



Calendar of Guided Programs March 2019

Grassy Waters Preserve offers unique guided environmental learning opportunities on the edge of a 23-square-mile wetlands resource. This vast watershed was historically the headwaters of the Loxahatchee River system and the gateway to the Northern Everglades.

The Public Utilities Department manages, protects, and enhances this remnant Everglades ecosystem that supplies the fresh drinking water to more than 130,000 people in West Palm Beach, the Town of Palm Beach, and the Town of South Palm Beach. The Preserve includes a nature center, an accessible boardwalk trail, hiking, biking, guided canoe and kayak programs, and more!

To register for a guided program, please call the Nature Center:

561-804-4985

Reservations are required for all programs.

For the most up-to-date tour offerings and trail information,
please visit our website:

wpb.org/grassywaters

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WEST PALM BEACH

Public Utilities

Preserve Parking Areas and Hours

Main Entrance

****All Guided Tours are conducted here unless otherwise noted****

Hours: Monday-Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Features: Cypress Boardwalk Trail, Nature Center

Address: 8264 Northlake Blvd.
West Palm Beach, Florida 33412

Directions: South side of Northlake Blvd, approximately 4.5 miles west of I-95 and 1 mile west of Beeline Highway.

Watershed Management Entrance

Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. daily

Features: Hog Hammock Trail, Eagle Trail, Gator Lake

Address: 8537 Northlake Blvd.
West Palm Beach, Florida 33412

Directions: North side of Northlake Blvd, 0.25 miles west of Main Entrance. For trail parking drive past Fish and Wildlife offices and Watershed management offices on Gator lake.

Apoxee Entrance

Hours: 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. daily

Features: Apoxee Trail, Owahee Trail

Address: 3125 Jog Rd
West Palm Beach, Florida 33411

Directions: West side of Jog Rd, approximately 1 mile north of Okeechobee Blvd.

Volunteer at Grassy Waters!

We love our volunteers and could not offer our programs without them! If you are interested in becoming a committed volunteer who wants to make a difference, visit wpb.org/grassywaters/volunteer-php for details or contact Cindy Bush, Volunteer Coordinator, at cabush@wpb.org

March 2019 Programs

Free Boardwalk Tour

Enjoy a guided, easy paced hike through the Northern Everglades on our Cypress Boardwalk trail. Along the way, you'll discover the unique history and ecology of Grassy Waters.

Wear closed-toed shoes, hat, and sunscreen. Bring a refillable water bottle. Binoculars are suggested.

Date/Time: Saturday, March 2nd; 10 – 11 am
Saturday, March 23rd; 3 – 4 pm

Check-in 15mins before program at Nature Center

Ages: All

Cost: Free, but reservations required.

Marsh Critters: Dipnetting Activity

The marsh comes alive in the palm of your hand as we discover the amazing aquatic insects and small wonders that call the wetlands home. You'll be knee deep in the marsh during this dip-netting adventure for the whole family! **Bring closed-toe shoes that can get wet, hat, sunscreen, towel, a refillable water bottle and change of clothes.**

Date/Time: Saturday, March 2nd; 2 – 3:30 pm
Sunday, March 10th; 2 – 3:30 pm
Tuesday, March 19th; 10 – 11:30 am

Check-in 15mins before program at Nature Center

Ages: 5 and over (with participating adult)

Cost: \$10 per child (accompanying adult free)

Sunset Hike

Great photographic opportunities abound as you enjoy this late afternoon boardwalk hike. Discover the unique plants and animals of our Everglades habitats. In particular, watch as birds fly in to roost as the sun sets over the marsh and learn some identification tips as you act as a Citizen Scientist and help collect important bird survey research.

Bring closed-toe shoes, refillable water bottle, and bug repellent. Camera and binoculars are suggested.

Date/Time: Sunday, March 3rd; 5:30 – 7 pm

Check-in 15mins before program at Nature Center

Ages: 15 and over (with participating adult)

Cost: \$5 per person

Canoe Cruise

Guide your canoe through the shallow waters of the Everglades as you learn about the history and ecology of Grassy Waters. *Be sure to sign up with a partner, canoes require two paddlers.* **Bring closed-toe shoes, refillable water bottle, hat, and sunscreen.**

Date/Time: Sunday, March 3rd, 10-11:30 am
Thursday, March 21st, 10 – 11:30 am
Sunday, March 31st, 10 – 11:30 am

Check-in 30mins before program at Nature Center

Ages: 6 and over (with participating adult)

Cost: \$10/adult, \$5/child

Pedal the Preserve

Hop on your bike and explore the Kowechobe Restoration Area, an area of the Preserve not normally open to the public. Enjoy an easy-paced ride and take in the picturesque scenery as your guide reveals the unique history and ecology of this beautifully restored section of the Northern Everglades. **Bring water and closed-toe shoes. Binoculars are suggested.**

Guests must bring their own Hybrid or Mountain bike and helmet. No road bikes.

Date/Time: Saturday, March 9th, 9:30 – 11 am
Sunday, March 31st, 3 – 4:30 pm

Check-in 30mins before program at Nature Center

Ages: 10 and over (with participating adult)

Cost: \$5 per person

Kayak Cruise

Guide your kayak through the shallow waters of the Everglades as you learn about the history and ecology of Grassy Waters. This tour uses sit-on-top kayaks, so participants will get wet and mucky. **Bring closed-toe shoes, refillable water bottle, hat, and sunscreen.**

Date/Time: Saturday, March 16th, 10 – 11:30 am
Saturday, March 30th, 10 – 11:30 am

Check-in 30mins before program at Nature Center

Ages: 15 and over in single kayak, or
10 and over in tandem with adult.

Cost: \$10 per person

Reservations Required for All Programs

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Breakfast with the Birds Hike

Wake up with a hiking adventure in the Everglades! Search for birds in the Kowchobe Restoration Area, an area of the Preserve not typically accessible to the public, during this easy-paced guided walk. Observe birds leaving their rookeries for the day and learn some identification tips as you act as a Citizen Scientist and help collect important bird survey research. **Wear closed-toe shoes, hat, and sunscreen. Bring a refillable water bottle. Binoculars are suggested.**

Date/Time: Sunday, March 17th; 8 – 10 am
Check-in 30mins before program at Nature Center
Ages: 10 and over (with participating adult)
Cost: \$5 per person

Feathered Friends Boardwalk Hike & Craft

Join us for a free family-friendly guided boardwalk hike to search for our unique wetland birds. Learn more about their amazing adaptations and how their feathers were used by humans throughout history. Create and decorate your very own craft binoculars to take home! **Wear closed-toe shoes, hat, sunscreen and bring a refillable water bottle.**

Date/Time: Sunday, March 17th; 2 – 3:30 pm
Check-in 30mins before program at Nature Center
Ages: 4 and over (with participating adult)
Cost: Free, but reservations required.

Swamp Tromp

Take a walk on the wild side during this hike through the cypress swamp. Be prepared to get wet and muddy! This hike is on a rugged trail that requires stepping over and ducking under vegetation and other obstacles. Expect knee-deep water levels. **Bring closed-toe shoes that can get wet/muddy, a refillable water bottle, hat, sunscreen, towel and change of clothes.**

Date/Time: Monday, March 18th; 10 – 11:30 am
Saturday, April 6th; 10 – 11:30 am
Check-in 15mins before program at Nature Center
Ages: 8 and over (with participating adult)
Cost: \$10/adult, \$5/child

Sunset Canoe

Guide your canoe through the shallow waters of the Everglades as you watch the sun set over the marsh and birds fly in to roost for the evening. ***Be sure to sign up with a partner, canoes require two paddlers.*** **Bring closed-toe shoes, refillable water bottle, hat, and sunscreen.**

Date/Time: Wednesday, March 20th, 6 – 8 pm
Sunday, March 24th, 6 – 8 pm
Check-in 30mins before program at Nature Center
Ages: 15 and over (with participating adult)
Cost: \$15 per person

Nocturnal Adventure Family Hike

Explore the Everglades at night during this kid-friendly activity. Start the evening with dissecting an owl pellet to learn more about these nocturnal birds, then meet some live owls! You'll also enjoy a guided boardwalk scavenger hunt under the glow of the moon and stars as you learn more about the other nocturnal animals that call the Preserve home.

Wear closed-toe shoes, bring a refillable water bottle and bug repellent. Flashlight provided.
Date/Time: Friday, March 22nd, 7 – 8:30 pm
Check-in 15mins before program at Nature Center
Ages: 5 and over (with participating adult)
Cost: \$10 child (accompanying adult free)

Free People of Pay-Hay-OKEE Lecture: Decoding Historical Accounts of the Calusa

Join Palm Beach Historical Society's Andrew Schneider to learn about interpreting the Calusa culture from written accounts of Spaniard Fontaneda. Andrew will discuss the challenges archeologists face when using first person accounts and artifacts to decode the past.

Date: Saturday, March 23rd
Time: 10 am – 11 am
Check-in at 9:45 am at Nature Center
Ages: All
Cost: Free, but reservations required.

Volunteer Open House

Visit the nature center and learn about the many volunteer opportunities available at the Preserve. **Interested but can't attend, contact Volunteer Coordinator, cabush@wpb.org**
Date: Saturday, March 30th, 1-3pm

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Boardwalk Hike 10-11am Marsh Critters: 2-3:30pm
3 Canoe Cruise 10-11:30am Sunset Hike 5:30-7pm	4	5	6	7	8	9 Bike Program 9:30-11am
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17 Breakfast with the Birds Hike 8-10am Hike & Craft 2-3:30pm	18 Swamp Tromp 10-11:30am	19 Marsh Critters: Dipnetting 10-11:30am	20 Sunset Canoe 6-8pm	21 Canoe Cruise 10-11:30am	22 Kids Night Hike 7-8:30pm	23 Free Lecture: 10-11am Boardwalk Hike 3-4pm
24 Sunset Canoe 6-8pm	25	26	27	28	29	30 Kayak Cruise 10-11:30am Volunteer Open House 1-3pm
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