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APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS FEBRUARY 2025

PLEASE NOTE: All programs are subject to cancellation and/or rescheduling due to staff limitations, weather conditions, or other factors. Some programs require reservations, a minimum age or a cost-recovery fee.

Call 386-428-3384 for program information during Visitor Center operating hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Visit our website at www.nps.gov/cana for more information.

Entrance fees apply to all interpretive program participants. All programs meet the requirements for the Canaveral National Seashore Junior Ranger program.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19 and Feb. 26 - TURTLE MOUND WALK AND TALK – 10 a.m. Join an experienced volunteer for a walk to the top of Turtle Mound. During their 2,000 years of occupation along the Florida coast, the Timucuans did little to alter the natural landscape. Their few remaining burial mounds and shell mounds are like an unwritten book about the people who lived here. Meet at Turtle Mound in the park. (Activity duration: 1 hour)

Thursday, Feb. 6, Feb. 13, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27 – 10 a.m. PLANT WALKS - Join us every Thursday for a walk to identify the plants of Canaveral National Seashore and to learn how they have been utilized over the years. Each walk is led by an experienced volunteer and covers a different part of the park. Please bring water for hydration and wear shoes for trail walking. (Activity duration: 2 hours).

The walks in February will be as follows:

1. **Feb. 6 - Turtle Mound.** Meet at 9:45 a.m. Use the Turtle Mound parking area or boat-ramp parking lot and walk down.
2. **Feb. 13 - Eldora.** Meet at 9:45 a.m. at Parking Lot #7.
3. **Feb. 20 - Loop Trail.** Meet at 9:45 a.m. at Parking Lot #8.
4. **Feb. 27 - Castle Windy.** Meet at 9:45 a.m. at Parking Lot #3 (ocean side).

Saturday, Feb. 8 - SOUNDWALK – WE ARE NATURE – 11 a.m. - Explore the sounds and rhythms of our urban and natural world with Atlantic Center for the Arts. Soundwalks are beneficial for people of all ages to relieve stress, gain focus, and develop a deeper understanding of how we fit into the ecosystem of our environment. Meet at the Apollo Visitor Center. (Activity duration: 2 hours)

Tuesday, Feb. 11 – ELDORA HOUSE SPECIAL TALK – 11 a.m. - Experience the community of Eldora in the Eldora State House while learning about its history and connection to the Mosquito Lagoon. Meet at the Eldora House. For directions, stop by the Visitor Center. (Activity duration: 1 hour)

Tuesday, Feb. 11 and Feb. 25 - CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON - 9:15 a.m. - Reservations will be accepted one week before the canoe date. Join a guide as you explore this rich and diverse estuary up close. Some canoeing experience is preferred. Guests must be at least 8 years old and able to paddle. You must wear completely enclosed shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Bring water, sunscreen and a hat. Dress to get wet. There is a \$25 canoe rental fee. Call (386) 428-3384 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Pavilion behind the Visitor Center by 9:15 a.m. (Activity duration: 2 hours)

Wednesday, Feb. 12 - BEACH WALK – 10 a.m. - Join a park ranger on a walk through the unique ecosystems of the seashore. Bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and water. Be prepared to walk a mile on the beach. Meet at the Visitor Center. Walk will leave promptly at 10 a.m. (Activity duration: 1 hour)

Saturday, Feb. 22 - CLAMMING 101 – 10 a.m. - Learn how to collect this delicious bivalve from the waters of the Mosquito Lagoon. Gathering clams has been an activity conducted in this area for thousands of years. Learn tips, techniques and recipes along with information about the Florida bag and size limits. A saltwater fishing license is required to keep these tasty resources. Participants must wear covered-toe shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Park at Parking Lot #1 and walk across the street to the boat ramp on the lagoon side. (Activity duration: 1 hour)

Tuesday, Feb. 25 – BEACH CLEAN-UP – 10 a.m. - Help keep our beaches clean. Join us to clean up your national park. Bring water, sunscreen, insect repellent and a hat. We provide trash bags and keep a record of what you collect. Meet at the Visitor Center. (Activity duration: 1 hour)