



Eco ADVENTURE TOURS Newsletter

Come And Discover The "WILD" Side Of Miami! Great Winter Adventures In The Outdoors!

Winter is the best season to experience South Florida's pleasant weather and great outdoors. You are invited to explore many of Miami-Dade Park's natural and historical treasures on one of our great Eco-Adventure tours. Whether you are an avid nature lover, a history buff, or simply looking for a different outdoor experience, Miami-Dade Park's

Eco-Adventure Tours has the right stuff to motivate you to explore and have fun in the great outdoors. Hiking, bicycling, canoeing, kayaking, snorkeling, and Everglades swamp tromps are just a few of the activities you will experience. Check out the schedule of dates and times for these activities. We guarantee it will be an adventure!

Bike Trips

Join others who enjoy the crisp outdoors on a variety of Eco-Adventures bike tours. Check out our new bike tour at MetroZoo that combines the sights and sounds of the zoo as you peddle through pineland paths as well preview some of the animal exhibits. For all bike tours, unless otherwise stated, bring a snack, water, and sunscreen. Customized tours can be arranged for groups of six or more. Registration required. Call the Eco-Adventures Office at (305) 365-3018. Sign up now for one of the following naturalist guided tours:



NEW! ECO-BIKE TOUR AT METROZOO

Saturdays
January 8, 2005,
February 12, 2005
March 19, 2005
Time: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Fee: \$25.00/Person - Includes bike & helmet rental and bottled water.
\$20.00/Person - Ride your own bike
- Includes a pass for a future zoo visit.

Join the naturalists from Castellow Hammock Park on this leisurely paced round-trip bike tour through endangered pine rockland habitat that surrounds Miami MetroZoo to view native birds and plants. In partnership with Miami MetroZoo you will learn about their conservation efforts to manage the pine rockland and get an up-close glimpse of the zoo before hours as the animals and keepers are beginning their day. After your bike adventure, you can spend the day at the zoo experiencing many of the wildlife exhibits and fun activities, or come back another day. **Pre-registration is required call (305) 365-3018. Meet in front of the campground store in Larry and Penny Thompson Park's Campground.**

REDLAND HISTORIC BIKE TOUR

Sunday, January 16, 2005
Saturday, February 5 & March 5, 2005
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Fee: \$ 25.00/Person - Includes bike & helmet rental and bottled water.
\$ 20.00/Person - Ride your own bike.

Rated: Moderate (12-mile tour)
Join Castellow Hammock Park naturalists on this leisurely-paced 3-hour, 12-mile bike tour through the Redland with a stopover at Redland Fruit & Spice Park. **Meet at Castellow Hammock Park.**

EVERGLADES WILDFLOWER BIKE TOUR

Saturday, March 26, 2005
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fee: \$ 25.00/Person - Includes bike & helmet rental and bottled water.
\$ 20.00/Person - Ride your own bike.
Plus Everglades National Park entrance fee (\$10/car)

Join naturalists Roger Hammer and Janeen Feiger on this leisurely paced 12-mile bike tour on Long Pine Key in Everglades National Park, with a rest stop at Pine Glades Lake at the halfway point. Bring a light lunch. **Meet at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center.**

CRANDON PARK'S KEY BISCAYNE HERITAGE BIKE TOUR

Saturdays
January 1 & 29, 2005
February 5 & 26, 2005
March 5 & 26, 2005
Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Sundays
January 2 & 30, 2005
February 6 & 27, 2005
March 6 & 27, 2005
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Fee: \$ 25.00/Person - Includes bike & helmet rental
\$ 20.00/Person - Bring your own bike (Helmets Required)
Rated: Easy to Moderate

Explore beautiful Key Biscayne as you bike along the streets and beachfront paths of this barrier island. Learn about the natural and historical events, which created the Key Biscayne of today. **Reservations are required. Call (305) 365-3018. On Sundays and holidays, please call the Crandon Visitors and Nature Center at (305) 361-6767. Meet at the Crandon Visitors and Nature Center, Parking Lot # 1, North Beach entrance.**

NEW! EVERGLADES PEDDLE-PADDLE ADVENTURE

Saturday, February 26, 2005
Sunday, March 6, 2005
Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fee: \$ 35.00/Person
Rated: Moderate
All equipment is provided including bikes, helmets, canoes, and life vests.
Join the naturalists from Castellow Hammock Park on this leisurely bike ride along historic Aerojet Road with a stop at one of the region's best birding locations. At the end of this 3.5-mile bike ride hop in a canoe for a relaxed 4-mile journey along the border of Everglades National Park. See wintering and wading birds, cypress swamps, Everglades prairie and more. **Reservations required. Call (305) 365-3018 for meeting location and further information.**

Wilderness Adventure Tours

Pack your "Sense of Adventure" and enjoy exploring and learning about the places where you live with a new perspective. Join Miami-Dade Park naturalist guides and travel to some of the most unique and beautiful parks and preserves of southern Florida. We take pride in minimizing impact on the environment while you encounter the magic of places like the Everglades, Big Cypress Swamp, and the Upper Florida Keys. For your comfort, you will be transported to all the tour sites in our air-conditioned 15-passenger Eco-vans. What To Bring? Lunch and snack, water (1 quart minimum), sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent, shoes you don't mind getting wet, and dress for weather. **For all tour reservations, call (305) 365-3018.**

BIG CYPRESS SWAMP TROMP

Saturday, January 15, 2005
Sunday, February 13 & March 20, 2005
Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Fee: \$40.00/Person
Rated: Easy to Moderate (Wading tour through cypress swamps)
Join the naturalists from A.D. Barnes Park on this fun hike exploring wet prairies, sloughs and cypress swamps. Heighten your awareness by looking for wildflowers and the animals that call these habitats home. Bring a change of dry shoes. **Meet at the A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center. For group and customized tours, call Eco-Adventures at (305) 365-3018.**

LOXAHATCHEE ARTHUR R. MARSHALL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Sunday, February 6, 20 & March 13 & 27, 2005
Time: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Fee: \$ 40.00/Adult, \$ 15.00/Child (Ages 9-17)
Rated: Easy (A walking tour on trails & boardwalks)
Spend a day exploring the northern Everglades with Greynolds Park naturalists. This tour features a cypress swamp boardwalk and marsh trail exploration. Spot wading birds, hawks, alligators, and wintering waterfowl. Bring binoculars, bird guides, lunch and drink. **Meet at the Greynolds Park Boathouse.**

BIG CYPRESS SWAMP EXPLORATION

Friday, January 7, 2005
Saturday, January 29 & March 5, 2005
Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Fee: \$ 40.00/Person
Rated: Easy (A walking tour on trails & boardwalks)
On this naturalist-guided tour of the Big Cypress Swamp National Preserve, a watery wilderness of over 700,000 acres, you will cross the historic Tamiami Trail to Turner River Road. You will see an abundance of wildlife from alligators to Zebra butterflies, including the endangered Everglades Snail Kite. On Turner Road, the tour frequently stops to view and learn about colorful wildflowers and wading birds that inhabit this area. The road ends at Bear Island where you will enjoy a lunch break in the great outdoors! **Meet at the Crandon Visitors and Nature Center.**

FAKAHATCHEE SWAMP ECO-ADVENTURE TOUR

Friday, February 4, 2005
Saturday, February 12, 2005
Time: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Fee: \$ 40.00/Person
Rated: Moderate (A wet wading tour through cypress swamps and former logging roads.)
This is wild Florida at its best! Follow an informative naturalist guide into the heart of the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve. In this vast and picturesque swamp, you will discover some of the rarest plants in Florida including the Ghost Orchid. Your footprints can mingle with those of the Florida panther, black bear, and Everglades mink. Travel along historic Jane's Scenic Highway and walk along old logging roads created to harvest cypress trees in the 1940's. Prepare for a rugged adventure. Bring a change of dry shoes. **Meet at the Crandon Visitors and Nature Center.**

Kayaking Adventure Tours

Experience the beauty of South Florida's coastal waters from the seat of an ocean kayak. Led by Crandon Adventures naturalist guides, tours will introduce the natural history and ecology of the warm tropical waters of Biscayne Bay and offshore of Crandon Park's Bear Cut Preserve. These tours are designed and rated for a wide range of kayaking abilities. Fee includes all kayaking equipment. For all kayak tours, unless otherwise stated, bring snacks, water (1-quart minimum), sunscreen, insect repellent, long-sleeved shirt, and a wide-brimmed hat. Participants 18 years of age and younger are welcome after completing a Release of Liability



form by a parent or legal guardian. County regulations require life vests to be worn at all times. **Please call the Eco-tourism office at (305) 365-3018 for all kayak tour reservations.**

CRANDON PARK'S KEY BISCAYNE KAYAK TOUR

Two person "sit on top" kayaks
Saturdays and Sundays
Times: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon and 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Fee: \$25.00/Person
Group rates also available.
Children (Ages 9-17 years) are welcome after completing a Release of Liability form signed by a parent or legal guardian.
Rated: Easy to Moderate
Kayak along the beautiful crystal clear waters of Key Biscayne and Crandon Park's Bear Cut Preserve. Explore and discover the colorful tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, cushion stars, herons and other animals that share this fragile and unique sanctuary. Please note the average water temperatures during January - March is 70 degrees F. - 73 degrees F., so look for Kayak & Snorkeling Tours to return in March. **Reservations are required. Call (305) 365-3018. On Sundays and Holidays, please call the Crandon Visitors and Nature Center directly at (305) 361-6767. Meet at the Crandon Visitors and Nature Center, Parking Lot # 1, North Beach entrance.**

NatureCenters

Nature Walks and Parks Programs

ARCH CREEK PARK AND NATURE CENTER

1855 N.E. 135 Street
North Miami, Florida
Phone: (305) 944-6111

ARCH CREEK TRAIL TOURS

Saturdays
Time: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Fee: \$3.00/Person

A naturalist-guided tour through a native tropical hardwood hammock where the pioneers of North Miami once lived and the prehistoric Tequesta Indians thrived for hundreds of years living off the land. **For special group tours call (305) 944-6111. Meet at the Arch Creek Museum.**

ARCH CREEK GHOST TOURS

Wednesdays
January 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2005
February 2, 9, 16 & 23, 2005
March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 2005
Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Fee: \$5.00/Person

Join Arch Creek Park naturalist Eric King on a guided night tour of the park and learn about its spooky past. Hear personal accounts of ghostly encounters that have occurred since the late 1800's. **Call (305) 944-6111 for reservations at least 1 day in advance. Special group tours are available by reservation. Meet at the Arch Creek Museum.**

ARCH CREEK PARK FAMILY FUN DAYS IN THE PARK

Sundays
January 2, 16, & 30, 2005
February 13 & 27, 2005
March 13 & 27, 2005
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Fee: \$5.00/Person

Bring the whole family for a fun Sunday afternoon adventure at Arch Creek Park. Go on an archaeological dig, make pottery like the Tequesta Indians, and hike along our nature trails discovering plants and animals. **For reservations call (305) 944-6111. Meet at the Arch Creek Park Museum.**

ARCH CREEK JUNIOR NATURALIST PROGRAM

Saturday Afternoon's Special Topics:
February 5 - Park History (Indians & Pioneers)
February 12 - Plants
February 19 - Insects & Spiders
February 26 - Reptiles
March 5 - Birds
March 12 - Mammals
Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Fee: \$ 5.00/Child (Ages 6-10)

Hey kids! Bring your parents and participate in Arch Creek's Junior Naturalist Program and have fun learning about the park's neat plants and wildlife. Each week a different theme will be offered and each child will receive a certificate at the completion of the program. **For more information and reservations please call (305) 944-6111. Meet at the Arch Creek Park Museum.**

A.D. BARNES PARK - SENSE OF WONDER NATURE CENTER

3701 S.W. 72 Avenue
Miami, Florida
Phone: (305) 662-4124

SELF-GUIDED NATURE TRAIL

Daily - Time: 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Explore one of the few remaining native Slash pine-rockland and tropical hardwood hammock plant communities remaining in South Miami. Discover rare plants, colorful butterflies, and migratory birds. Nature trail is fully accessible. Stop at the Nature Center for a trail guide and bird checklist. **For group tour reservations call (305) 662-4124.**

A.D. BARNES PARK NATURE NIGHT TOURS

Wednesdays
January 26, 2005
February 9 & 23, 2005
March 9 & 23, 2005
Time: 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Fee: \$ 4.00/Person

Take a relaxing tour along the park's paved nature trails at night! Don't forget your flashlight! **Call (305) 662-4124 for reservations. Meet at the A.D. Barnes Nature Center.**

BILL SADOWSKI PARK AND NATURE CENTER

17555 S.W. 79 Avenue
Miami, Florida
Phone: (305) 255-4767

SELF-GUIDED NATURE TRAIL

The Park provides a self-guided nature trail system through lush tropical hardwood hammocks and slash pine rockland communities and the remnants of an Everglades slough ecosystem. **For naturalist-guided tours call (305) 255-4767.**

FAMILY CAMPFIRE & NIGHT WALK

Fridays, January 21 & 28, 2005
Saturdays
January 8, 15, 2005
February 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2005
March 5 & 12, 2005
Time: 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Fee: \$ 5.00/Person

Join park naturalists to learn about 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. **Pre-registration is required. Call (305) 255-4767. Meet at the Bill Sadowski Nature Center.**

CASTELLOW HAMMOCK PARK AND NATURE CENTER

22301 S.W. 162 Avenue
Homestead, Florida
Phone: (305) 242-7688

SELF-GUIDED NATURE TRAIL

Self-guided nature trails lead you through a half-mile tropical hardwood hammock known for its variety of rare plants, animals, and migratory birds. Trail guides are available at the nature center.

BUTTERFLY & HUMMINGBIRD GARDENS

Castellow Hammock Park offers a great opportunity to observe a large variety of native colorful butterflies that are attracted to the park's extensive butterfly demonstration garden. Walk-in visitors are welcomed from dawn to dusk.

OWL WALK

Thursdays
February 17, 2005
March 10 & 31, 2005
Time: 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Fee: \$ 5.00/Person

Bring the entire family and join our Naturalist staff for a guided night tour through a tropical hardwood hammock. Look for Bring a flashlight. **Pre-registration is required, call (305) 242-7688. Meet at the Castellow Hammock Nature Center.**

BACKCOUNTRY FISHING WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 8, 2005
Time: 9:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
Fee: \$ 15.00/Person

Naturalist and avid fisherman, Roger Hammer is offering this popular workshop that will help sharpen your skills when fishing the shallow backcountry waters of south Florida for such popular fish as snook, redfish, tarpon, and sea trout. Fishing techniques; choosing the right bait and tackle; moon phases; understanding tides; fishing the right seasons will be offered during this informative class. **Pre-registration is required, call (305) 242-7688. Meet at the Castellow Hammock Nature Center.**

HUMMINGBIRD & BUTTERFLY GARDENING WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 5, 2005
Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Fee: \$ 15.00/Person

In this popular class, Senior Naturalist Roger Hammer covers all aspects of gardening to help you create an oasis in your own backyard. The class will cover flowering trees, shrubs, vines, and herbaceous plants that will help you attract these winged jewels with nectar, pollen, or as butterfly larval host plants. **Pre-registration is required, call (305) 242-7688. Meet at the Castellow Hammock Nature Center.**

CAMP OWAISSA BAUER OWL WALK & CAMPFIRE

Tuesdays, January 11 & February 7, 2005
Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00PM
Fee: \$ 10.00/Person

Bring the entire family to join our naturalists for a guided night tour through a tropical hardwood hammock followed by a campfire program. Gather around the campfire to roast marshmallows, sing songs, and tell stories. Bring a flashlight. **Pre-registration is required. Call (305) 242-7688. Meet at Camp Owaissa Bauer, 17001 SW 264 Street, Homestead, Florida.**

VALENTINE'S WEEKEND WILDFLOWER TOUR

Sunday, February 13, 2005
Time: 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Fee: \$ 15.00/Person plus Everglades National Park entrance fee (\$10.00/Vehicle)

Join Naturalist Roger Hammer on this leisurely-paced walk on Long Pine Key in Everglades National Park. Wildflowers abound this time of the year in the prairies, pinelands, and hammocks of the Everglades. Meet at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center bookstore. **Pre-registration required call (305) 242-7688.**

CRANDON VISITORS AND NATURE CENTER

6767 Crandon Boulevard
Key Biscayne, Florida
Phone (305) 361-6767

Enter through Parking Lot # 1, North Beach Entrance

Parking Fee: \$ 5.00/Vehicle

The Bear Cut Preserve is a 265-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. **Self-guided nature trails are available. Trail Guides are available in the Nature Center. The Nature Center is open daily, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**

CRANDON PARK'S BEAR CUT PRESERVE

NATURE TRAIL TOURS
Saturdays & Sundays
Time: 10:00 AM

Fee: \$ 2.00/Person

Join a naturalist guided tour through this ecologically hostile, yet fascinating coastal marine environment. **For individual or group tour reservations, call (305) 361-6767. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, Parking Lot # 1, North Beach entrance.**

CRANDON PARK'S BIRD & BUTTERFLY WALKS

Sundays
Time: 8:00 AM
Fee: \$ 3.00/Person

Join a Crandon Park naturalist as you learn the basics of bird watching and butterfly and moth identification. Explore the shoreline and trails of the Bear Cut preserve. This is an excellent program for beginner naturalists. Be sure to bring binoculars! **Reservations are required. Please call the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center at (305) 361-6767. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, Parking Lot #1, North Beach entrance.**



Crandon Visitor's and Nature Center

NEW! CRANDON'S TEEN ORIENTEERING WORKSHOP

Martin Luther King Holiday, Monday, January 17, 2005
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Fee: \$ 10.00/Teen (Ages 13-18)

Learn the basic skills to navigate through the wilderness in this action packed orienteering workshop. **Reservations are required. Please call the Crandon Visitors and Nature Center at (305) 361-6767. Meet at the Crandon Visitors and Nature Center, Parking Lot # 1, North Beach entrance.**

NEW! CRANDON'S LITTLE NATURALIST

Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 17, 2005
Time: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Arbor Day, Friday, January 21, 2005

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Sunday, March 20, 2005

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Fee: \$10.00/Child & Parent (Ages 5 and younger and one parent)

Participate in nature hikes, habitat studies, butterfly and birdwatching, sea turtle programs and much, much more! This is a great family program! **Registration is required. Call the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center at (305) 361-6767.**

PARTIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS—CRANDON PARK

NATIVE PLANT DAY AT CRANDON PARK

Saturday, March 5, 2005

Time: 9:00am - 4:30pm

Parking fee: \$ 5.00/vehicle

Learn everything about south Florida native plants will be covered at this daylong annual event at the Crandon Visitors and Nature Center. Learn about native trees, shrubs, ferns, palms and wildflowers. Enjoy programs by native plant experts; see displays and demonstrations, and go on guided nature walks through the coastal maritime hammock and dunes located in the Bear Cut Preserve. Plant vendors will have a nice selection of native plants for purchase. **Meet at the Crandon Visitors and Nature Center, parking lot # 1, North Beach entrance. For more information call (305) 361-6767.**

DEERING ESTATE AT CUTLER

16701 S.W. 72 Avenue

Miami, Florida

Phone: (305) 235-1668, Ext. 242

DEERING ESTATE HISTORIC & NATURAL AREA TOURS

Daily - Please call for seasonal tour times (305) 235-1668

Times: Estate Opens 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fee: \$ 7.00/Adult, \$ 5.00/Child

(Includes Admission to the Estate and historic homes)

Meet at the Visitor Center

DEERING ESTATE BIRD WALKS

Saturdays

January 8, February 12 & March 19, 2005

Time: 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM

Fee: Free with paid Park Admission - \$ 7.00/Adult, \$ 5.00/Child

Join Deering Estate naturalist Ernie Lent and learn about local and migrating birds at the Deering Estate at Cutler. Explore various habitats of the Park. **Pre-Registration required. Meet at the Visitor Center.**

DEERING ESTATE BUTTERFLY WALKS

Saturdays

January 15, February 19 & March 19, 2005

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Fee: Free with paid Park Admission - \$ 7.00/Adult, \$ 5.00/Child

A Deering Estate naturalist lead butterfly program designed for beginners and experts. Explore various habitats of the Park while finding and identifying numerous butterfly species that inhabit the area. **Pre-Registration required. Meet at the Visitor Center.**

NEW! DEERING ESTATE NIGHT WALKS

Thursdays

January 6, February 3 & March 12, 2005

Time: 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Fee: Free with paid Park Admission - \$ 7.00/Adult, \$ 5.00/Child

Take a guided hike through the natural areas looking for night critters. **Pre-Registration required. For more information call (305) 235-1668, Ext. 242.**

GREYNOLDS PARK

17530 W. Dixie Highway
North Miami Beach, Florida
Phone (305) 948-2891

GREYNOLDS PARK GUIDED HISTORIC NATURE TOUR

Saturdays & Sundays

Time: 2:00 PM

Fee: \$ 3.00/Person

See animals in their natural surroundings and learn about the park's plants and wildlife by visiting one of two northern Miami-Dade County's relatively intact hardwood hammocks. Don't forget to bring a water bottle. **Reservations are required, call (305) 948-2891. Meet at the Greynolds Boathouse Visitors Center.**

GREYNOLDS PARK CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Saturdays, February 12 & 26, 2005

Saturdays, March 12 & 26, 2005

Time: 4:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Begins at the Boathouse

Fee: \$ 15.00/Person

Enjoy an evening around a campfire at Camp Greynolds. Meet at the Greynolds Park Boathouse to begin the program with a nature hike learning about medicinal, edible and other important plants to our local Native Americans. Then go on an Oleta River canoe trip from Greynolds Park over to the campground's archeological campfire ring. Enjoy relaxing around by the campfire listening to Native American nature based stories, roasting marshmallows, and craft making. **Reservations are required call (305) 948-2891. Meet at the Greynolds Boathouse Visitors Center.**

GREYNOLDS PARK OWL WALK

Thursdays, February 10 & 24; & March 10 & 24, 2005

Saturdays, February 12 & March 12, 2005

Time: 7:00 PM

Fee: \$ 5.00/Person

Join Greynolds Park naturalists exploring along park trails for the elusive Eastern Screech Owl and other creatures of the night. Bring a flashlight. **Reservations are required call (305) 948-2891. Meet at the Boathouse.**



Canoe Trips

Winter's cooler temperatures and lower humidity provide ideal conditions for canoeing. Explore the tropical waters in our urban and wilderness parks. Be sure to check the rating for the trip itself. Most are easy to moderate. For all the canoe trips, unless otherwise stated, bring snacks, water (1-quart minimum), sunscreen, insect repellent, a wide brimmed hat and shoes you can get wet.

Fee includes all canoeing equipment. Participants 18 years of age and younger are welcome after completing a Release of Liability form by a parent or guardian. County regulations require life vests to be worn at all times by all participants.

Please call (305) 365-3018 for all canoe trips reservations and more information unless otherwise stated.

BILL SADOWSKI PARK TO CORAL REEF PARK CANOE TOUR

Sunday, January 30, February 27, March 13, 2005

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Fee: \$ 25.00/Adult, \$ 15.00/Child (Age 14 and under)

Rated: Moderate

Take a leisurely paddle to Coral Reef Park in search of wildlife, have a rest and snack, and head back in time to enjoy a beautiful sunset and flocks of ibis heading to roost. An adult must accompany children under 18 years. Meet at Bill Sadowski Park.

BILL SADOWSKI PARK VALENTINE'S DAY SUNSET CANOE TOUR

Sunday, February 13, 2005

Time: 2:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Fee: \$ 25.00/Adult, \$15.00/Child (Age 14 and under)

Rated: Moderate

Paddle to Coral Reef Park in search of wildlife and then head back to the park in time to enjoy a beautiful sunset and picnic. An adult must accompany children under 18 years. Meet at Bill Sadowski Park.

CHAPMAN FIELD CANOE TOUR

Saturday, January 22 & March 12, 2005

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Fee: \$ 25.00/Adult, \$ 15.00/Child (Age 14 and under)

Rated: Moderate

Join the naturalists from Castellow Hammock on this leisurely paced canoe tour through scenic mangrove creeks and along the shore of Biscayne Bay. This area is inhabited by a variety of birds and sea life. Pre-Registration is required. Meet at Chapman Field, 13601 Old Cutler Road

CRANDON PARK'S BAYSIDE CANOE ADVENTURE

Saturdays

Time: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Sundays

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Holidays

Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 17, 2005

Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Valentine's Day, Monday, February 14, 2005

President's Day, Monday, February 21, 2005

Time: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Fee: \$ 40.00/Adult, \$ 15.00/Child (Age 14 and under)

Residents: \$ 25.00/Adult, \$ 15.00/Child (Age 14 and under)

Group rates also available.

Rated: Easy to Moderate

This naturalist-led canoe tour explores the forgotten and secret part of Key Biscayne. Explore this peaceful water wilderness where wildlife flourishes among the mangrove fringes. Meet at the Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center.

DEERING ESTATE'S CHICKEN KEY CANOE TOUR

Saturdays & Sundays

Time: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Fee: \$ 25.00/Adult, \$ 15.00/Children (Ages 9 – 14 years)

Rated: Beginner to Expert

Join Deering Estate naturalists for this guided canoe tour of Biscayne Bay and explore the historic island named Chicken Key. Discover wildlife that inhabits the coastal waters of the bay. Canoe excursions are weather-dependent. Reservations are required. Call (305) 235-1668, Ext. 242. Meet at the Deering Estate Visitor Center.

DEERING ESTATE'S "MOONLIGHT CANOE" EXCURSION

Tuesday, January 25, 2005

Thursday, February 24, 2005

Friday, March 25, 2005

Time: 7:00 PM– 11:00 PM

Fee: \$ 35.00/Adult (Ages 18 and older only)

Rated: Beginner to Expert

Glide across Biscayne Bay to Chicken Key under the light of the full moon. Canoe excursions are weather dependent. Space is limited on this popular tour. Reservations are required. Call (305) 235-1668 Ext. 242. Meet at the Deering Estate Visitor Center.

GREYNOLDS PARK HISTORIC OLETA RIVER CANOE TOUR

Saturdays

January 8, 15, 22 & 29, 2005

February 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2005

March 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2005

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00PM

Fee: \$ 25.00/Adult, \$15.00/Child (Age 14 and under)

Rated: Moderate

Join Arch Creek naturalist guides to view the many wading birds and other wildlife that inhabit this historic river system. Learn about the Tequesta Indians on a visit to an ancient Indian midden. Please call at least one week in advance. Tour leaves from East Greynolds Park, 16700 Biscayne Blvd. North Miami Beach.

MATHESON HAMMOCK BISCAYNE BAY TOUR

Saturdays and Sundays

Time: 10:00 AM & 4:00 PM

Fee: \$ 25.00/Adult, \$ 15.00/Child (Age 14 and under)

Rated: Easy

Let go of your stress! This tour takes you along the shore of Biscayne Bay exploring the mangrove coastal community and its wildlife. Pre-Registration is required. Meet the A.D. Barnes Park naturalist guides at the Redfish Grill at Matheson Hammock Park.

NEW! METROZOO ECO-CANOE TOUR

Saturday, January 15, February 5 & March 5, 2005

Time: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Fee: \$ 30.00/Adult, \$ 25.00/Child (Age 12 and under)

Includes pass for a future visit

Rated: Easy

In partnership with Miami MetroZoo, join the Eco-Adventure's naturalist staff on this new exciting Eco-canoe tour at the zoo. Be part of the sights and sounds of the zoo in the early morning hours before the zoo opens as you leisurely paddle the backwater lake that is bordered by lush pinelands, dynamic oolitic limestone formations, and related native wildlife. Then upon your return, spend a day at the zoo experiencing many of the wildlife exhibits and fun activities, or come back another day. Meet the Eco-van in front of the zoo for your transportation to the canoe tour launch site. Pre-registration required. Call (305) 365-3018.

WILDERNESS CANOE TOURS

LIGNUM VITAE KEY CANOE TOUR

Sunday, January 16 & February 12, 2005

Time: 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

Fee: \$ 45.00/Person

Rated: Moderate

Includes transportation in an Eco-van.

Join A.D. Barnes Park naturalists on this adventurous canoe tour to the pristine island of Lignum Vitae located in the middle Florida Keys. Return to the Florida of the early 1900's. Explore the island's rare plants, animals, and the historic Matheson homestead. The group will be greeted by a Florida State Park guide to learn about the rich history of this state preserve. Bring lunch, drink, sun protection, and insect repellent. Meet at A.D. Barnes Park's Nature Center at 8:00 AM.

NEW! CHOKOLOOSKEE BAY CANOE TOUR

Saturday, January 22, 2005

Time: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Fee: \$ 45.00/Person

Rated: Moderate

Includes transportation to this West Coast tour site in an Eco-van.

Join A.D. Barnes naturalist staff as you leave behind the urban sprawl for the tranquil wilderness of Chokoloskee Bay on the West Coast of Florida. We will explore parts of Half Way Creek as well the open waters of the Bay where a variety of wading birds, osprey, white pelicans, bottle-nosed dolphin, and other wildlife can be observed. Bring your "sense of adventure" as well as lunch, drink, sun protection, and insect repellent. Meet at A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center at 8:00 AM.

INDIAN KEY CANOE AND SNORKEL TOUR

Saturday, March 26, 2005

Time: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Fee: \$ 45.00/Person

Rated: Moderate

Includes transportation in an Eco-van.

Rental of snorkeling gear is available at an additional fee of \$7.00/Person (Non-Resident) & \$5.00 (Resident)

Indian Key, located in the Middle Keys, was the first government seat of Miami-Dade County. It is now a state historic site rich in history and marine life. On this tour you paddle over to the key, explore the island on foot and don your snorkel gear to explore the clear waters surrounding the key. Bring lunch, drink, and sun protection. Meet at A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center at 8:00 AM.

CANOE WORKSHOPS

BILL SADOWSKI CANOE WORKSHOP

Sundays

January 9, February 6 & March 6, 2005

Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Fee: \$ 20.00/Adult, \$ 15.00/Child (Age 14 and under)

Learn fundamentals of canoeing, including basic strokes, steering, and safety skills. Group will be canoeing on the C-100 waterway behind the park. Please come prepared with sun protection, drinks, and shoes you can get wet. (An adult must accompany children under 18 years). Meet at the Bill Sadowski Nature Center.

Canoeing on the Oleta River



Kayak & Canoe Rentals

KAYAKS

CRANDON PARK VISITORS & NATURE CENTER

6767 Crandon Boulevard, Key Biscayne

Phone: (305) 361-6767

Kayak Aquatic Concession

Phone: (305) 365-3067

Saturdays, Sundays, & Holidays

Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00PM

Call (305) 361-6767 for Weekday Rentals

Rates: 2 Person Kayak: \$10.00/Hour or \$25.00/3 Hours

3 Person Kayak: \$15.00/Hour or \$40.00/3 Hours

\$10.00 Daily Rental – Snorkeling Gear

Rentals at the North Beach Kayak Aquatic Concession,

Southeast of the Visitors & Nature Center

Enter at North Beach Entrance Parking Lot #1

CANOEES

GREYNOLDS PARK BOATHOUSE

17530 West Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach

Phone: (305) 948-2891

Saturdays & Sundays

Time: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Rates: \$ 4.50/Adult, \$ 3.00/Child – Per Half-Hour

Rentals at the Boathouse

BILL SADOWSKI PARK & NATURE CENTER

17555 S.W. 79th Avenue, South Miami

Phone: (305) 255-4767

Saturdays & Sundays

Time: 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Rates: \$ 7.00/Adult, \$ 4.00/Child – Per Hour

Special Group Rentals Available. Rentals at the Nature Center

All participants must sign Rental Agreement. A Release of Liability form must be completed and signed by parent or guardian for participants of minority age (under 18 years of age) for all rentals.

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