

APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS - February 2009

PLEASE NOTE: *all programs are subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling* due to staff limitations, weather conditions, or other factors. Some programs require reservations, a minimum age, or a cost-recovery fee. Call 386-428-3384 for program information during operating hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). www.nps.gov/cana. Entrance fees apply to all interpretive program participants. All programs meet the requirements for the Canaveral National Seashore Junior Ranger program.

PONTOON BOAT CRUISE:

THE BACKWATERS OF MOSQUITO LAGOON

Journey with a National Park Ranger on a visit to the colorful places that lend character to this vital estuary. On our pontoon boat, *Tortuga del Sol*, our licensed captains and experienced mates are trained to provide you with a memorable and safe park water tour. Join us for a two-hour journey as we cruise from the Visitor Center on Fridays & Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., weather permitting. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED and SPACE IS LIMITED. A cost recovery fee of \$20.00 per person is charged for all passengers. Call (386) 428-3384 to reserve space.

Wednesday 4th, 18th, & 25th -1:00 PM- “CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON”

Reservations will begin a week before the canoe date. Join a guide as you explore this rich and diverse estuary up close. Some experience is preferred. You must be at least 8 years old and able to paddle. You must wear covered shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Bring water, sunscreen and a hat. Dress to get wet. Individuals with their own kayaks or canoes are welcome to join in. Call (386) 428-3384 to reserve your spot. Meet at the old Visitor Information Center Pavilion at 12:45 p.m. we will leave promptly at 1:00 p.m. (2 1/2 hrs.)

Thursday 5th & 19th -1:00 PM- “HOOK, LINE AND SINKER” Bait, rigs and tackle tips will be discussed for surf fishing on Apollo Beach, along with the rules and regulations for keeping what you catch. Bring water and sunscreen. We have a few rods; feel free to bring your own. Meet at the Visitor Information Center Pavilion. (2 hours)

Wednesday 11th - 11:00 AM-“TIMUCUAN TALK” Walk to the top of Turtle Mound and learn what life was like for the Timucuan Indians 2,000 years ago. Bring sunscreen and water. Meet at Turtle Mound. (1 hour)

Thursday 12th & 26th-1:00 PM-“FISH MOSQUITO LAGOON” Learn tips and tricks for fishing the waters of Mosquito Lagoon. Bring your own tackle if you can, we have some supplies. Bring water and sunscreen. Meet at the Visitor Information Center Pavilion. (2 hours)

Friday 13th & 20th – 2:00 PM- “CASTLE WINDY WALK” Join a Ranger as you walk the Castle Windy trail and learn about the colorful history of this area. You will also have a chance to experience the flora and fauna of a Florida hammock. This is an easy 1 mile round trip walk. Meet at parking area #3. (1 hour)

Saturday 14th & 21st - 1:00 PM- “COAST TO COAST” Join a Certified Master Naturalist and learn about our barrier island ecosystem. Start exploring the mangrove ecosystem and work your way to the beachside to explore coastal flora and fauna. Meet at the old Visitor Information Center Pavilion. (90 Minutes)

Wednesday 18th-11:00 AM-“ELDORA WALK” Take a stroll through time down to the Eldora State House and learn what it would have been like to live in an agricultural village around the turn-of-the-century. Meet at parking area #8. (1 hour)

Friday 20th -10:00 AM- “CLAMMING 101” Learn how to collect this delicious bivalve from the waters of Mosquito Lagoon. Learn tips, techniques and recipes along with the Florida bag and size limits. Must wear covered shoes (no sandals or flip flops). Park at parking lot #1 and meet at the boat ramp. (1 hour)

Friday 27th -10:00 AM –“CAST NET PROGRAM” Learn the skill and grace that goes along with this fun hobby. If you have a cast net, feel free to bring it. We will provide a few. Bring water and insect repellent. Meet at the old Visitor Information Center Pavilion. (1 hour)

Saturday 28th -11:00 AM- “BEACH TREASURE HUNT” Pick up your score card from the Information Center and see how many treasures you can find. Walk the beach for fun and exercise for about 1 mile. Bring sunscreen, hats and water. Meet at Parking Lot #2. (1 hour)

Saturday 28th -1:00 PM-“PINE NEEDLE BASKET WEAVING” Learn the ancient art of pine needle basket weaving. This is great for beginners or those looking to brush up on their skills. The materials will be provided, just bring your imagination. Meet at the old Visitor Information Center. (1 hour)