

Events

FIRST DAY HIKE AND SCAVENGER HUNT

Start your New Year on the right foot with a hike in the park. Hike 6 trails and find the hidden signs, take a photo of each sign and get a prize at the Nature Center Hike and Hunt table. Information available the morning of from the Ranger Station or the Nature Center. All ages welcome to participate.

Location: Various park trails.

Fee: FREE

| DATE | DAY/TIME |
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| January 1 | Wednesday 9:00am—1:00pm |

20TH ANNUAL SCRUB JAY 5K/10K RACE and THE STATE WIDE TRAVELING SCRUB JAY FESTIVAL

Registration required for the race presented by Friends of Oscar Scherer Park. ALL proceeds support Florida Scrub-Jay conservation (No pets on course please). Visit FriendsOfOscarScherer.com or RunSignUp.com to register. Stick around after the race for the Scrub Jay Festival featuring speakers, guided walks, tram tours, games, live music, prescribed fire demonstrations and other techniques required for maintaining scrub habitat. Get to know this unique endemic bird only found in Florida.

Location: Meet at Lake Osprey Picnic Area. Scrub Jay Festival directly after race 10 to 2.

Fee: Before 12/31/19 5K -\$35, 10K \$40 / Adult; \$15 / Youth (Age 14-18); \$5 / Children 5-13 || After 12/31/19 5K -\$35, 10K - \$40 / Everyone || Day of Race \$45 per person.

| DATE | DAY/TIME |
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| January 11 | Saturday 5K—8:10AM / 10K—8:00AM |

8TH ANNUAL SUNCOAST ORIENTEERING

A sport to sharpen navigating and decision-making skills. Starts between 10AM and noon at Lake Osprey Beach Pavilion. Everyone must report back from their course by 2PM. Four different length courses including instructional one-mile to learn about map, compass and land navigation. For those who prefer a little more competition, choose a course from two to seven miles in length and from novice to expert in difficulty. Checkpoints are placed in the terrain and along trails. It is up to the participant to decide the best way from one point to the next. Maps supplied. Compasses available for rent \$5. Electronic timing stick rental: \$4 or time yourself. More information:

www.Facebook.comSuncoastOrienteering Email: gordhun@rogers.com or call the park.

Location: Lake Osprey Beach Pavilion

Fee: \$9 / for individuals and groups up to four with one map; \$3 / extra map. Regular park fees apply.

| DATE | DAY/TIME |
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| January 18 | Saturday 10:00am—2:00pm |

1st ANNUAL CONCERT UNDER THE STARS

Join us for our 1st evening concert. There will not be a concert on this date for another 4 years! Popular local band "Passerine" with an opening act. Fun kid's activities. Bring blankets and chairs to enjoy the music under the stars at Lake Osprey picnic area. Please plan accordingly for outdoors. Tickets sold at door. Cash only. Beer & wine tent available.

Fee: Adults \$10.00, kids 12 & under \$5.00.

| DATE | DAY/TIME |
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| February 29 | Saturday 7:00pm—9:00pm |

KIWANIS FISHATHON

In cooperation with the Kiwanis Club of Venice and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, come out and catch some fish with us! Open to the first 50 kids, ages 5 to 12 and their parents. Fishing poles, bait, tackle, and lunch are provided. Prizes will be given in several fishy categories. Park entrance fees will be waived for registered participants. Please call the park to register (941) 483-5956.

Location: Lake Osprey

Fee: FREE (please register)

| DATE | DAY/TIME |
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| April 4 | Saturday 8:00am—12:00am |

31st ANNUAL EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Celebrate Earth Day at Oscar Scherer State Park with live music, fun-filled activities for kids, various environmental and informational booths, environmental speakers, photo contest, guided hikes, tram tours and much more! Park entrance fees will be waived for event participants. **Location:** Lake Osprey Picnic Area

Fee: FREE

| DATE | DAY/TIME |
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| April 25 | Saturday 10:00am—4:00pm |

Additional Information (Applies to all programs and events unless otherwise noted):

- Well behaved dogs on leashes are permitted. Please be sure to clean up after your dogs.
- All children under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- Equal access to all: Should you need assistance to enable your participation, please contact the Ranger Station in advance.
- Essential Eligibility Criteria information available at www.floridastateparks.org/things-to-do/events

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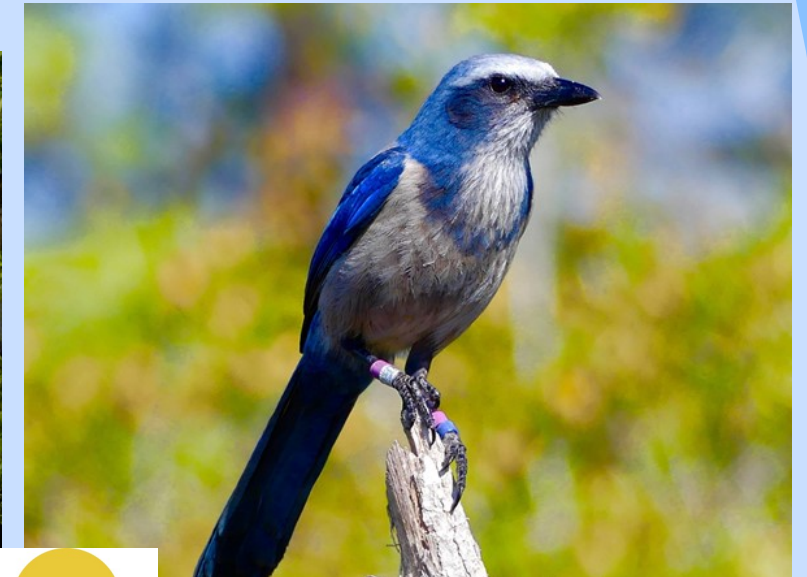
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Oscar Scherer State Park

Programs & Events

November 2019 - April 2020




Park Hours:

8:00am to Sunset

365 Days a Year

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Visit Us Online!

 Friends of Oscar Scherer Park

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Saturday

WATERCOLOR FELLOWSHIP

Learn new tips and tricks or just paint with fellow enthusiasts. Space is limited. **Location:** Nature Center

Fee: Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Jan 12—Mar | Saturdays 9:00am—11:00am |

CRITTER CRAFTS FOR KIDS

Learn about the plants and animals at Oscar Scherer. Materials are provided. **Location:** Nature Center

Fee: Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Year-round | Saturdays 10:00am—11:00am |

JUNIOR RANGER

Become a Junior Ranger and work on your Junior Ranger core packet or passport activities! **Location:** Nature Center

Fee: Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—Mar | Saturdays 9:00am—12:00pm |

TRAM TOUR

A guided tour in the park to learn about plants, animals and park history. Tram seats 25 people. Maximum of 2 wheelchairs.

Location: Nature Center

Fee: \$5 / Person, Children under 5 ride free

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—April | Saturdays 1:30pm—2:30pm |

CONCERT IN THE PARK—SAT. & SUN.

Join our resident musicians, Bill & Kate Isles, and an occasional special guest, for live music at the Lake Osprey picnic area. You are welcome to bring your own chair to place out on the grass.

Location: Outside Nature Center**

Fee: Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec 7—Mar | Saturdays & Sundays 2:30pm-4:30pm |

CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

Join our park rangers or a special guest around a campfire to learn about specific park subjects. Topic is advertised weekly. Program is limited to registered campers only. **Location:** Campfire Circle between sites 35 & 36**

Fee: Free for registered campers

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—Mar | Saturdays 7:00pm—8:00pm |

GUIDED NIGHT PADDLE—MONTHLY

Paddle South Creek under the moonlight. Experienced paddlers only please. Bring your own vessel or rent one from the park. Preregister in person, up to 1 month in advance. Arrival and start times vary monthly. **Location:** South Creek Canoe Launch

Fee: \$20 / Person (cash only). Contact park for dates.

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| DATES- Dec—April | DAY/TIME— Monthly at Sunset |
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Sunday

GUIDED SCRUB JAY WALK

Learn about this true native, the Florida Scrub Jay and its unique habitat.

Location: Meets at Nature Center

Fee: Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Year-round | Sundays 8:30am—10:00am |

EAGLE VIEWING

Join us to see how our pair of nesting bald eagles are doing. High-powered scope set up. Comfortable shoes, camera and binoculars are suggested.

Location: Green Trail, Note: Self-Guided 20-minute walk to eagle viewing station.

Fee: Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—Mar | Sundays 9:00am—11:00am |

SUNDAY CONCERT & ICE CREAM —2ND SUNDAYS

While you enjoy an ice cream sundae or float you can visit with campers and other park guests, sit back and relax to the concert in the park! You are welcome to bring your own chair to place out on the grass.

Location: Outside Nature Center**

Fee: \$3.00 / each (ice cream sundae)

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—Mar | 2nd Sunday 2:30pm—4:30pm |

Monday

MUSIC BY FIRELIGHT

Hang out by the campfire, listen to live music and enjoy the company of your fellow campers. Program is for registered campers only as it takes place after closing hours.

Location: Campfire Circle between sites 35 & 36**

Fee: Free for registered campers

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec 9—Mar | Mondays at Sunset |

Tuesday

COFFEE SOCIAL

Wake up with tea or coffee, and your fellow campers.

Location: Nature Center

Fee: Free with camping or standard park entrance fee, donations appreciated.

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—Mar | Tuesdays 8:00am –10:00am |

KARAOKE NIGHT

Channel your inner vocal artist and sing karaoke with fellow campers. Program is for registered campers only as it takes place after hours.

Location: Nature Center

Fee: Free for registered campers

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—Mar | Tuesdays 7:00pm—9:00pm |

Wednesday

GUIDED PADDLE (OR WALK)

Paddle along South Creek and learn about the park and the estuarine critters. Please register between 8:00am and 8:45am at the Ranger Station. May bring own vessel or rent one from the park. Some paddling experience recommended as it is a group tour. Note: South Creek is a tidal creek, therefore if water is too shallow for a paddle a walk will be offered instead.

Location: South Creek

Fee: Rentals \$16.05 (rental and tour)

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Year-Round | Wednesdays 9:00am—10:30am |

GAME NIGHT

Come join us for cards and games and make some new friends.

Various games are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. Program for registered campers only as it is after hours.

Location: Nature Center

Fee: Free for registered campers

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—Mar | Wednesdays 7:00pm—9:00pm |

Thursday

PANCAKE BREAKFAST WITH A RANGER

Enjoy a breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage, tea, coffee, and juice in the company of a ranger. Ranger available 9:00am—9:30am.

Location: Nature Center

Fee: \$5.00 / person; \$2.00/child 12 years and younger

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—Mar | Thursdays 8:00am—10:00am |

AUDUBON SOCIETY GUIDED BIRD WALK

Walk led by the local Audubon Society. (Sarasota or Venice). Comfortable footwear, camera, binoculars, and bird guide recommended. No pets please.

Location: Meets outside Nature Center

Fee: Free with paid camping or standard park entrance fee

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Nov 7—Mar | Thursdays 8:30am—10:30am |

MUSIC JAM

Come jam with fellow campers and area musicians. Anyone with an instrument is welcome to participate!

Location: Outside the Nature Center**

Fee: Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec 5—Mar | Thursdays 3:00pm—6:00pm |

CAMPFIRE SOCIAL

Meet and greet with fellow campers. Registered campers only.

Location: Campfire Circle (between site 35 & 36)

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—Mar | Monthly, 2nd Thursdays 7:00-9:00pm |

Friday

RANGER'S CHOICE GUIDED HIKE

Explore the park with a ranger on a trail and topic of their choice.

Location: Meets outside Nature Center

Fee: Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—Mar | Fridays 8:30am—9:30am |

GUIDED BIKE TOUR—1st FRIDAY

A guided bike tour on The Legacy Trail learning about the history of the park, the trail, and the local area. Bikes and equipment not supplied. Helmets, water, sunscreen recommended. Tour approximately 10 miles (2 hours).

Location: Meets outside Nature Center

Fee: Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

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| DATES | DAY/TIME—1st FRIDAY |
| Dec—Mar | Fridays 10:00am—12:00pm |

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie of the week is displayed at the Ranger Station and the Nature Center. Refreshments provided, may bring non-alcoholic beverages. Program for registered campers only, as it takes place after hours.

Location: Nature Center

Fee: Free for registered campers

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Dec—Mar | Fridays 7:00pm—9:00pm |

Mon, Wed, Fri

CO-ED EXERCISE / DANCE CLASS

Wear comfortable shoes and wake up with a morning exercise session led by our talented volunteers! Exercises do not require participants to sit or lay down and program is considered accessible.

Location: Nature Center Screen Room or Beach Pavilion

Fee: Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

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| DATES | DAY/TIME |
| Jan—Mar | M, W, F 8:30am—9:15am |

The Nature Center

- Please note that programs inside the Nature Center are limited to space available.
- While the park is pet friendly, dogs are not allowed inside the Nature Center.
- **If inclement weather, program will be moved to Nature Center.

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PARK ENTRANCE FEES WILL APPLY TO ALL DAY USE VISITORS

PROGRAMS ARE FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVED

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