

APOLLO DISTRICT

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

DECEMBER 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 operating hours (9 a.m. to 5 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. New Smyrna Beach, FL, 32169.

WEDNESDAYS Dec. 3, Dec. 10, Dec. 17, Dec. 31 – 10 a.m. - PLANT WALKS - Join us every Wednesday for a walk to identify the plants of Canaveral National Seashore and 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 December will be as follows:

1. **Dec. 3** - Turtle Mound. Meet at 10 a.m. Use the Turtle Mound parking area or the boat ramp parking lot and walk south to Turtle Mound.
2. **Dec. 10** – Eldora House. Meet at 10 a.m. at parking lot #7.
3. **Dec. 17** - Hammock Loop Trail. Meet at 10 a.m. at parking lot #8.
4. **Dec. 31** - Castle Windy. Meet at 10 a.m. at parking lot #3 (ocean side).

FRIDAYS Dec. 5, Dec. 12 and Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. -- “THE TIMUCUA OF TURTLE MOUND” -- We will gather at Turtle Mound -- one of the largest shell middens in the nation -- to discuss what life was like for the people who called this place home for thousands of years. We will review how the mounds of the area were used, examine selected artifacts and discuss the science of studying the people of the past. Meet at the Turtle Mound parking area or boat ramp parking lot and walk south to Turtle Mound. (Activity duration: 30 minutes)

Saturday, Dec. 6 and Tuesday, Dec. 30 at 9:30 a.m. - CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON

- Reservations will be accepted one week before each canoe date. Join a guide as you explore this rich and diverse estuary up close. Some canoeing experience is preferred. You must be at least 8 years old and able to paddle. Guests 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 Apollo Visitor Center by 9:15 a.m. (Activity duration: 2 hours)

Monday, Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. -- BEACH CLEANUP -- Help keep our beaches clean. Join us to clean up your national park. Bring water, sunscreen, bug repellent, gloves and a hat. We provide trash bags and keep a record of what debris is collected. Meet at the Apollo Visitors Center. (Activity duration: 1 hour)

Friday, Dec. 26 and Monday, Dec. 29 at 10 a.m. -- "CANAVERAL 101"-- Join a park ranger for a short talk to discover what makes Canaveral National Seashore so special. Meet at the Apollo Visitor Center. (Activity duration: 30 minutes)