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Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer News

November 2014

Upcoming Programs and Events:

All programs and events are FREE with park entry fee.

Programs

GOPHER TORTOISES RESEARCH TALK

***Tuesday, Nov 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 9:30 AM,
All Ages***

The Herpetology Research Lab at Florida Gulf Coast University is investigating a population of Gopher Tortoises within Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Learn about this research from FGCU Environmental Studies students who will explain and demonstrate what is taking place. These weekly educational programs will raise awareness for Gopher Tortoise conservation and the importance of the parks system to wildlife and ecosystem conservation.

NATIVE PLANT WALK

Thursday, Nov 6 at 9:30 AM, All Ages

Join us for a native plant walk to explore a barrier island. Learn about the Maritime Hammock plants, how they protect us, and what we can all do to protect them. Exciting discoveries are made along the beach, across the dunes and through cool, shaded hammock areas. Comfortable clothes, water bottle, sunglasses, sunscreen are all recommended.

BEACH COMBING

***Tuesday, Nov 11, 18, & 25 at 1:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov 19 and 26 at 9:30 AM
All Ages***

Join us for a walk discovering beach treasures. Learn about sea shells, sea creatures and tidal movement. This is a great interactive event.

MANGROVE WALK

Thursday, Nov 13 at 9:30 AM, All Ages

Come take a walk through the trees that help hold south Florida together! Learn about the different types of Mangrove trees and how they are vital to the health of our local ecosystem. The walk will take place in and around the mangroves so we recommend bringing shoes that can get wet, bug spray, water, sunscreen, and a towel.

SPIDERS

Thursday, Nov 20, 2014 at 9:30 AM, All Ages

Spiders everywhere!...Even at the Spider presentation! There's an abundance of spiders found in Florida, about 900 species! Most of you will be happy to know the majority of them live outdoors, away from our homes. Just remember, spiders are beneficial and have a place in the ecosystem they live in. Please join us and learn!

Events

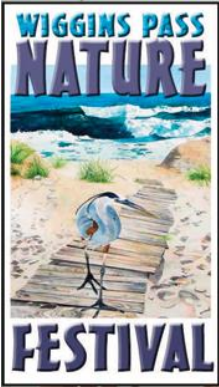
12th Annual Wiggins Pass Nature Festival

Saturday, Nov 15th, 2014 10am-3pm

Special event park entry fee:

\$7 per vehicle (2-8 people); \$5 per single person vehicle; \$2 for pedestrians.

Join us for the annual Wiggins Pass Nature Festival sponsored by the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. A day of fun has been planned for the entire family in Area 3 of the Park! Visitors will learn about the plants and wildlife of Southwest Florida while participating in a variety of fun and educational exhibits, activities and crafts. Food from Naples Beach Adventures will be on site for lunch and snacks. Ice cream from Royal Scoop Ice Cream and popcorn will be on sale. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park for support of the State Park.



17th Annual Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show

Saturday, Jan 17th, 2015 10am-3pm

If you would like to help with these events, please email Lori: Lori.HeathThorn@dep.state.fl.us

News and Reminders:

Volunteers worked hard last month! We had several volunteers working on different projects throughout month:

Frank Roublick has been clearing off the rainwater drains in the islands of the parking lots in order to help improve drainage.

FGCU students Sara Hilderbrandt, David Bronner, Taylor Lang, and Kenzi Polotto have been removing invasive plants in several areas of the park for their Civic Engagement project.

Jacqueline Jardon and Lindsay Dec helped to get area 3 ready for the nature festival by removing trash and other debris.



Jacqueline Jardon



Lindsay Dec

Florida had another successful season of sea turtle nests! The number of nests in Florida has increased over the past several years as a result of increased conservation efforts and decreased detrimental storms throughout the state. [Click here](#) to read more. Here at Delnor-Wiggins our season was record setting! We had 42 nests on our beach with a total of 4,149 eggs. We had 3,729 turtles hatch from those eggs which is a 90% success rate!!

Don't forget: The next meeting of the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park will be on Monday, December 8th **at 5pm**. The regular morning meeting will be replaced with the evening Annual Holiday Potluck at the pavilion in area 5. Please bring a side dish to share. The Friends will provide the main dish.

Welcome back snowbirds! Just a friendly reminder- when you get into town, contact Lori about your annual training, the new emergency information sheet, and renewal of the volunteer agreement.

Don't forget to visit our website: www.floridastateparks.org/delnorwiggins and the Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park website: www.delnorwiggins.org
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