



Programs & Tours Of the J.N. “Ding” Darling NWR

January 8 – March 30

All programs and tours are
FREE for all visitors! Sign up
and learn more by scanning
the QR code or visiting
dingdarling.eventbrite.com!



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Beach Walk at the Perry Tract

Learn about the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge's little known Perry Tract at Gulfside City Beach. Explore the beach to find your own treasures. Find out where those natural beach treasures come from and how they got here. Sharpen your skills in identifying your finds.



Sundays 2:00 - 3:30 pm

 Meet at the Gulf Side City Park (parking lot kiosk)



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Hidden Treasures Wildlife Drive Caravan Tour

Bring your car and join our caravan!
This program will take you through the
refuge in the comfort of your own car
learning all things “Ding”. Enjoy all the
nature the refuge has to offer - you
never know what you may see!



Mondays 9:30 - 11:00 am

 Meet at the Roost



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Early Morning Birding with Karl and Ruth

Advanced birders delight!

Bring your car and follow Karl and Ruth as you look for birds along the Wildlife Drive. Their expertise will help you identify birds and give you tips for developing your own ornithology skills.



Tuesdays 8:30 - 10:00 am

*may end later but can leave anytime

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Florida Manatee Talk

Join us to learn more about one of Southwest Florida's most famous and threatened animals! Learn about manatee habits, reproduction, threats, and we can do to help.



Wednesdays 10:00 - 11:00 am

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Birds on a Stick

Intro to Birds on the Refuge

Ever dream of being a bird at “Ding” Darling? Well join our flock on the Indigo Trail for an introduction to the most common birds of the refuge. Fun for all ages! Beginner friendly birding.



Thursdays 9:30 - 10:30 am

 Meet at the Roost



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Medicinal Plants of the Refuge at the Bailey Tract

Learn about different plants that are native to refuge lands and how they were traditionally used for medicinal purposes!

REMINDER: NEVER take from a National Wildlife Refuge - this program is for identification purposes, not use of the plants.



Fridays 8:30 - 10:00 am

📍 Meet at the Bailey Tract (parking lot kiosk)



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Nature Exploration at Lakes Park

Join a ranger from the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge to explore the natural wonders of Lakes Park! This program is geared towards children and families, but anyone is welcome to join in on the exploration. Engage in hands-on learning about pollinators, birds, fish, plants, and more.



Fridays 4:00 -5:00 pm



Meet at the Lakes Park
(outside the Whistle Stop Ice Cream Shop)



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Alligators and Crocodiles

Is it an alligator or a crocodile? Learn about the Order Crocodilia. Learn how to identify families and local species in the refuge. Fun for all ages.



Saturdays 10:00 - 11:00 am

 Meet at the Roost



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