture.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami.

(305) 235-1668

January 6, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

EcoAdventures: EVERGLADES SWAMP TROMP

\$45.00 Adults, \$15.00 Children (Ages 7-14). Saturday, and Sunday March 30th. Join our naturalist guides and explore a Cypress Swamp. Once there, you will go slough slogging through knee deep waters and enter a Cypress dome habitat. This is your opportunity to truly learn about and immerse yourself in the Everglades and its beauty. Reservations required.

AD Barnes Nature Center

3401 SW 72 Avenue, Miami

(305) 365-3018

January 8 - February 12, 6-7:30 pm. (Tuesdays)

January 9 - February 13, 10-11:30 am. (Wednesday)

Yoga

\$60 each session

Learn how to relax, meditate and relieve stress.

Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Avenue, Miami.

(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

January 10 - February 7 (Thursdays)

February 20 - March 27 (Thursdays)

Pilates

\$60 each session

Focus on improving flexibility and strength with movements that engage your body and mind.

Deering Estate, 16701 SW 72 Avenue, Miami.

(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

January 11, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. (and February 8)

EcoAdventures: CRANDON PARK'S SUNSET & MOONLIGHT KAYAK ADVENTURE

\$40.00/Adult, \$ 15.00/Child (Ages 9-14). Residents: \$ 35.00/Adult, \$15.00/Child (Ages 9-14).

View a spectacular South Florida sunset from the seat of a kayak as we paddle through the waters of Bear Cut and explore the forgotten and secret part of Key Biscayne by light of the rising full moon. Reservations are required.. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center. 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL 33149, Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance (305) 365-3018

January 11 and 25, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
EcoAdventures: ARCH CREEK'S CAMPFIRE.
\$5/Person

Enjoy an old-fashioned family campfire, complete with roasting marshmallows! Reservations are required. Meet at the Arch Creek Museum. 1855 NE 135th Street, North Miami (305) 944-6111

January 12, 7:30 am – 10:30 am (and February 9)
Bird Walk

Free with admission: Adults \$7; Children \$5.
Join one of the naturalist guides in search of some of the Deering Estate's estimated 170 perennial and migratory bird species.
Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami.
(305) 235-1668

January 12, 9am – 12pm (and February 2)
EcoAdventures: NEW! MATHESON HAMMOCK SURF N' TURF TOUR
\$10.00/person

Join a park naturalist as you hike and wade through a Hardwood Hammock and the shallows of Biscayne Bay. Learn about our native birds, including wading and migratory songbirds. Reservations required. Meet at the main park entrance parking lot at 9610 Old Cutler Road, Miami (305) 662-4124

January 12 and 26, 7:00 – 9:30 pm (and February 9 and 23)
EcoAdventures: CAMPFIRE AND NIGHT WALKS.
\$5/Person.

Join park naturalists to learn about scary nighttime critters and then search for them on the nature trail after dark. Afterwards, enjoy a campfire with marshmallow roast and star viewing with Southern Cross Astronomical Society . Reservations are required.
Bill Sadowski Park
17555 SW 79 Ave. Miami, FL 33157
(305) 255-4767

January 12 and 13, 8 am – 12 pm
Florida Paso Fino Horse Show
FREE to spectators
Tropical Park Equestrian Center
7900 SW 40th Street
(786) 797-5784

January 12, 9 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday Kid's Camp: "Mangrove Wetlands"
\$30 per child; \$10 one-time annual camp registration fee.
This is a hands-on, site specific program that focuses on nature, archeology, arts and science for children ages 6-10.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

January 12 – February 25

Solo Exhibition

FREE

Roxcy O'Neal Bolton Women's History Gallery at Women's Park
10251 W. Flagler Street
305.480.1717

January 12 and 13, 10 am- 5 pm

Redland Festival

Admission: \$6 (children under 12 admitted free)

A traditional at the Park since 1976, this annual festival features local arts and crafts, a large selection of tropical plants and great food. Children's activities include a petting zoo, pony rides, an interactive puppet and magic show, and a wild and wonderful Everglades reptile show.

Fruit and Spice Park
24801 SW 187th Avenue
(305) 247-5727 or www.fruitandspicepark.org

January 13, 8:00 am – 11:00 am (and February 10)

EcoAdventures: Deering Estate at Cutler - Chicken Key Canoe Tour

Adults \$25; Children (ages 9-14) \$15.

Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

January 13, 20 and 27, 9:00 am

EcoAdventures: Greynolds Park Guided Nature Walks

\$3/Person. Meet at the Greynolds Park Boathouse and explore the park trails through different ecosystems and learn about plants and animals that inhabit the area. Reservations are required.

17530 West Dixie Hwy., North Miami Beach
(305) 948-2891

January 16 and 30, 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm

EcoAdventures: ARCH CREEK'S GHOST TOURS.

\$5/Person. Join our naturalists for an introduction to the history of Arch Creek Park that has contributed to its mystery and unexplained paranormal activities. Reservations are required. Meet at the Arch Creek Museum.

1855 NE 135th Street, North Miami
(305) 944-6111

January 17, 8 pm

One Night Stand

Tickets: \$5

Every 3rd Thursday poets and musicians gather at JCA for an open mic night. All are welcome.

Joseph Caleb Auditorium
5400 NW 22nd Avenue
305.636.2350

January 18, 7:30 pm-9:00 pm (and February 15)

EcoAdventures: GREYNOLDS' OWL PROWL

\$5/Person

Meet at Greynolds Park Boathouse and learn about the fascinating life of owls and the importance of the park's natural areas as a habitat for several species of owls. Bring your observation skills - presentation includes a nature walk through the park to listen for owls! Reservations are required.
17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach
(305) 948-2891

January 19, 8 am – 9 pm
WHAF Horse Show
FREE to spectators
Tropical Park Equestrian Center
7900 SW 40th Street, Miami
(786) 312-4872

January 19, 9 am – 12:00 pm
Saturday Kid's Camp: "Reptile Adventure"
\$30 per child; \$10 one-time annual camp registration fee.
This is a hands-on, site specific program that focuses on nature, archeology, arts and science for children ages 6-10.
Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

January 19, 10:00 – 11:00 am (and February 2 and 16)
EcoAdventures: GUIDED FAMILY TRAIL WALKS. \$5/Person.
Discover all about South Florida flora and fauna through a nature walk and short animal presentation. Themes will vary. Reservations are required.
Bill Sadowski Park
17555 SW 79th Ave. Miami, FL 33157
(305) 255-4767

January 19, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (and February 16)
Butterfly Walk
Free with admission: Adults \$7; Children \$5.
Explore various habitats of the Estate while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species. Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

January 19, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm (and February 16)
EcoAdventures: ARCH CREEK'S FAMILY FUN DAYS.
\$5/Person.
Fun for the whole family! Participate in a variety of nature and historic-based activities. Reservations are required. Meet at the Arch Creek Museum.
1855 NE 135th Street, North Miami
(305) 944-6111

January 19, 7 – 11 pm
4th Annual Fine Wines at Fairchild
Garden House
Come join the Palms in their annual signature fundraiser where guests can taste over 100 wines form around the world. Proceeds benefit The Fairchild Challenge, an educational outreach program for middle and high school students.
Fairchild Tropical Gardens, 10901 Old Cutler Road
(305) 667-1651 or www.fairchildgarden.org

January 19, 8 pm
Orchestra Miami Tanti Auguri, Casa Ricordi
Tickets: \$18 - \$58

An all-star opera gala to celebrate the bicentennial of one of the world's greatest music publishing houses featuring Metropolitan opera stars and conducted by Music Director Elaine Rinaldi.
Miami-Dade County Auditorium
2901 W. Flagler Street
305.547.5414 or www.ticketmaster.com

January 19, 8 pm

Butterfly's Tribute to Aaliyah and Janet: A night of dancing from the heart and soul

Tickets: \$26 in advance; \$31 day of show

Joseph Caleb Auditorium
5400 NW 22nd Avenue
305.636.2350

January 20, 7:30 am – 9:00 am (and February 17)

EcoAdventures: ARCH CREEK'S BREAKFAST WITH THE BIRDS.

\$5/Person.

Get a fresh start on your Sunday morning with a dose of nature! This naturalist-led walk gives you and your family an opportunity to learn the basics of bird watching. Refreshments will be provided at the start of the program. Reservations are required. Meet at the Arch Creek Museum.

1855 NE 135th Street, North Miami
(305) 944-6111

January 20, 9:00am – 3:00 pm (and February 10)

EcoAdventures: NEW! CHEKIKI HERP TOUR

\$25.00 Adults, \$15.00 Children (Ages 7-14). Join the naturalist guides of AD Barnes Park on this exciting hike through a Sawgrass Prairie. Learn about our Everglades animals and plants. Reservations required.

AD Barnes Nature Center
3401 SW 72 Ave. Miami, FL
(305) 365-3018

January 20, 2:00 - 4:00 pm (and February 17) *(Please arrive at 1:30 pm)*

Eco Adventures: Deering Estate at Cutler Sunset Cruise on the *Pelican Island Skipper*

\$35 per person.

Take a relaxing trip on the "Pelican Island Skipper" Pontoon Boat and discover South Florida's nature and history. Space is limited.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

January 21, 7:00 – 11:00 pm (and February 20)

Eco Adventures: Deering Estate at Cutler - Moonlight Canoe Tour

\$35 per person (ages 18 and older).

Canoeists will enjoy the moonlit beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

January 24-27, 7 am – 5 pm

Miami Dog Obedience Show

FREE to spectators

Tropical Park Equestrian Center
7900 SW 40th Street
(305) 987-0306

January 26, 9 am – 12:00 pm

Saturday Kid's Camp: "Butterflies Expedition"

\$30 per child; \$10 one-time annual camp registration fee.

This is a hands-on, site specific program that focuses on nature, archeology, arts and science for children ages 6-10.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

January 26, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon (and February 23)

(Meet at the Visitor's Center at 9:45 a.m)

Eco Adventures: Deering Estate at Cutler - Bike Tour

\$15; \$10 ride your own bike.

Ride along the trails and explore the scenic landscapes while learning about the Estate's historic past.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.,
(305) 235-1668 ext. 233

January 26, 8 pm

Los Angeles in Concert

Tickets: \$45 - \$65

Famous 70s rock and roll band from Spain.

Miami-Dade County Auditorium
2901 W. Flagler Street
305.547.5414 or www.ticketmaster.com

January 26 and 27

2nd Annual International Chocolate Festival

Admission: \$ 20 for adults, \$ 10 for children ages 6 – 17

Learn how to make chocolate, sample savory chocolate delights, listen to lectures on the rich history of chocolate, visit the chocolate spa and explore the rainforest to learn how chocolate grows.

Fairchild Tropical Garden
10901 Old Cutler Road
(305) 677-1651 ext. 3344

January 27, 8:00 am – 11:00 am (and February 24)

Eco Adventures: Deering Estate at Cutler - Chicken Key Canoe Tour

Adults \$25; Children (ages 9-14) \$15.

Canoeists will experience the beauty of Biscayne Bay as they make their way to Chicken Key Island, a seven-acre bird rookery.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave., Miami.
(305)235-1668 ext. 233

Saturdays,

Saturday Kid's Camp

9 a.m. – Noon. \$30 per child; \$10 one-time annual camp registration fee. Saturday, December 8. This is a hands-on, site specific program that focuses on nature, archeology, arts and science for children ages 6-10. Call 305-235-1668 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami.

Wheelchair Tennis

9 – 11 a.m. Free. For wheelchair users 12 and older. Call Ingrid for registration 305-752-4966.
Big Five Tennis Club, 9299 SW 7 Terr., Miami.

Goalball Team

2 – 4 p.m. Free. Saturdays. For ages 14 and up who are blind or visually impaired. Call Zarron Brown at 305-380-9106. NFL YET Center at Gwen Cherry Park, 7090 NW 22 Avenue, Miami.

Deering Historic Tours

10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m. Daily. Free with admission: Adults \$7; Children \$5. This tour highlights the history surrounding the Deering Estate at Cutler and the story of Charles Deering. Guests will visit the 1st and 2nd Floors of the Stone House and Richmond Cottage, as well as the basement/wine cellar of the Stone House. Call 305-235-1668 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami.

Natural Areas Tours

12:30 p.m. Daily. Free with admission – Adults \$7; Children \$5. Join a Naturalist Guide as they walk in the footsteps of Florida's first peoples. Hike through a lush forest of tropical hardwood trees and clinging vines down the Native American footpath that, near the end of the nineteenth century, would become the first Cutler Road/Ingram Highway. Call 305-235-1668 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami.

Architecture Tour

2 p.m. Free with admission – Adults \$7; Children \$5. Discover the architectural features of some of South Florida's earliest buildings! The Richmond Cottage was built between 1896 and 1916 and is one of the finest remaining examples of South Florida Vernacular Architecture. The Stone House, built in 1922, is a unique example of Florida Mediterranean Revival style architecture. Call 305-235-1668 for more information. Deering Estate at Cutler, 16701 SW 72nd Ave., Miami.

EcoAdventures: Crandon Park Heritage Tram Tours

\$2/Adult, \$1/Children, minimum 10 people. Available Upon Request / Reservation Required 305-361-6767 ext. 112. Enjoy a tram ride through the Bear Cut Preserve. Learn about the island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. From the Tequesta Indians to the pirates and pioneers, it's been an amazing journey. **Located at 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL 33149, Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.**

Tram rides also available upon request for birthday parties, corporate events and other special events.

EcoAdventures: ARCH CREEK TRAIL TOURS

10 – 11 a.m. \$5/Person. Saturdays. Join a naturalist guided tour through a Tropical Hardwood Hammock where you will find an assortment of interesting plants native to South Florida. **Reservations are required. 305-944-6111 Meet at the Arch Creek Museum. 1855 NE 135th Street, North Miami.**

EcoAdventures: BEAR CUT PRESERVE NATURE WALKS

9 a.m. & 12 p.m. \$3/Person. Saturdays & Sundays. Enjoy a leisurely walk along one of the many trails of Bear Cut Preserve. Learn about butterflies, birds and the many plant and animal species that inhabit the coastal environments of South Florida. Bring your binoculars along and your water shoes in tow! **305-361-6767 ext. 112. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL 33149, Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.**

EcoAdventures: KAYAK RENTALS

Fully equipped "sit on top" ocean kayak rentals and snorkeling equipment available.

Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays

Time: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Fee: Single or 2 Person Kayak: \$15/Hour or \$30/3 Hours.

Snorkeling Gear Rental: \$7 Daily.

Telephone #'s: Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center at 305-361-6767 Ext. 112 or Kayak Concession at 305-365-3067.

Address: Located at 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL 33149, Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance. Kayak Aquatic Concession located on the beach southeast of the Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center.

Sundays

EcoAdventures: GREYNOLDS PARK GUIDED NATURE WALKS

9 a.m. \$5/Person. Also Saturdays. Explore the park trails through different ecosystems and learn about plants and animals that inhabit the area. **Reservations are required. 305-948-2891 Meet at the Greynolds Park Boathouse 17530 West Dixie Hwy., North Miami Beach.**

Mondays

EcoAdventures: CRANDON PARK VISITORS AND BISCAYNE NATURE CENTER

9 a.m – 4 p.m. \$5/Vehicle, \$10/Bus. Monday – Sunday (Year-round)

The Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center is your gateway to the Bear Cut Preserve, a 264-acre natural barrier island habitat located on the northern tip of Key Biscayne. Guided tours and educational programs are offered year round for all ages - from low tide marine beach and wading tours, to bird watching, canoeing, kayaking, snorkeling and bicycling. Visit the center's exhibit room and aquariums with different recreated underwater habitats. Self-guided nature trails are available. Trail Guides are available in the Nature Center. **For more information please call (305) 361-6767. Located at 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL 33149, Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance.**

Tuesdays

Tai Chi

9:45 – 11 a.m. Free, Tuesday and Thursday. Call Zarron Brown, 305-380-9106. Westwind Lakes Park, 6805 SW 152 Avenue, Miami.