

**For further information:**

1843 S. Tamiami Trail, Osprey, Florida 34229


Phone: (941) 483 - 5956


Park Hours: 8AM to Sunset

Visit us on the web:

[www.FloridaStateParks.org/OscarScherer](http://www.FloridaStateParks.org/OscarScherer)

<http://friendsofoscarscherer.com>

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**Things to Do at the Park**

- ◆ 15 miles of hiking and biking trails
- ◆ Swimming in Lake Osprey (Freshwater lake)
- ◆ 2 Picnic Areas (Pavilions available for rent)
- ◆ Wildlife viewing, bird watching
- ◆ Canoeing & Kayaking (Rentals available)
- ◆ Camping (106 campsites)
- ◆ Freshwater and saltwater fishing

*Enjoy your visit at Oscar Scherer State Park!*



# Oscar Scherer State Park

~SUMMER & FALL~

May thru October

2018

## Programs and Events



**FLORIDA State Parks**  
...the Real Florida<sup>SM</sup>



Programs are first-come, first served.

## PROGRAMS

Park entrance fees will apply to all day visitors.

### GUIDED PADDLE 9:00am–10:30am

Wednesdays  
(Year Round)



Registration: 8:30 am

Canoes and kayaks

available for rent, but may bring own.

Paddle South Creek among the mangroves and estuarine critters.

(Guided Walk: Alternate to Paddle) If tide is low & water is shallow a guided walk will be provided.

### AUDUBON GUIDED BIRD WALK

8:30am–10:00am

Thursdays (Starting October)



No pets please.

A guided bird walk on sandy hiking trails through various habitats guided by the Venice Audubon. Comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, insect repellent, drinking water, camera, and binoculars recommended.

### TRAM TOUR 10:00am–11:00am

Third Saturdays



Take a ride, see the park in a new way and learn about the plants and animals.

Wheelchair accessible (limit 2)

\$5.00/person, age 5 and under/free on adult lap. Limited: 25 people

Experience suitable for all members of the family.

### GUIDED SCRUB WALK

8:30am–10:00am

Sundays (Year-Round)



A guided walk on the sand hiking trails through some of the 400 acres of scrubby flatwoods.. Leashed, well-behaved dogs are welcome. Comfortable walking shoes, sunscreen, insect repellent, drinking water, camera, and binoculars recommended.

## **EVENTS**

### **Sunday June 17, 2018 Father's Day Orienteering**



9:00am–12:00pm

Learn to navigate the park with a map and compass searching for hidden points! Limited to 25 people. First come, first served. Lunch provided. Registration opens 1 month prior. Call (941) 483-5956. Free event with paid park entrance. Wear comfy shoes and bring water.

### **Saturday September 8, 2018 Literacy Under the Trees**

10:00am–2:00pm

- Donate a gently used book  
OR
- Present a library card  
for FREE entry

Join us to celebrate international literacy day. There will be various literacy activities and readings for all ages to enjoy.



### **Saturday September 15, 2018 Keep Sarasota Beautiful (International Coastal Clean-up Day)**

9:00am–12:00pm

Participate in coastal clean-up. Paddle or walk along South Creek picking up trash on the banks or pick up trash by walking the shores of the freshwater lakes. Free event & park entry for registered participants. Registration opens early August. Contact Sarasota County to register (941) 861-5000. Canoes are provided but limited. Visit [www.scgov.net/KSCB](http://www.scgov.net/KSCB) for more information.

### **Saturday September 29, 2018 National Public Lands Day**

9:00am–2:00pm

Free park entry

Come celebrate your local public land! Multiple service projects to choose from for large groups or individuals! Lunch and music provided at noon for all project participants. Celebrate giving back to the environment. Call (941) 483-5957 to inquire as to what projects are going on or to register your group today!

### **Friday/Saturday October 26 & 27, 2018 6th Annual Haunted Trails**

8:00pm–10:00pm



A spooky haunted trail for those who dare to be scared and a trick-or-treat trail for the more cautious! Lots of activities for kids, costume contests, food, spooky sounds and more! A frightfully fun time for the howl family!

\$5 Child (6-12 years),

\$10 Adult (13+)

Limited Tickets available at  
[www.osspevent.com](http://www.osspevent.com) starting Labor Day.

Tickets not available at door.

### **Sun Fiesta at Centennial Park**



**Oct. 19–21, 2018**

Friday: 9:00am–10:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am–10:00pm

Sunday: 11:00am–7:00pm

Parades, activities, contests. A fun filled festival for the whole family. Be sure to visit The Friends of Oscar Scherer booth at the Sun Fiesta held at Centennial Park off Tampa Avenue in Venice.

## **UPCOMING WINTER/SPRING EVENTS**

*First Day Hike:*

**Monday January 1, 2019**

*Scrub-Jay 5k/10k Run:*

**Saturday January 12, 2019**

*Kiwanis Kid's Fishathon:*

**Saturday April 2019**

Date to be announced

*30th Annual Earth Day:*

**TBA**

Watch for our Winter/Fall Programs and events brochure for more information!

Oscar Scherer has an active Jr. Ranger Program. Stop by the Ranger Station to find out more.

**Get a little park on ya!**

Florida State Parks are committed to providing equal access to all facilities and programs. Should you need assistance to enable your participation, please contact the Ranger Station 2 weeks prior.

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