APOLLO DISTRICT

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

OCTOBER 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.

Monday, Oct. 6 at 9 a.m. -- **"SEA TURTLE NESTING SEASON 2025" --** Join us for a discussion on nesting sea turtles in general and specifically how the 2025 nesting season is progressing. Meet at the Apollo District Visitor Information Center. (Activity duration: 1 hour)

Oct. 4, **Oct. 7, Oct. 18 and Oct. 21 at 9 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 paddling 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 per person. Call (386) 428-3384 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Pavilion behind the Apollo Visitor Center by 9 a.m. (Activity duration: 2 hours)

Friday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. -- "THE TIMUCUA OF TURTLE MOUND" – This program will meet 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. Program leaders and participants will review how the mounds of the area were used, examine selected artifacts and discuss the science of studying people of the past. Meet at the Turtle Mound parking area or boat ramp parking lot and walk down. (Activity duration: 30 minutes)

Sunday, Oct. 12 at 2 p.m. -- "**SEASHORE 101 AT APOLLO BEACH**"-- Join a park ranger for a 30-minute talk to discover what makes Canaveral National Seashore so special. Meet at the Visitor Center at 2 p.m. (Activity duration: 30 minutes)

Friday, Oct. 17 at 9 a.m. -- "BEACH CLEAN UP" -- Help keep our beaches clean. Join us to clean up your national park. Bring water, sunscreen, bug repellant and a hat. We provide trash bags and keep a record of what you collect. Meet at the Apollo Visitor Center. (Activity duration: I hour)

WEDNESDAYS Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct. 22 and Oct. 29 at 10 a.m. - “PLANT WALKS” -- Join us every Wednesday in October 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 each date 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 October will be as follows:

Oct. 8 - Turtle Mound. Meet at 10 a.m. Use the Turtle Mound parking area or boat ramp parking lot and walk down.

Oct. 15 – Eldora. Meet at 10 a.m. at parking lot #7.

Oct. 22 - Hammock Loop Trail. Meet at 10 a.m. at parking lot #8.

Oct. 29 - Castle Windy. Meet at 10 a.m. at parking lot #3 (ocean side).

Monday, Oct. 27 at 10 a.m. -- "BEACH WALK" -- Join a park ranger on a walk through the unique ecosystems of the seashore. Bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent and water. Wear comfortable shoes and be prepared to walk one mile on the beach. Meet at the Apollo Visitor Center. (Activity duration: l hour)