

# Events

## FIRST DAY HIKE AND SCAVENGER HUNT

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

**Location:** Various park trails.

**Fee:** FREE

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

## 22nd ANNUAL SCRUB JAY 5K/10K RACE

Registration required for the race. Event presented by Friends of Oscar Scherer Park. ALL proceeds support Florida Scrub-Jay conservation, habitat restoration. (No pets on course please). Separate courses. New -10K "Scramble" will be a challenging trail course. Visit [FriendsOfOscarScherer.com](http://FriendsOfOscarScherer.com) or [RunSignUp.com](http://RunSignUp.com) to register.

**Location:** Meet at Lake Osprey Picnic Area. Pre-packet pickup on Friday

**Fees:** Before 12/15/21 5K -\$35, 10K \$40 Adult; // \$15 Youth (Age 14-18); \$5 Child (Age 5-13) // After 12/15/21 5K—\$40, 10K - \$45 // Everyone—Day of Race \$45 per person. Virtual Option: Virtually Anywhere & Almost Anytime \$40.

DATE	DAY/TIME
January 22	Saturday 5K & 10K start time—8:00am

## CONCERT UNDER THE STARS

Join us for our evening concert. Popular local band "Bandana" 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. Cash only. Food & snacks available for purchase. Tickets sold at door.

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

DATE	DAY/TIME
February 5, rain date Feb. 12	Saturday 7:00pm—9:00pm

## CONCERT UNDER THE STARS

Join us for our evening concert. 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. Cash only. Food & snacks available for purchase. Tickets sold at door.

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

DATE	DAY/TIME
March 5, rain date March 26	Saturday 7:00pm—9:00pm

## TOM FALING MEMORIAL KIWANIS KIDS 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 one month prior to event (941) 483-5956.

**Location:** Lake Osprey

**Fee:** FREE (with registration)

DATE	DAY/TIME
April 2	Saturday 8:00am—12:00am

## 32nd 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
April 23	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](http://www.floridastateparks.org/things-to-do/events)

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# Oscar Scherer State Park

## Programs & Events

December 2021 - April 2022




### 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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 Oscar.scherer.state.park

<http://friendsofoscarscherer.com/>

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Oscar-Scherer>





# Saturday

## 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

**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

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Dec 11—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. No tram tour Dec. 25, 2021 or Jan. 1, 2022. No pets on tram.

**Location:** Nature Center

**Fee:** \$5 / Person, Children under 6 ride free

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Dec—Mar Saturdays 1:30pm—2:30pm

## WATERCOLOR FELLOWSHIP—1st Saturday

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

**Fee:** Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Dec—Apr 1st Saturdays 9:00am—11:00 am

## GUIDED NIGHT PADDLE—MONTHLY

Paddle South Creek under the moonlight. Experienced paddlers only. 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.

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Dec—Mar Saturdays - monthly at Sunset



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PARK ENTRANCE FEES WILL APPLY TO ALL DAY USE VISITORS

# Sunday

## 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

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Dec 5—Mar Sundays 9:00am—11:00am

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# Monday

## CO-ED EXERCISE / LOW IMPACT

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

**Fee:** Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Jan—Mar Monday 8:30am—9:15am

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# Tuesday

## CAMPER COFFEE

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

**Location:** Nature Center

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

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Dec 7—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

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Dec 7—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 (park entrance fees apply)

**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

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Dec 8—Mar Wednesdays 7:00pm—9:00pm

## CO-ED EXERCISE / FOLK FIT

Wake up with a morning low impact aerobic exercise adding bits of fun and variety with folk dance steps. These easy repetitious steps help improve cognitive ability and blasts away the Brain Fog. Exercises do not require participants to sit or lay down and program is considered accessible. Wear comfortable shoes, bring water. Hand weights (if desired).

**Location:** Nature Center Screen Room

**Fee:** Free with camping or standard park entrance fee

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Jan—Mar Wednesdays 8:30am—9:15am

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## 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.

PROGRAMS ARE FIRST-COME, FIRST SERVED

# 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 8:30am—9:00am.

**Location:** Nature Center

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

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Dec 9—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

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Nov 4—Apr 7 Thursdays 8:30am—10:30am

## OPEN 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

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

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# 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

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

## 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

**DATES DAY/TIME**  
Dec 10—Mar Fridays 7:00pm—9:00pm

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