



**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 2016 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. To register visit macarthurbeach.org/summer-camp	SEA TURTLE TALK & WALKS Free for FRIENDS Members Non-Members: \$10 per ticket Registration begins May 31 at 9 a.m. macarthurbeach.org	KAYAKING Call for tides & general 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 and does not include Park Admission	LEARN TO KAYAK Free with Park Admission Reservations Required Land-based program
MAY		<b>FRIENDS Member:</b> register by phone, 561-776-7449, ext. 102  <b>Non-Member:</b> registration will be online and sold as “tickets” through www.macarthurbeach.org	<b>Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters &amp; Gift Shop</b> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.		<b>Beach Cleanup</b> Saturday 5/14 9 – 11 a.m.	<b>Birding at MacArthur</b> Sunday 5/29 • 9 a.m.  <b>Butterfly Walk</b> Saturday 5/28 • 11 a.m.	<b>Conch Stomp Band</b> Sunday 5/8 1 – 3 p.m.  <b>Bluegrass Music</b> Sunday 5/15 1 – 3 p.m.	<b>Introduction to Snorkeling</b> Saturdays 5/7, 5/14, 5/21, 5/28 11:00 a.m.	<b>Nature Walk</b> Daily at 10:00 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop <b>Fish Tank Interpretation</b> Sundays 11 a.m. – Nature Center <b>Snake Talk</b> Sundays 2 p.m. – Nature Center	<b>Nature Photography Workshop</b> Saturday 5/14 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Learn to Kayak</b> Sunday 5/1 12 p.m.
JUNE	<b>Sunshine Explorers</b> Ages 6,7 & 8 June 13-17  <b>Junior Rangers</b> Ages 9 & 10 June 20-24 and June 27-July 1	<b>FRIENDS Member Turtle Walks</b> Saturday 6/4, 6/11, & 6/25 8 p.m.  <b>Non-Member Turtle Walks</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6/6 – 7/29 8 p.m.	<b>Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters &amp; Gift Shop</b> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Reef Program</b> Saturdays 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, and 6/25 10:00 a.m.	<b>Beach Cleanup</b> Saturday 6/11 9 – 11 a.m.	<b>Birding at MacArthur</b> Sunday 6/12 • 9:00 a.m.  <b>Butterfly Walk</b> Saturday 6/25 • 11 a.m.	<b>Conch Stomp Band</b> Sunday 6/12 1 – 3 p.m.  <b>Bluegrass Music</b> Sunday 6/19 1 – 3 p.m.		<b>Nature Walk</b> Daily at 10:00 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop <b>Fish Tank Interpretation</b> Sundays 11 a.m. – Nature Center <b>Snake Talk</b> Sundays 2 p.m. – Nature Center	<b>Nature Photography Workshop</b> Saturday 6/11 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Learn to Kayak</b> Sunday 6/5 12 p.m.
JULY	<b>Marine Biologists</b> Ages 11, 12, 13 & 14 July 11-15 and July 18-22 <b>Marine Champions</b> Students who have previously completed Marine Biologist Camp Ages 12, 13 & 14 July 25-29	<b>FRIENDS Member Turtle Walks</b> 7/9, 7/16 & 7/23 8 p.m. <b>Non-Member Turtle Walks</b> Monday, Wednesday & Friday 6/6 – 7/29 8 p.m. With the exception of July 4	<b>Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters &amp; Gift Shop</b> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Reef Program</b> Saturdays 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23 and 7/30 10:00 a.m.	<b>Beach Cleanup</b> Saturday 7/9 9 – 11 a.m.	<b>Butterfly Walk</b> Saturday 7/30 • 11 a.m.	<b>Conch Stomp Band</b> Sunday 7/10 1 – 3 p.m.  <b>Bluegrass Music</b> Sunday 7/17 1 – 3 p.m.	<b>Introduction to Kayak Fishing</b> Saturday 7/23 1:00 p.m.	<b>Nature Walk</b> Daily at 10:00 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop <b>Fish Tank Interpretation</b> Sundays 11 a.m. – Nature Center <b>Snake Talk</b> Sundays 2 p.m. – Nature Center	<b>Nature Photography Workshop</b> Saturday 7/9 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Learn to Kayak</b> Sunday 7/3 12 p.m.
AUGUST			<b>Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters &amp; Gift Shop</b> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	<b>Reef Program</b> Saturdays 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, and 8/27 10:00 a.m.	<b>Beach Cleanup</b> Saturday 8/13 9 – 11 a.m.	<b>Birding at MacArthur</b> Sunday 8/28 • 12:00 p.m.  <b>Butterfly Walk</b> Saturday 8/27 • 11 a.m.	<b>Conch Stomp Band</b> Sunday 8/14 1 – 3 p.m.  <b>Bluegrass Music</b> Sunday 8/21 1 – 3 p.m.	<b>Birding by Kayak</b> Sunday 8/14 9:00 a.m.  <b>Introduction to Surfing</b> Sunday 8/27 10:00 a.m.	<b>Nature Walk</b> Daily at 10:00 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop <b>Fish Tank Interpretation</b> Sundays 11 a.m. – Nature Center <b>Snake Talk</b> Sundays 2 p.m. – Nature Center	<b>Nature Photography Workshop</b> Saturday 8/13 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Learn to Kayak</b> Sunday 8/7 12 p.m.
SEPTEMBER			<b>Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters &amp; Gift Shop</b> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.			<b>Birding at MacArthur</b> Sunday 9/18 • 4:00 p.m.  <b>Butterfly Walk</b> Saturday 9/24 • 11 a.m.	<b>Conch Stomp Band</b> Sunday 9/11 1 – 3 p.m.  <b>Bluegrass Music</b> Sunday 9/18 1 – 3 p.m.		<b>Nature Walk</b> Daily at 10:00 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop <b>Fish Tank Interpretation</b> Sundays 11 a.m. – Nature Center <b>Snake Talk</b> Sundays 2 p.m. – Nature Center	<b>Nature Photography Workshop</b> Saturday 9/10 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Learn to Kayak</b> Sunday 9/4 12 p.m.
OCTOBER			<b>Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters &amp; Gift Shop</b> 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.			<b>Birding at MacArthur</b> Sunday 10/23 • 9:30 a.m.  <b>Butterfly Walk</b> Saturday 10/29 • 11 a.m.	<b>Conch Stomp Band</b> Sunday 10/9 1 – 3 p.m.  <b>Bluegrass Music</b> Sunday 10/16 1 – 3 p.m.	<b>Introduction to Kayak Fishing</b> Saturday 10/22 1:00 p.m.	<b>Nature Walk</b> Daily at 10:00 a.m. Meet in front of Gift Shop <b>Fish Tank Interpretation</b> Sundays 11 a.m. – Nature Center <b>Snake Talk</b> Sundays 2 p.m. – Nature Center	<b>Nature Photography Workshop</b> Saturday 10/8 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.	<b>Learn to Kayak</b> Sunday 10/2 12 p.m.





### SUMMER CAMP 2016

#### *Give Your Child a Summer of Outdoor Sun, Fun and Exploration!*

MacArthur Beach State Park is offering six weeks of 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. Older campers will also have an opportunity to kayak and snorkel while younger campers will explore the beach and learn basic scientific concepts. [www.macarthurbeach.org](http://www.macarthurbeach.org).

### SUMMER 2016 SEA TURTLE TALK & WALKS

Each June and July MacArthur Beach State Park offers evening Turtle 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.

**FRIENDS Member** registration will be taken by phone starting Tuesday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m.

- FRIENDS dates are June 4, 11, & 25 and July 9, 16 & 23

- To register please call 561-776-7449, ext. 102

**Non Member** registration will be online and sold as "tickets" through [www.macarthurbeach.org](http://www.macarthurbeach.org).

- Price is \$10 per ticket and is non-refundable unless the event is cancelled by Park staff

- Registration launches on May 31 at 9 a.m. (It will fill up quickly)

- Walk schedule starts on June 6 and runs through July 29 (Monday, Wednesday & Friday with the exception of July 4th)

### 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 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. 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 John D. MacArthur Beach State Park. Reservations recommended. Visitors should bring binoculars or rent them in the Gift Shop. Program is free with Park admission. 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, 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 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 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 Beach Cleanup

MacArthur Beach State Park will be hosting 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 sea turtles. 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. Then 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 professionals. Appropriate for 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 and does not include Park admission. For more information visit [www.macarthurbeach.org](http://www.macarthurbeach.org).

### 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. Paddle through the 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. Reservations are required and space is limited. Call for information at 561-624-6952.

#### *Intro to Snorkeling*

Saturdays in May, learn the basics of snorkeling including proper fin and mask selection/fitting, how to clean your mask, snorkeling safety, diving techniques and more. This is a land-based course and is free with Park admission. Reservations are required and space is limited. Call for information at 561-624-6952.

#### *Intro to Surfing*

Ranger led course of instruction on the basics of surfing – lessons will be on land and water. Adults and children 10 and older (children under 18 must be accompanied in water by adult). Reservation required, call 561-624-6952. Free with Park admission.

#### *Intro to Kayak Fishing*

Children and adults of all ages join a Ranger to learn the basics and fun of kayak fishing. In 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

#### *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*

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

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto:Cheryl@macarthurbeach.org).

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PALM BEACH GARDENS

### 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



MAY - OCTOBER

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THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO EXPLORE

