



FLORIDA State Parks ...the Real Florida



Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park Volunteer Newsletter

October 2015

Upcoming Programs:

All programs are free with park entry fee unless otherwise stated.

YOGA ON THE BEACH

Every Wednesday in October from 9:00am-10:00am

Class fee is \$5 plus park entry fee.

Join yoga instructors from Green Monkey Yoga (formerly Bala Vinyasa Yoga) in the morning for an all-levels gentle yoga class. Bring your yoga mat, water, a towel, and bug spray! To make a reservation and payment please call the yoga studio at 239-598-1938 or visit their website: www.greenmonkey.com.

BEACH COMBING

Every Friday & Sunday in October at 9:30am

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

SEA TURTLES

Thursday, October 1 at 9:30 AM

All Ages, FREE with park entry fee

Learn about the Loggerhead's life story and the role our park plays during nesting season. Turtle carapaces and skulls will be on display.

BEGINNING PADDLE BOARDING

Thursday, October 8 at 9:30 AM

Ages 12 years and older

Program fee is \$15.00 for equipment plus park entry fee

Join Park staff as they teach you the basics of paddle boarding. You will learn all about paddleboard safety, the basics of paddling, and

the different styles of paddleboards. You will then have an opportunity to get in the water and test your new found knowledge! Program is weather and water condition dependent. Space is limited, **reservations are required**. Contact [Naples Beach Adventures](#) to reserve a spot and equipment at 239-431-0958.

MANATEES

Thursday, October 15 at 9:30 AM

All Ages, FREE with park entry fee

Come learn about these gentle giants. We'll talk about these warm blooded air breathing vegetarians and the challenges they face.

CAST NETTING

Thursday, October 22 at 9:30 AM

All Ages, FREE with park entry fee

Become a self-sufficient fisherman or woman by catching your own bait! Learn the basic techniques of cast netting from a Ranger. Come get your feet wet. It's fun for the whole family. Bring sunscreen and a willingness to participate!

SPIDERS

Thursday, October 29 at 9:30am

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

News and Information:

Sea turtle nesting update

Sea turtle season has ended for Delnor-Wiggins. It was another record breaking year with 58 nests laid and 3000 baby sea turtles hatching from the nests! Thanks to all the staff that worked hard this season to protect the nest!

Butterfly Garden created on National Public Lands Day, September 26, 2015.

Many months ago, volunteers and staff removed dead Sea Grape trees from a section in Area 1. This left a large open space and many of us wondering what we should do with it. Soon the idea of the butterfly garden blossomed! Several volunteers spent many hours in the sun and heat removing the remaining dirt, roots, sticks, and weeds from the designated area. On September 26, a butterfly garden was born! Six volunteers spent the morning planting 50 native butterfly attracting plants; plants include Scorpion Tail, White Lantana, Horsemint (a.k.a Spotted Beebalm), Tropical Sage (red), and Blue Curls.



Common Buckeye butterfly on White Lantana



Volunteers Paola Gervasi, Pablo Cabrera, Pablo Zuniga, Kayla Maso Rusty Thorn, and Robert Thorn worked hard to create the garden.



Finished butterfly garden in Area 1



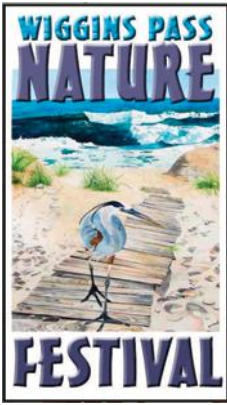
Volunteers at Coastal Clean-up

Coastal Clean-up was a Great Success this Year!

On Saturday, September 19, Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park was a host site for Keep Collier Beautiful's Annual Coastal Clean-up. From 8am-11am, 321 volunteers picked up trash all over the park and beach. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped to keep our park looking beautiful!

Some of the items collected were:

710 cigarette butts	313 bottles and cans
528 bottle caps	72 straws
477 plastic pieces	83 plastic bags
434 food wrappers	21 balloons



Save the Date!

13th Annual NATURE FEST

Saturday, December 12th, 2015 10am- 3pm

Many volunteers needed!

If you would like to help with this annual event, please email Lori:

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Any questions? Contact:

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