



Welcome to John D. MacArthur Beach State Park, the only state park in Palm Beach County. This is an “island in time” that is preserving the lush and diverse subtropical coastal habitats that once covered southeast Florida.

We invite you to explore nearly two miles of pristine beach and to swim in the clear blue waters of the Atlantic Ocean. This is only the beginning of the fun you can have at the Park. Strolling along shaded nature trails, joining a bird or butterfly walk and touring the estuary and Munyon Island by kayak (self-guided or ranger-led) affords visitors a true understanding of the “Real Florida.” Please use this brochure as your road map to the many special events and happenings offered in the Park.



	SPEAKER SERIES Free for Friends members \$5 for non-members To reserve a spot contact Veronica at veronica@macarthurbeach.org	BEACH OUTFITTERS & GIFT SHOP Located in the Park Members ALWAYS save 10%	KAYAKING Call for tides & information: 561-776-7449 Ext. 101	MACARTHUR UNDER MOONLIGHT CONCERT SERIES Free to Friends members \$5 for Non-members	MONTHLY BEACH CLEANUPS	BIRD OR BUTTERFLY Walk & Talks Free with Park Admission Meet in front of the Gift Shop Bring binoculars & water bottle	BLUEGRASS MUSIC Free with Park Admission Amphitheater	RECREATIONAL SKILLS Reservations Required	NATURE WALKS & PROGRAMS Free with Park Admission	JR. FRIENDS MEETINGS 6th–12th grade students whose purpose is to support the Park while earning community service hours	SPECIAL EVENTS
NOVEMBER	Marine Wonders Gabrielle Winters Saturday 11/4 10 - 11 a.m.	Holiday Shopping Sale!! November 24 - December 31 Members - 20% off*	Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Doug Spears Saturday 11/4 7 - 9 p.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 11/18 9 - 11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 11/12 9 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 11/12 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass/Folk Music Sunday 11/19 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 11/5 12 p.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m.- Nature Center	Jr. Friends Meeting Saturday 11/4 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.	Cruisin’ Food Fest Saturday 11/11 12 – 4 p.m.
DECEMBER		*Excludes clearance items, beverages, consignment items, rentals, ice cream products, or other products, services or fees as determined by the Friends of MacArthur Beach.	Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Eli and Doug Perras Saturday 12/2 7 - 9 p.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 12/16 9 - 11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 12/10 8:30 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 12/10 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass/Folk Music Sunday 12/17 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 12/3 12 p.m. Birding by Kayak Sunday 12/24 9 a.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m.- Nature Center		Shop ‘Til You Drop Saturday 12/9 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cruisin’ Food Fest Saturday 12/9 12 – 4 p.m.
JANUARY2018	Sustainable Land Use Tim Hulihan, AIA Saturday 1/20 10 - 11 a.m.		Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Matthew Sabatella Saturday 1/27 7 - 9 p.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 1/20 9 -11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 1/14 12:30 p.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 1/14 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass/Folk Music Sunday 1/21 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 1/7 12 p.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m.- Nature Center	Jr. Friends Meeting Saturday 1/20 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.	Cruisin’ Food Fest Saturday 1/13 12 – 4 p.m.
FEBRUARY	Community Greening: A Populist Tree Planting Movement Mark Cassini and Matt Shipley Saturday 2/3 10 - 11 a.m.		Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Friction Farm Saturday 2/24 7 - 9 p.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 2/17 9 -11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 2/18 4 p.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 2/11 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass/Folk Music Sunday 2/18 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 2/4 12 p.m. Birding by Kayak Saturday 2/4 9 a.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m.- Nature Center	Jr. Friends Meeting Saturday 2/3 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Cruisin’ Food Fest Saturday 2/10 12 – 4 p.m.
MARCH			Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	School of Rock Saturday 3/31 7 - 9 p.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 3/17 9 -11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 3/11 11 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 3/11 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass/Folk Music Sunday 3/18 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 3/4 12 p.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m.- Nature Center	Jr. Friends Meeting Saturday 3/3 NatureScaping	NatureScaping Saturday 3/3 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cruisin’ Food Fest Saturday 3/10 12 – 4 p.m.
APRIL	Oyster Restoration Project at Brevard Zoo Honey Whitney Saturday 4/7 10 - 11 a.m.		Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Sonny Russell Saturday 4/28 7 - 9 p.m.	Great American Cleanup Saturday 4/21 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 4/15 3 p.m. Butterfly Walk Saturday 4/28 11 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 4/8 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass/Folk Music Sunday 4/15 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 4/1 12 p.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m.- Nature Center	Jr. Friends Meeting Saturday 4/7 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.	Great American Beach Cleanup Saturday 4/21 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Cruisin’ Food Fest Saturday 4/14 12 – 4 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Cruisin' Food Fest Join us the second Saturday of each month from 12 - 4 p.m. for Cruisin' Food Fest. Check out some cool cars, great food and awesome music at your favorite State Park.

Great American Beach Clean-Up **Saturday, April 21, 2018**

Come join one of the largest national events - help keep our beach clean and healthy! Participants will receive snacks, refreshments and giveaways. For more information and to download a participation form, go to www.keeppbcbeautiful.org

Shop 'Til You Drop **Saturday, December 9, 2017**

Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park invite you to Shop 'Til You Drop. Shop top fashion, accessory and home décor vendors while sipping on complimentary mimosas. There will be great holiday gifts for the entire family, and their purchase will benefit the Natural Science Education Fund at MacArthur Beach State Park. Purchase your tickets today at www.macarthurbeach.org.

NatureScaping: An Outdoor Festival **Saturday, March 3, 2018**

Join us for a day of family fun celebrating the great outdoors! There will be live music, native plant vendors, live animal shows, childrens' programs, kayaking, food trucks and lots of fun!

NATURE WALKS & PROGRAMS

BEACH CLEAN-UPS

Join us for a few hours of sun and surf and help keep MacArthur Beach State Park clean. Beach clean-ups help remove trash which might otherwise end up endangering sea turtles or shorebirds. Participants will receive gloves and trash bags. Please bring a reusable water bottle, hat and sunscreen. Community service hours will be given upon request. Free entry into the Park if assisting with the event.

BIRD WALK & TALKS

Bird lovers can join a Ranger-led educational walk identifying many species of birds that make their home in John D. MacArthur Beach State Park. Reservations recommended. Visitors should bring binoculars or rent them in the Gift Shop. This program is free with Park admission. For more information and reservations, call the Nature Center at 561-624-6952.

BUTTERFLY WALK & TALKS

Take a walking tour of one of South Florida's last remaining hardwood hammocks, searching out butterflies to identify and observe, and learn which plants attract these winged wonders to your own yard. Free with Park admission, call 561-624-6952 for reservations. Meet in front of the Beach Outfitters Gift Shop.

DAILY NATURE WALKS

A guided exploration of MacArthur Beach State Park daily at 10 a.m. Meet in front of the Beach Outfitters Gift Shop. Bring a water bottle, sunscreen and insect repellent. Free with Park admission.

FISH TANK INTERPRETATION

Learn about the various fish and creatures in our Nature Center as a Ranger target-feeds the fish and provides information such as what they eat, where they live and other interesting facts. Free with Park admission.

JR. FRIENDS MEETINGS

Are you interested in the environment; the outdoors, the beach, making friends and earning community service/volunteer hours? If so, Jr. Friends is for YOU! Jr. Friends is for 6th graders through 12th grade. Members will meet monthly for fun and a service project at the Park. For more information contact Veronica Frehm at veronica@macarthurbeach.org. For a Jr. Friends application visit www.macarthurbeach.org/volunteer.

SNAKE TALK

Come meet King Henry, our resident king snake. Learn about the habits and habitats of king snakes and other snakes at this informative presentation.

SPEAKER SERIES

We invite you to join us in the Nature Center Theater for great information, exciting insights and fascinating discussion on a broad scope of local topics. Offered November through April on the first Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. Free to Friends Members, \$5.00 per person for non-members.

MUSIC

MACARTHUR UNDER MOONLIGHT CONCERTS - Join us for a magical night of music under the full moon. Gates open at 6 p.m., live music from 7 to 9 p.m. with a 15 minute intermission of stargazing (or moonazing) on the boardwalk. Free to Friends Members and one guest, \$5.00 per person for non-members.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC

Get ready on the second and third Sunday of each month for some foot-stomping and toe-tapping tunes! There will be live bluegrass in the amphitheater from 1 to 3 p.m. Free with Park admission.

RECREATIONAL SKILLS

BIRDING BY KAYAK

Take a guided kayak tour with a Ranger, paddling through Lake Worth Lagoon to Munyon Island, with your sights set on spotting estuary birds and migratory songbirds. The cost for the two-hour tour is \$25 for a single kayak and \$40 for a double kayak (2 people). Bring your water bottle, binoculars, and favorite birding guide, keeping in mind

they might get wet. Please pay at the Ranger station a half hour before tour is scheduled. Space is limited, call for reservations or for additional information at 561-624-6952.

LEARN TO KAYAK

A great overview of kayaking, this land-based instruction focuses on types of kayaks, necessary gear and basic paddling skills. The first Sunday of each month in the Amphitheater, offered free with Park admission. Reservations required, call 561-624-6950.



SUMMER CAMP 2018

June 11 – 15	Sunshine Explorers
June 18 – 22	Junior Rangers
June 25 – 29	Junior Rangers
July 9 – 13	Marine Biologists
July 16 – 20	Marine Biologists
July 23 – 27	Marine Champions

Early Bird Registration Fees

On or before March 3, 2018

	1st Child	2nd • 3rd • 4th Child
Sunshine Explorers	\$175	\$165
Junior Rangers	\$200	\$190
Marine Biologists	\$200	\$190
Marine Champions	\$200	\$190
Counselor in Training	\$75	\$75

Regular Registration Fees

After March 3, 2018

	1st Child	2nd • 3rd • 4th Child
Sunshine Explorers	\$200	\$190
Junior Rangers	\$225	\$215
Marine Biologists	\$225	\$215
Marine Champions	\$225	\$215
Counselor in Training	\$75	\$75

Give your child a summer of outdoor fun, sun and exploration!

Our goal is to help each camper appreciate and understand nature and to take an active role in conserving the environment. We also provide activities designed to increase their independence, sportsmanship and self-esteem.

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

SUNSHINE EXPLORERS - JUNE 11-15

Campers ages 6, 7 and 8, will be introduced to environmental concepts through interactive games, crafts, and activities. They will also enjoy swimming, beach play and outdoor play.

JUNIOR RANGERS

JUNE 18-22 (SESSION 1) AND JUNE 25-29 (SESSION 2)

Campers ages 9 and 10, will snorkel, hike, swim and kayak as they explore the Maritime Hammock, Estuary, Beach and Dune habitats.

MARINE BIOLOGISTS

JULY 9-13 (SESSION 1) AND JULY 16-20 (SESSION 2)

Campers ages 11, 12, 13, and 14 will explore the organisms of the coastal ecosystems by participating in scientific investigations such as fish counts on the Rock Reef, seagrass surveys, biodiversity of the estuary explorations, and will meet a Scientist via Skype.

MARINE CHAMPIONS - JULY 23-27

Campers ages 12, 13, and 14, who have previously completed our Marine Biologists program, will move on to a more advanced program. These campers will be ready to become **Champions for our environment!** They will participate in elevated Marine Biologists activities and much more! There will be new scientific experiments, exploration, investigation, data collection and fun! These Marine Champions will walk away from camp with a clear understanding of good stewardship and taking care of our environment.

COUNSELOR IN TRAINING PROGRAM - CIT

For students who are ages 15, 16, and 17 who want to help make the Summer Camp at MacArthur Beach State Park as successful as it can be! CITs will earn 40 hours of community service for each week, in addition to the hours for training, and are required to work from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

CITs will be assigned to work with groups based on their interest level and age. If a CIT is 15 or 16 years old, they may work with the Sunshine Explorers or Junior Rangers. If a CIT is 16 or 17 years old, they may work with any of the programs.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Veronica Frehm for an application. Along with the application, a letter of recommendation is required from a teacher, guidance counselor, school administrator, or other adult that is not related to you.

FRIENDS OF MACARTHUR BEACH STATE PARK

is a state-chartered 501(c)(3) Citizens Support Organization with a mission of generating resources to preserve, restore and interpret the natural and cultural assets of the Park for present and future generations.

Founded in 1990, the Friends has enriched and enhanced John D. MacArthur Beach State Park by soliciting donations, seeking volunteers, raising funds, hosting special events and operating a gift shop.

FLORIDA PARK SERVICE

To provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting and restoring natural and cultural resources.

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Nature Center: 561-624-6952

Beach Outfitters Gift Shop: 561-776-7449, ext. 101

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PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES



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2017-2018

THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO EXPLORE

