



Lovers Key State Park
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STATE PARK TO OFFER GUIDED NATURE PROGRAMS IN APRIL 2025

-Lovers Key State Park to host wildlife programs and recreational activities-

FORT MYERS BEACH – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Lovers Key State Park will present weekly programs on park history and wildlife throughout the month of **April 2025**. All programs will take place at Lovers Key State Park.

Space is limited for all events; reservations are required. To register, visit the Friends of Lovers Key’s Eventbrite page: <https://bit.ly/FOLKS-Events>

The park offers many recreational opportunities for visitors with disabilities. For accommodations assistance, please contact the park office at 239-707-6328.

April 2025 programs include:

Friday, April 4th at 9:00 a.m.
Miniature Painting on Shells Painting Class

Program is \$59 includes park entry fee

Join Artist-in-Residence Jenny M. Licht for a Miniature Painting on Shells Class at Lovers Key State Park. With Jenny’s help, you will transform shells into beautiful works of art.

Friday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m.
Beach and Estuary Walk

Program is free with paid park entry

Join a park ranger for a leisurely hike along the beach and estuary shorelines of Lovers Key. Discover the natural beauty of both ecosystems as you encounter the seashells, crustaceans, birds, and other creatures that reside amongst these waterways. Space is limited; reservations are required. *To register*, visit <https://bit.ly/FOLKS-Events>.

Friday, April 11th at 10:00 a.m.
Seashell Walk

Program is free with paid park entry

Join a park ranger for a relaxing hike along the Lovers Key shoreline. Learn the names of the seashells that wash ashore at the park, fun facts about the creatures who craft them, and the shelling regulations that help protect these iconic Florida treasures. Space is limited; reservations are required. *To register*, visit <https://bit.ly/FOLKS-Events>.

Wednesday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m.
Fishing Clinic

Program is free with paid park entry.

Join two park naturalists to learn more about fishing in Southwest Florida. You'll discuss a variety of tackle and fresh bait rigs, discover the best places to drop a line at the park, and learn the rules and regulations for fishing in Southwest Florida. Space is limited; reservations are required. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/FOLKS-Events>.

Thursday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m.
Speaker Series
The Power of Conservation in Coastal Southwest Florida

Program is \$25 includes park entry fee

For nearly four decades, the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed or CREW, has brought together public and private entities to protect some of the last remaining natural habitats in Southwest Florida. Join Dr. Lucius for a powerful discussion of the impact of conservation on our region's natural beauty.

Friday, April 18th at 10:00 a.m.
Walk on the Wild Side

Program is free with paid park entry

Join a park ranger for a guided hike along our Black Island Trail. Learn about the fascinating vegetation and wildlife that reside in our maritime hammock ecosystem and enjoy a little local history along the way. Closed-toe shoes, sunscreen, bug spray, and water bottles are highly recommended. Space is limited; reservations are required. *To register*, visit <https://bit.ly/FOLKS-Events>.

Saturday, April 19th at 10:00 a.m.
Junior Ranger Creature Feature

Program is free with paid park entry.

Join park staff for a Junior Ranger educational program and accompanying activity. Each day will explore one of the four components of the Florida Park Service's Junior Ranger program: natural resources, cultural resources, recreation, and service. Participants will be eligible for

Junior Ranger passport stamps with the successful completion of the program.

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Event registration can be accessed at the following QR code:



The Friends of Lovers Key's Eventbrite Page:

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About Lovers Key State Park

Once a collection of secluded barrier islands, Lovers Key has become a premiere destination for wildlife viewing and outdoor recreation in Southwest Florida. Previously destined to become the site of luxury condominiums, Lovers Key State Park was purchased for the people of Florida, so the park's natural features could be enjoyed for generations to come. The two-mile stretch of beach is popular for shelling, picnicking, fishing, and swimming, while Black Island offers five miles of trails for hiking, bicycling, and wildlife viewing. Additionally, the Welcome and Discovery Center is an educational hub for curious park goers to learn more about the ecosystems, history, and recreational opportunities available at the park. There's no better place to enjoy a slice of the real Florida than Lovers Key State Park.