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Canaveral National Seashore



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**APOLLO DISTRICT INTERPRETIVE  
PROGRAMS  
MARCH 2020**

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 ext. 0 for program information during Visitor Center hours (9:00AM to 5:00PM) or visit [www.nps.gov/cana](http://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.

**PLANT WALKS: WEDNESDAYS, Mar. 4TH, 11TH, and 25TH- (Locations vary) 10:00AM**

“PLANTS OF THE PARK” Join us for a series of plant walks to learn how plants in the park were used by Native Americans and early settlers. Discover their unique botanical characteristics and their areas of adaptation. Walks vary in length; none more than a mile. Sturdy outdoor walking shoes suggested. (2 hours)

Mar. 4th: Meet at parking lot #9, 10:00AM to explore Eldora Hammock Loop trail.

Mar. 11th: Meet at parking lot #3, 10:00AM to explore the Castle Windy trail’s diverse and varied habitats.

Mar. 25th: Meet at Eldora parking lot #8, 10:00AM to explore the area walking towards the Eldora State House and return by the back trail.

**CANOE TRIPS: WEDNESDAYS, Mar. 4TH, 11TH, 18TH, 25TH - 9:00AM - “CANOE MOSQUITO LAGOON”** Reservations will be accepted a week prior. Join an experienced 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 covered shoes (no sandals or flip-flops). Bring water, sunscreen and a hat. Dress to get wet. Individuals with their own kayaks/canoes are welcome to join in. There is no charge for the program. However, if you need to rent a canoe/kayak, there is a cost-recovery fee of \$25/vessel. Call (386) 428-3384 ext. 0 to reserve your spot. Meet at the Visitor Center at 8:45AM. We will leave promptly at 9:00AM. (2 hours)

**TUESDAY, Mar. 10TH - 9:00AM - “BIRDING: Bird Families of Mosquito Lagoon”** Learn to recognize the specific bird families who make their home in this diverse estuary. Hosted by an experienced Audubon leader, this class is indoors and part of a series (see “Birding: Outdoor Lab” on Mar. 17th). No reservations required. Meet at the Visitor Center. (1.5 hour)

**SATURDAY, Mar. 14TH – 10:00AM - “PLANTS OF CANAVERAL”** Join author, Dr. Don Spence as he discusses the newly published book specifically about the plants of Canaveral National Seashore. Fellow

authors and contributors from the Canaveral National Seashore plant team will also be in attendance. Meet in the Visitor Center auditorium. A book signing and plant walk will follow. (3 hours)

SUNDAYS, Mar. 15 TH, 22ND, and 29TH - 12:00PM - “DORIS LEEPER” In honor of Women’s History Month, Canaveral National Seashore is highlighting artist and environmentalist, Doris Leeper. The program will be onsite at the Shultz-Leeper House, a former home of this influential visionary which is located within the Seashore. (1 hour)

TUESDAY, Mar. 17TH - 9:00AM - “BIRDING: Outdoor Lab @ Seminole Rest and Riverbreeze Park” Take your classroom knowledge to the field as you learn to recognize the birds of Mosquito Lagoon in their natural habitats with an experienced Audubon leader. This birding adventure will begin at Seminole Rest in Oak Hill then transition to nearby Riverbreeze Park. You must provide your own vehicle transportation. Please

bring a hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, and binoculars. No reservations required. Previous attendance in the Mar. 10th classroom event is helpful but not required. (1.5 hours)

SATURDAY, Mar. 21ST - 10:00AM – 1:00PM “BEACH CLEAN-UP” Your participation is vital to maintaining a pristine beach habitat. Join us to keep Apollo Beach beautiful. Bring water, sunscreen, bug repellent, work gloves and a hat. We provide trash bags. Meet at the Visitor Center. (3 hours)

WEDNESDAY, Mar. 25TH - 11:00AM - “BROWN BAG LUNCH – NURDLES: What are they, where and when do they appear on the beaches of Canaveral and why does it matter? This unique opportunity allows you to meet and have lunch with Dr. Robert Sluka from A Rocha International. Meet in the Visitor Center for an hour-long presentation, then head out to the pavilion for lunch with an open-air time for questions and answers. Please bring your own lunch. No reservations required. (2 hours)

FRIDAY, Mar. 27TH - 10:00AM - “SEA TURTLES” Learn the latest information about the endangered sea turtles of Canaveral National Seashore, their lifecycles, our conservation efforts, their trending population numbers here, and our popular nighttime Turtle Watch program that occurs in the summer. Meet at the Visitor Center. (1 hour)