



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.

Enjoy your visit!



	SUMMER CAMP 2015 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. To register visit macarthurbeach.org/summer-camp	SEA TURTLE TALK & WALKS Free for “Friends” Members Non-Members \$10.00 per Tickets Registration Required To register or for more information go to macarthurbeach.org	KAYAKING Call for tides & information: 561-776-7449 Ext. 101	EDUCATIONAL REEF PROGRAM Free with Park Admission	BEACH CLEANUPS	BIRD OR BUTTERFLY TALK & WALKS 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	NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP Class fee is \$35.00 and does not include Park admission	LEARN TO KAYAK Free with Park Admission Reservations Required Land based program
MAY		Registration begins May 26 at 9 a.m. “Friends” Member Registration will be taken by phone 561-776-7449 ext. 102 Non-Member Registration will be on-line and sold as “tickets” through www.macarthurbeach.org	Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.		Beach Cleanup Saturday 5/9 9 – 11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 5/24 • 9 a.m. Butterfly Walk Saturday 5/30 • 11 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 5/10 • 1 – 3 p.m. Jam with Conch Stomp 3–5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 5/17 • 1 – 3 p.m.	Introduction to Snorkeling Saturday 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23 and 5/30 • 11 a.m. Introduction to Surfing Saturday 5/30 • 12 – 2 p.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m. Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m. Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Landscapes Saturday 5/9 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 5/3 12 p.m.
JUNE	Sunshine Explorers Ages 6, 7, 8 June 15 – 19 Junior Rangers Ages 9 & 10 June 22 – 26 and June 29 – July 3	Friends Member Turtle Walks Saturday 6/13 Saturday 6/27 8 p.m. Non-Member Turtle Walks MWF 6/1 – 7/24 8 p.m.	Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Reef Program Saturdays 6/6, 6/13, 6/20 and 6/27 10 a.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 6/13 9 – 11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 6/14 • 1:30 p.m. Butterfly Walk Saturday 6/27 • 11 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 6/14 • 1 – 3 p.m. Jam with Conch Stomp 3–5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 6/21 • 1 – 3 p.m.	Birding by Kayak Sunday 6/7 9 a.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m. Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m. Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Outdoor Portraits Saturday 6/13 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 6/7 12 p.m.
JULY	Marine Biologists Ages 11, 12, 13 and 14 July 6 – 10 Marine Champions Students who have previously completed Marine Biologist program Ages 11, 12, 13 and 14 July 13 – 17 and July 20 – 24	Friends Members Turtle Walks Saturday 7/11 Saturday 7/25 8 p.m. Non-Member Turtle Walks MWF 6/1 – 7/24 8 p.m.	Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Reef Program Saturdays 7/4, 7/11, 7/18 and 7/25 10 a.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 7/11 9 – 11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 7/19 • 5:30 p.m. Butterfly Walk Saturday 7/25 • 11 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 7/12 • 1 – 3 p.m. Jam with Conch Stomp 3–5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 7/19 • 1 – 3 p.m.		Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m. Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m. Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Lighting in Nature Saturday 7/11 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 7/5 12 p.m.
AUGUST			Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Reef Program Saturdays 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22 and 8/29 10 a.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 8/8 9 – 11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 8/16 • 4:30 p.m. Butterfly Walk Saturday 8/29 • 11 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 8/9 • 1 – 3 p.m. Jam with Conch Stomp 3–5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 8/16 • 1 – 3 p.m.	Introduction to Surfing Sunday 8/9 9 a.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m. Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m. Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Wildlife Photography Saturday 8/8 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 8/2 12 p.m.
SEPTEMBER			Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.		International Coastal Cleanup Saturday 9/19 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 9/13 • 3:30 p.m. Butterfly Walk Saturday 9/26 • 11 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 9/13 • 1 – 3 p.m. Jam with Conch Stomp 3–5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 9/20 • 1 – 3 p.m.	Introduction to Kayak Fishing Saturday 9/26 1 p.m. Birding by Kayak Sunday 9/20 • 9 a.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m. Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m. Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Photography Techniques Saturday 9/12 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 9/6 12 p.m.
OCTOBER			Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.		Beach Cleanup Saturday 10/10 9 – 11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 10/11 • 2:30 p.m. Butterfly Walk Saturday 10/31 • 11 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 10/11 • 1 – 3 p.m. Jam with Conch Stomp 3–5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 10/18 • 1 – 3 p.m.		Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop Fish Tank Interpretation Sundays 11 a.m. Nature Center Snake Talk Sundays 2 p.m. Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Composing a Photo Saturday 10/10 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 10/4 12 p.m.



SUMMER CAMP 2015

GIVE YOUR CHILD A SUMMER OF OUTDOOR SUN, FUN AND EXPLORATION.

MacArthur Beach State Park is offering six, one week camp programs, giving young naturalists the opportunity to learn about the coastal ecosystems of South Florida. Campers will not only learn environmental concepts, explore the ecosystems, and conduct scientific investigations but will have a great time doing so. Our goal is to make camp so much fun that they forget they are learning! For more information visit www.macarthurbeach.org/summer-camp.

SUMMER 2015 SEA TURTLE TALK & WALKS

Each June and July MacArthur Beach State Park offers Sea Turtle Talk & Walks so that visitors can have a chance at viewing loggerhead sea turtles laying their eggs. This ancient ritual is a sight not to be missed! Turtle Walks fill up quickly so be sure to register early. The walks start at 8 p.m. until a nesting turtle is sighted or midnight, not suitable for those who cannot walk a mile or more in the sand, children under 8 not permitted.

"Friends" Member registration will be taken by phone starting Tuesday, May 26.

- Friends walk dates are June 13 and 27 and then July 11 and 25.
- To register please call 561-776-7449, ext. 102

Non Member registration will be online and sold as "tickets" through www.macarthurbeach.org.

- Price is \$10 per ticket, non-refundable unless the event is cancelled by Park staff
- Registration launches on May 26 at 9 a.m. (tickets will sell out quickly)
- Walk Schedule starts on June 1, runs through July 24 (M,W&F with the exception of June 26 and July 3.)

NATURE WALKS & PROGRAMS

BEACH CLEANUPS

Join us for a few hours of sun and surf and help keep MacArthur Beach State Park clean. Beach cleanups help remove trash and dangerous debris which may injure sea turtles, shorebirds or other marine life. 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. For more information contact 561-776-7449, ext. 109.

BIRD TALK & WALKS

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

BUTTERFLY TALK & WALKS

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

DAILY NATURE WALKS

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

EDUCATIONAL REEF PROGRAM

Learn about the fish and other inhabitants of our near-shore reef through a presentation and discussion. After the program is over, participants will be instructed on where to snorkel in the Park.

Bring your own snorkel equipment. A diver-down flag is required for snorkeling activities in the Park and can be rented daily at the Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop. For more information and reservations call the Nature Center at 561-624-6952. 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.

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP

MacArthur Beach State Park will host a beach cleanup as part of International Coastal Cleanup, the world's largest volunteer effort for our oceans and waterways. Ocean trash can entrap and strangle ocean wildlife including endangered sea turtles. Please join us to preserve our waterways. Community service hours will be provided for school-aged participants. For more information call 561-776-7449, ext. 109.

KAYAK RENTALS

Kayaking provides visitors a unique experience; paddle around the estuary, under Burnt Bridge onto the Lake Worth Lagoon and visit Munyon Island, an outlying part of the Park with a rich history. You may see wildlife depending on the season. Manatees, dolphins, rays, and a variety of birds are commonly spotted, allowing an up-close view. First come, first served, call 561-776-7449, ext. 101 for more information.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Join us on the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for technical and artistic instruction from local professional. Appropriate for all photographers from beginners to advanced; bring your own camera equipment – point and shoot or SLR. Wear light clothing, bring sun block and mosquito repellent. Fee is \$35.00, does not include Park admission. For more information visit www.macarthurbeach.org/on-going-programs.

SNAKE TALK

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

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 on the island. 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 reservation or for additional information 561-624-6952.

INTRO TO KAYAK FISHING

Children and adults of all ages join a Ranger to learn the basics and fun of kayak fishing. During this land based course you will learn about equipment, tackle and gear as well as the skills needed. For more information and reservations call the Nature Center at 561-624-6952. Free with Park admission.

INTRO TO SNORKELING

Saturday, May 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 11:00 a.m. Learn the basics of snorkeling including: proper fin and mask selection/ fitting, how to clear your mask, snorkeling safety, diving techniques and more. This is a land based course. Reservations required, 561-624-6952. The program is free with Park admission.

INTRO TO SURFING

Ranger-led course on the basics of surfing, lessons on land and water. Adults and children 12 and older (children under 18 must be accompanied in water by adult). Reservation required, call 561-624-6952, free with Park admission.

LEARN TO KAYAK

This is a land-based course to provide beginners the skills necessary for kayaking. Reservations are recommended. The program is free with Park admission. For information and reservations call the Nature Center at 561-624-6952.

MUSIC

BLUEGRASS MUSIC

Get ready for some foot-stomping and toe-tapping tunes on the second and third Sunday of each month! Live Bluegrass in the Amphitheater from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Free with Park admission.

BLUEGRASS JAM

Join the band after their set for a jam session on the second Sunday of each month; Bring your banjo, washboard or acoustic instrument for some musical fun.



BECOME A MEMBER

Your annual Membership with Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park includes many benefits for you and your family to enjoy. All funds raised by the Friends support the Park, making each visit more educational, memorable and fun.

For complete details visit macarthurbeach.org/membership and start enjoying the benefits of membership today.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are our most valuable resource. For a fun and rewarding experience become a volunteer. With so many opportunities available we're sure you will find just the right area to meet your interest. Find out more by visiting our website at macarthurbeach.org/volunteer.

DONATE

A meaningful gift to the Natural Science Education Fund offers students extraordinary opportunity for learning, exploring and discovering.

We encourage you to visit our website to learn more at macarthurbeach.org/give-the-gift-of-nature. You may also call Cheryl Houghtelin at 561.776.7449, ext. 111 or by email at Cheryl@macarthurbeach.org.

The Nature & Welcome Center

Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Welcome and Nature Center is your best source of information about the Park. The Ranger or Volunteer will greet you at the Information Desk, provide details on daily or future events, answer your questions and assist you in getting the most out of your visit. Be certain to check out the many informational brochures and pamphlets which will inform you about the Park's wonderful sites and services.

Beach Outfitters Gift Shop & Kayak Rental

Open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., our gift shop offers a wide variety of unique gifts, sundries, beach items, water and soft drinks. From hand-crafted art by local artists, jewelry, coastal home decor, books, toys and more.

The Gift Shop manages rentals of kayaks, dive flags, binoculars and lockers. Make sure to stop by while visiting the Park.

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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PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES



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