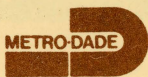


# RESERVED NATURE PROGRAMS FOR GROUPS



METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY  
PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT



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Your Metropolitan Dade County Park and Recreation Department offers a wide selection of nature interpretation activities concerned with various aspects of south Florida's natural history. Programs are conducted by Park Naturalists on a reservation basis for groups of fifteen or more (Less than fifteen must pay minimum fee). These programs are offered on a fee basis and require at least two weeks for scheduling. For further information and reservations call 949-3134.

### **GUIDED NATURE WALKS—COUNTY PARKS**

**FEE: \$0.50 Per Participant.**

#### **CRANDON BEACH PARK**

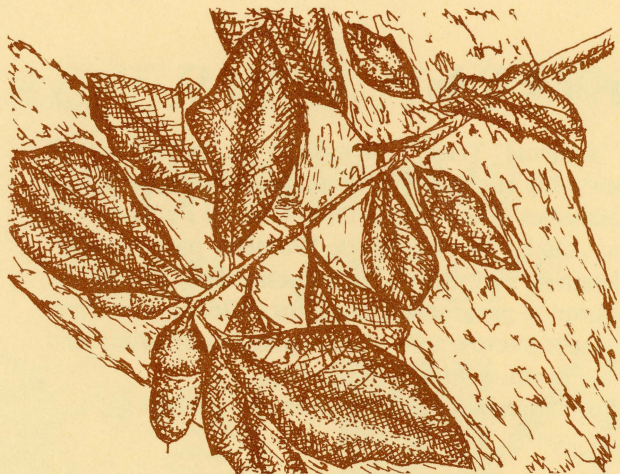
##### **Bear Cut Marine Walk**

Located on the north end of Crandon Beach Park, Key Biscayne.

This walk is conducted at the "Bear Cut" area of Crandon Beach Park.

Participants have the opportunity to learn about and to observe many of the creatures found in the sea. The tour is conducted in the shallow waters of Bear Cut and covers mangrove, grass and sand flat communities. Appropriate shoes (tennis preferred) must be worn for protection. Low tide will determine scheduling of tour.





## **MATHESON HAMMOCK COUNTY PARK**

9610 Old Cutler Road, Coral Gables

### **Woodland Trail Walk**

This walk stresses hammock formation, recognition of tropical hardwood trees and shrubs and the animal life associated with the habitat. Special emphasis is placed upon the identification of poisonous and edible plants utilized by the Indians and early settlers of south Florida.

### **Bayshore Walk**

The mangrove ecosystem is essential to the survival of Biscayne Bay.

This walk, conducted along the shore of the park's wading beach area, stresses the plants and associated wildlife along the mangrove coast as well as the marine life offshore.

Participants must wear shoes (tennis preferred) while on tour.

*\*DISCOVER YOUR DADE COUNTY PARKS .....*

*NATURALLY!*

## **GREYNOLDS COUNTY PARK**

17530 West Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach

### **Bird Walk**

This walk encircles an active bird rookery (communal nesting and roosting place) where participants may, during the nesting season (May thru October), observe the ritual nesting and the rearing of young. Due to the close proximity of the nests in relation to land, this walk promises a fascinating glimpse into the life cycle of such species as the cattle egret, the anhinga, the great egret and the white ibis.

### **Lakeside Trail Walk**

This walk covers the native vegetation and animal life associated with a brackish water lake. Tropical hardwood trees and shrubs, poisonous plants as well as fish, turtles, alligators and long-legged wading birds will be stressed.

## **THEME NATURE WALKS**

Specific theme walks are conducted in the county parks by Park Naturalists upon request and pending particular seasonal conditions and age levels of group. The following walks are available:

- ★ Insects and Other Small Creatures
- ★ Plants The Indians Used
- ★ Poisonous and Edible Plants
- ★ Native Tree & Shrub Identification
- ★ Animal Tracks and Homes
- ★ Migratory Birds (Fall & Spring)
- ★ Shallow Water Snorkeling
- ★ Geology Walk
- ★ Wildflowers and Ferns

## **INDOOR INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS**

The following indoor interpretive programs deal with specific subjects of south Florida's natural history. Each presentation, presented by Park Naturalists runs approximately 45 minutes. For the scheduling of these informative programs, reservations should be made at least two weeks in advance and are restricted to groups of 15 or more.

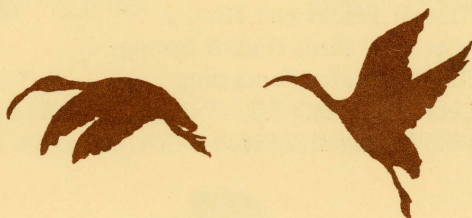
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### **Color Slide Presentations**

- ★ Birds of South Florida
- ★ One Day in An Everglades Marsh
- ★ South Florida mammals
- ★ Marine Life of Bear Cut
- ★ Tropical Hammocks in Dade County
- ★ Indians of South Florida
- ★ South Florida's Endangered Species
- ★ The Big Cypress Country

### **Demonstrations**

- ★ Snakes of South Florida (Live snakes and slides)
- ★ Animals Around Us (Live animals and slides)  
This program is only available when orphaned animals are under the care of the nature facilities.
- ★ Poisonous Plants of South Florida
- ★ Edible Wild Plants of South Florida
- ★ Plants Used To Attract Birds To Your Yard.
- ★ Back Country Canoeing



## **PUBLICATION**

“Tropical Trails” newsletter is published bi-monthly and provides a complete listing of nature activities in the Metro Dade County Parks as well as articles by naturalists. We offer nature walks, lectures, canoe trips, wilderness hikes, bird walks, camping programs, classes for children, van trips, nature photography, native plant study group and much, much more !

For subscription information, phone 949-3134.

## **NATURE FACILITIES**

### **Arch Creek Park & Museum**

An eight acre historical site that contains ¼ mile self-guided nature trail through a tropical hardwood hammock. The park features a coontie mill site, Tequesta Indian midden and small museum. For program information, phone 949-3134.

### **Castellow Hammock Park & Nature Center**

A 50 acre tropical hardwood hammock preserve containing a ½ mile self-guided nature trail that allows visitors to see a variety of native trees, shrubs, ferns and associated animal life. The park features a nature center, arboretum, small animal display and picnic area.

### **Old Cutler Hammock Park & Nature Center**

A 30 acre preserve situated in a natural hammock-pine setting, offers a ¼ mile self-guided nature trail system, canoeing facilities, picnic shelter and small animal display.

For program information, phone 255-4767.

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