

APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS JANUARY 2026

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 operating hours (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), www.nps.gov/cana. Entrance fees apply to all interpretive program participants. All programs meet the requirements for the Canaveral National Seashore Junior Ranger program. Apollo Beach Visitor Information Center Address: 7611 S. Atlantic Ave. NSB, 32169.*

FRIDAYS, JANUARY 2, 16, 30 - 10:00 AM - “TURTLE MOUND WALK” - Walk to the top of Turtle Mound with a ranger and discuss the Timucua history who once called this place home. Learn about what life was like for the Timucua over 2,000 years ago. Meet at the Turtle Mound parking area. (30 min.)

SUNDAY and MONDAY, JANUARY 4 & 5 – 10:00 AM - “SEASHORE 101” - Join Park staff for a 30-minute talk to discover what makes Canaveral National Seashore so special. Meet at the Visitor Center. (30 min.)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6 - 10:00 AM - “BROWN BAG LUNCH TALK” - In 2025, several community partners collaborated to produce a new 26-minute video documentary for the Canaveral National Seashore visitors center. “Postcards from Canaveral” tells the story of the Young Sound Seekers program, a five-year collaboration between Stetson University, the Conklin Davis Center for the Visually Impaired in Daytona Beach and Atlantic Center for the Arts. At this presentation, Dr. Nathan Wolek will talk about his role in the documentary, including the process of gathering sounds, developing the script, and crafting our audio tour of the seashore's unique soundscapes. (1 hour)

WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 7, 14, 21, 28 – 10:00 AM - “PLANT WALKS” - Join us every Wednesday for a walk to identify the plants of Canaveral National Seashore and find out 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. (2 hours). The walks in January will be as follows:

Jan. 7 - Turtle Mound. Meet at 10:00 am. Use the Turtle Mound parking area or boat ramp parking lot and walk down.

Jan. 14 - Eldora. Meet at 10:00 am at parking lot number 7.

Jan. 21 - Hammock Loop Trail. Meet at 10:00 am at parking lot number 8.

Jan. 28 - Castle Windy. Meet at 10:00 am at parking lot #3 (ocean side).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11 - "BEACH CLEANUP STROLL" - 10:00 AM - Join Park staff for a guided walk through the unique ecosystems of the seashore while helping to keep our beaches clean. As we explore up to a mile of shoreline, visitors will learn about the coastal environment and assist with a light beach cleanup along the way. Trash bags are provided. Please bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and water in a reusable container. Meet at the Visitor Center. (1 hour)

MONDAY, JANUARY 12 - "BEACH CLEAN-UP" - 10:00 AM - Help keep our beaches clean. Join us to clean up your national park. Bring water, sunscreen, bug repellent and a hat. We provide trash bags and keep a record of what you collect. Meet at the Visitors Center. (1 hour)

THURSDAYS, JANUARY 15 & 29 - 10:00 AM - "CANAVERAL HISTORY 101" - Learn about the historic places that are located within Canaveral National Seashore. Meet at the Apollo Visitor Center auditorium. 7611 S. Atlantic Ave New Smyrna Bch FL 32169. (30 min.)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 & 31 - "CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON" - 9:30 AM - Reservations will be accepted a week before the canoe date. Join a guide as you explore this rich and diverse estuary up close. Some experience is preferred. You 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 ext. 0 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Pavilion behind the Visitor Center by 9:15am. (2 hours)

MONDAY, JANUARY 26 - "SPECIES OF CONCERN" - 1:00 PM - Join us for a discussion of some of the species in the park that are endangered, threatened, or of special concern. This includes manatees, sea turtles, right whales, and other species. This program is suitable for all ages and meets Jr. Ranger requirements. Meet at the Visitor Center. (1 hour)