



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!



	SPEAKER SERIES \$5.00 per person (\$5.00 is for everyone including friends)	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	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	JUNIOR FRIENDS MEETINGS 6th–12th graders whose purpose is to support the Park while earning community service hours	SPECIAL EVENTS
NOVEMBER	Everything you Want to Know About Sharks but Were Afraid... Stephen Cain Saturday 11/7 10 -11a.m.	Holiday Shopping Sale!! November 20 - December 31 Members - 20% off*	Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	School of Rock Saturday 11/21 7-9 p.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 11/14 9 - 11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 11/22 11 a.m. Butterfly Walk Saturday 11/28 11 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 11/8 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass Jam 3 - 5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 11/15 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 11/1 12 p.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sunday 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sunday 2 p.m.- Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Saturday 11/14 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Jr. Friends Meeting Saturday 11/7 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.	
DECEMBER		*Excludes clearance items, beverages, consignment items, rentals, ice cream products, or other products, services as determined by the Friends of MacArthur Beach.	Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Jon Shain Saturday 12/19 7-9 p.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 12/12 9 - 11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 12/20 9:30 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 12/13 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass Jam 3 - 5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 12/20 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 12/6 12 p.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sunday 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sunday 2 p.m. - Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Saturday 12/12 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.		Shop ‘Til You Drop Frenchmen’s Reserve Friday 11/20 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
JANUARY2016	I Resolve to Make A Difference Al Salopek Saturday 1/16 10-11a.m.		Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Nikki Talley Saturday 1/23 7-9 p.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 1/9 9 -11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 1/17 9 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 1/10 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass Jam 3-5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 1/17 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday, 1/3, 12 p.m. Geocaching Saturday, 1/23, 11 a.m. Intro to Kayak Fishing Saturday, 1/30, 1-3 p.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sunday 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sunday 2 p.m.- Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Saturday 1/9 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Jr. Friends Meeting Saturday 1/16 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.	
FEBRUARY	Lionfish, Lizards and Peppers – Oh My! Dr. Zak Jud Saturday 2/6 10 - 11 a.m.		Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Acoustic Calamity Saturday 2/20 7-9 p.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 2/13 9 -11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 2/21 2 p.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 2/14 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass Jam 3-5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 2/21 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 2/7 12 p.m. Birding by Kayak Sunday 2/14 9 a.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sunday 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sunday 2 p.m.- Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Saturday 2/13 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Jr. Friends Meeting Saturday 2/6 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.	
MARCH	The Wonders of Water Robert Meyers Saturday 3/5 10 - 11 a.m.		Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Roadside Revue Saturday 3/19 7-9 p.m.	Beach Cleanup Saturday 3/12 9 -11 a.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 3/20 2 p.m. Butterfly Walk Saturday 3/26 11 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 3/13 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass Jam 3 - 5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 3/20 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 3/6 12 p.m. Intro to Kayak Fishing Saturday 3/26 1 - 3 p.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sunday 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sunday 2 p.m.- Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Saturday 3/12 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Jr. Friends Meeting Saturday 3/12 NatureScaping	
APRIL	Love Your Mother Earth... Dr. Lauren Toth and Phil Gravinese Saturday 4/2 10 - 11 a.m.		Kayaks Rented Daily at Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Sonny Russell Saturday 4/23 7-9 p.m.	Great American Cleanup Saturday 4/16 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Birding at MacArthur Sunday 4/17 12:30 p.m. Butterfly Walk Saturday 4/30 11 a.m.	Conch Stomp Band Sunday 4/10 1 - 3 p.m. Bluegrass Jam 3 - 5 p.m. Bluegrass Music Sunday 4/17 1 - 3 p.m.	Learn to Kayak Sunday 4/3 12:00 p.m. Birding by Kayak Sunday 4/10 9 a.m.	Nature Walk Daily at 10 a.m. Fish Tank Interpretation Sunday 11 a.m.- Nature Center Snake Talk Sunday 2 p.m.- Nature Center	Nature Photography Workshop Saturday 4/9 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Jr. Friends Meeting Saturday 4/2 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.	

SPECIAL EVENTS

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP-- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2015

Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park invite you to Shop 'til You Drop at Frenchman's Reserve in Palm Beach Gardens. Shop top fashion, accessory and home décor vendors while sipping on complimentary mimosas. Great holiday gifts for the entire family, to benefit the Natural Science Education Fund at MacArthur Beach State Park. Purchase your tickets today at www.macarthurbeach.org

GREAT AMERICAN BEACH CLEAN-UP

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 the www.keeppbcbeautiful.org

NATURESCAPING : AN OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

Mark your calendar for our Annual NatureScaping festival. Join us for a day of family fun. There will be live music, native plants and craft vendors, live animal shows, children's programs, food trucks and lots of fun! If you are interested in being a sponsor or vendor for NatureScaping please contact Park Services Specialist Art Carton at 561-776-7449, ext. 109 or email Arthur.Carton@dep.state.fl.us.

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. 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 10:00 a.m. Meet in front of Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop, bring water bottle, sun screen and insect repellent. Free with Park admission.

FISH TANK INTERPRETATION

Learn about the various fish and other 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.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Join us on the second Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 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 admittance. For more information visit 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.

SPEAKER SERIES

We invite you to join us in the Pew Family Natural Science Education Center for great information, exciting insights and fascinating discussion on a broad scope of local topics. Offered November through April on the first Saturday at 10 a.m.; \$5 per person. Members attend free.

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 reservations or for additional information at 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. 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

MACARTHUR UNDER MOONLIGHT CONCERT SERIES

Join us for a magical night of music; gates open at 6:00 p.m., live music from 7:00 to 9:00 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 non-members.

BLUEGRASS MUSIC

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.

BLUEGRASS JAM

Bring your banjo, washboard, or other acoustic instruments and jam along with the band. The second Sunday of each month join the band after their set for a jam session.

BEACH OUTFITTERS & GIFT SHOP

Open daily from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Beach Outfitters & Gift Shop offers a wide variety of unique gifts, beach supplies, books and Park memberships to make your visit to John D. MacArthur Beach State Park memorable. Operated by the Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park, all funds from Beach Outfitters help fund Park programs and make your visit more enjoyable.

JR. FRIENDS MEETING

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

KAYAK RENTAL

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.

SUMMER CAMP 2016

June 13 – 17	Sunshine Explorers
June 20 – 24	Junior Rangers
June 27 – July 1	Junior Rangers
July 11 – 15	Marine Biologists
July 18 – 22	Marine Biologists
July 25 – 29	Marine Champions

Early Bird Registration Fees

On or before March 12, 2016

	1st Child	2nd • 3rd • 4th Child
Sunshine Explorers	\$175	\$165
Junior Ranger	\$200	\$190
Marine Biologists	\$200	\$190
Marine Champions	\$200	\$190
Counselor in Training	\$50	\$50

Regular Registration Fees

After March 12, 2016

	1st Child	2nd • 3rd • 4th Child
Sunshine Explorers	\$200	\$190
Junior Ranger	\$225	\$215
Marine Biologists	\$225	\$215
Marine Champions	\$225	\$215
Counselor in Training	\$50	\$50

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

Our goal is to help each camper appreciate and understand nature, to take an active role in the conservation of the environment and provide activities to increase independence, sportsmanship and high self-esteem. **8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

SUNSHINE EXPLORERS - JUNE 13-17

For students ages 6, 7 and 8, campers will be introduced to environmental concepts through interactive games, crafts, and activities and enjoy swimming, beach play and outdoor play.

JUNIOR RANGERS - JUNE 20-24 (SESSION 1)

AND JUNE 27-JULY 1 (SESSION 2)

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

MARINE BIOLOGISTS - JULY 11-15 (SESSION 1)

AND JULY 18-22 (SESSION 2)

For students ages 11, 12, 13, and 14, students 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 Skype with a Scientist.

MARINE CHAMPIONS - JULY 25-29

For students who are ages 12, 13, and 14 who have previously completed our Marine Biologists program. This is a more advanced program for campers who are ready to be Champions for our environment! They will be participating in elevated Marine Biologist 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, 17, and 18 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 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 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 and/or Junior Rangers. If a CIT is 17 or 18 years old, they may work with any of the programs.

If you are interested in this program, please contact Veronica Frehm at veronica@macarthurbeach.org 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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PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES



NOVEMBER - APRIL

2015-2016

THERE'S SO MUCH MORE TO EXPLORE

