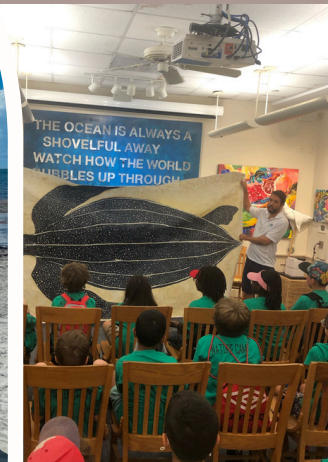




Fieldtrip and Outreach Guide 2025 - 2026



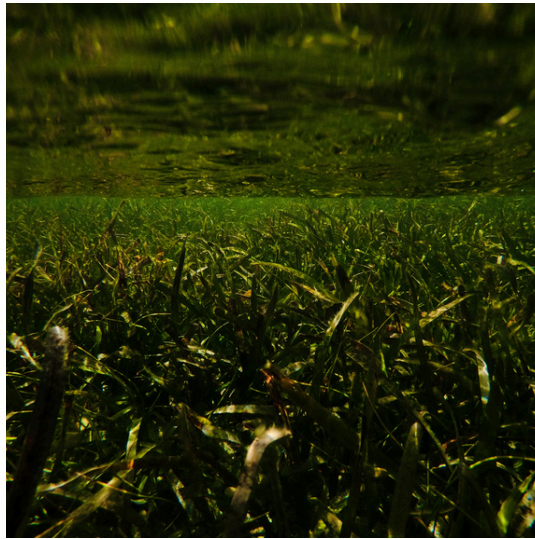
Crandon Adventures at Crandon Park

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Welcome Letter to Educators

Dear Educators,



Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year! We're thrilled to have you join us on this exciting journey of exploration and learning through Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces - Miami EcoAdventures. This year, we invite you and your students to dive into the wonders of South Florida's diverse ecosystems at seven incredible locations: A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center, Arch Creek Park, Preserve, and Museum, Bill Sadowski Park and Nature Center, Castellow Hammock Preserve and Nature Center, Crandon Park, Deering Estate, and Greynolds Park. Each destination is a unique treasure trove of experiences that will ignite curiosity and foster a deep appreciation for our natural world!

Get ready for playful hikes, engaging activities, and hands-on learning that will connect students to the vibrant wildlife, lush landscapes, and rich history that define our region. From the serene waters of Crandon Park to the lush canopies of Castellow Hammock, every trip promises to be an adventure filled with discovery. We can't wait to embark on this eco-exploration with you and your students, helping them understand the importance of conservation and stewardship in our beautiful South Florida environment.

Here's to a fantastic year of adventure and learning!

Warm regards,
The Miami EcoAdventures Team

Crandon Park Nature Center

“Coastal Quest: From Beach to Bay”

Your marine biology adventure begins at Crandon Park, where students can explore dunes, seagrass beds, and mangroves teeming with life. Learn about coastal restoration, sea turtles, and the role barrier islands play in protecting our ecosystems.

Educators may choose one hike and/or one activity for their field trip experience.

To tailor the visit to your group's interests and goals, review the available options and select the combination that best fits your learning objectives

Hike with a Focus:

Birds of Crandon Park: Fly into the avian world at Crandon Park, where participants can identify various bird species, understand their habitats, and appreciate the importance of birds in the ecosystem through guided observation and interactive activities. Recommended grade levels: K - 12th Grade (F)

Crandon Wilderness Adventure: Embark on a thrilling adventure through the natural wilderness of Crandon Park, engaging in hands-on learning experiences about local wildlife, ecosystems, and conservation efforts while navigating trails and discovering hidden gems. Recommended grade levels: K - 12th Grade (F)

Natural Areas Hike: Explore native habitats on a guided hike, observing plants and wildlife while learning about the importance of conservation. Recommended grade levels: K - 12th Grade (F)

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Hike with a Focus:

Microplastic Investigation & Coastal

Conservation: Join an important mission to protect our oceans by investigating microplastic pollution along the coast, where students will collect samples, analyze data, and discuss solutions for preserving marine ecosystems. Recommended grade levels: K - 12th Grade (F)

Sea Turtle and Oceans Adventure: Discover the fascinating world of sea turtles and ocean life through interactive activities and educational discussions, highlighting the importance of marine conservation and the unique challenges these creatures face in their natural habitats. Recommended grade levels: K - 12th Grade (F)



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Activity with Intentions:

Alternative Energy: Explore renewable energy sources like solar, wind, and hydro power through demonstrations and activities that highlight sustainable solutions. Recommended grade levels: 4th - 12th Grade 3rd - 12th Grade (F) (O)

Bay Critter Catch: Coastal Exploration at Crandon Park - Wade into the water to collect and examine marine life while learning about coastal ecosystems and the importance of biodiversity. Recommended grade levels: 3rd - 12th Grade (F) (O) (W)

Fish or Squid Dissection: Dive into marine biology by dissecting a fish or squid to study internal anatomy and understand how aquatic animals are adapted to their environments. Recommended grade levels: 3rd - 12th Grade (F) (O)

Kayak Workshop (for ages 9+ only): Experience the thrill of paddling in this hands-on Kayak Workshop, where participants will learn essential kayaking skills, safety practices, and gain an appreciation for local waterways while exploring beautiful aquatic environments. Engage in teamwork and environmental stewardship as you navigate through scenic routes, observing wildlife and natural landscapes. Recommended grade levels: 4th - 12th Grade (F) (W)

Plankton Float Challenge: Investigate microscopic life in water by collecting plankton samples and designing a model that mimics how plankton float in aquatic environments. Recommended grade levels: K - 8th Grade (F)

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Activity with Intentions:

Snorkel Workshop (for ages 9+ only): Dive into the vibrant underwater world in our Snorkel Workshop, where participants will learn the basics of snorkeling, including equipment use and safety techniques. Explore colorful coral reefs and marine life up close while fostering a deeper understanding of ocean ecosystems and the importance of marine conservation.

Recommended grade levels: 4th - 12th Grade (F) (W)

Oil Spill: Simulate an oil spill cleanup to understand the environmental impact of spills and the challenges of restoring marine habitats.

Recommended grade levels: 3rd - 12th Grade (F)

Water Filtration: Design and test your own water filtration system to learn how pollutants are removed from water and the importance of clean water access. Recommended grade levels: 3rd - 8th Grade (F) (O)



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Fee's

FIELDTRIP PROGRAM

Bring your class or youth group to the nature center to participate in our many hands-on activities and engaging educational talk. A field trip typically consists of a minimum 1.5-hour program at the nature center, during which students take part in the environmental topics of your choice. We can provide an extended program catered to your specific needs, so contact us to learn more.

- \$8.75 per child participant for 1 land-based program
- \$12.00 per child participant for 2 land-based programs
- \$15.00 per child participant for 1 land-based + 1 water-based program
- \$15.00 per child participant for 1 water-based program

Teachers are free. Any adults beyond these ratios will be required to pay the \$15.00 fee.

For land-based programs, we require one (1) free adult chaperone for every ten (10) students. For water-based programs, a ratio of one (1) free adult chaperone for every six (6) students is required.

Time: 10:00AM - 3:00PM (Extended programming time or later time request will be at an additional fee. .

Our land-based programs can accommodate a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 40 participants per day. For water-based programs, we can accommodate a minimum of 12 participants and a maximum of 36 participants. For groups larger than 12, please plan to split your group into rotations. If your group does not meet one of these requirements, please consult with our staff as alternative options may be available.

OUTREACH PROGRAM

An outreach program travels to you! We come to your location with your program of choice or a general information booth. We generally service Miami-Dade County region. Prices may vary based on distance and needs.

Fee: \$275 for the first class of 30 students. \$6 per student for each additional program requested (class size no more than 30 students). - Fees may vary based on distance and needs. Please contact the business office for details at (305) 361-6767 ext. 2112.

Time: 10:00AM - 3:00PM - Variable depending on needs.

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Fieldtrip Q&A's

How can we make a reservation?

To make a reservation, please contact Edward Pritchard (305) 361-6767 ext. 2112 or Edward.PritchardIV@miamidade.gov for reservations. We recommend booking at least four weeks in advance to secure your preferred date and time. When you contact us, please have at least two dates that work for you and your group.

How is payment made?

A 50% non-refundable deposit is due within 10 business days of you receiving the invoice. This deposit is applied to your balance. Payment can be made via cash, credit card, check (No personal checks), or purchase order. Full payment is required BEFORE your program can commence the morning of. Final payment based on your final head count which must be provided 5 business days before your program date.

What is the cancellation policy?

Miami EcoAdventures requires 5 business days advanced notice of any changes to booking or cancellations. Any cancellation received within 5 business days of the program will forfeit the deposit fee. No-shows will be charged 100% of trip total. Field Trip sites may cancel programs and activities when weather or other circumstances beyond our control make it necessary. Every attempt will be made to reschedule your field trip date. Groups that arrive at the program site with fewer people than originally booked and did not provide an adjustment prior to the program date within the required time frame will not receive a refund for the students not in attendance. All cancellations must be made in writing and sent via email to EcoAdventures@miamidade.gov.

Where is the park located?

Crandon Adventures: 6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL. 33149

What are the expectations for chaperones?

All chaperones are expected to participate in the activity and assist staff in ensuring participant safety. For water programs, chaperones must also be able to swim/paddle unaided.'



Fieldtrip Q&A's

What is the duration of a fieldtrip?

Programs are scheduled in a 1.5 hour to 3-hour block between 10:00AM and 1:00PM, based on activity selection. Water-based programs are dependent on tides. However, these times are flexible, and groups are welcome to enjoy the Park after their program has concluded.

Is transportation provided?

Transportation is not included, so please arrange your own transportation to the nature center.

Can we eat lunch at the nature center?

Yes, designated outdoor picnic areas are available for lunch. Please let us know if you plan to have lunch on site. Lunches should be packed in sturdy boxes or coolers. It is the responsibility of the fieldtrip chaperones to unload and load lunches before and after your visit. We do not offer carts or dollies to move the lunches. Please plan to clean up after your group.

Is there a bathroom available?

Yes, all our locations have restroom facilities. Please remind students to use them before we begin our activities.

What should students wear?

We recommend comfortable clothing, closed-toe shoes, and hats for sun protection. Dress for the weather! For water-based programs, participants and chaperones should wear clothing and closed-toed shoes that can get wet and bring a towel and change of clothes and shoes. Crocs and sandals are not an acceptable footwear option

What should we bring?

Please bring refillable water bottles, snacks, sunscreen, and any necessary personal items. We do not recommend students bring cell phones or electronics that could be damaged by the elements or natural areas.



Fieldtrip Q&A's

What if it rains?

We monitor weather conditions closely. In case of rain, some activities may be moved indoors or rescheduled. We'll keep you updated!

Are there any age restrictions for activities?

Most activities are suitable for all ages, but some may have specific recommendations. On-Site Water-based adventures are suitable for ages 9 and up.

Are there any safety guidelines we should follow?

Yes, we provide a safety briefing at the start of the trip. We ask that teachers and chaperones are attentive and actively participating throughout the visit to ensure follow all guidelines for their safety Groups that do not follow safety rules will be asked to leave with no option for a refund.

Will we see wildlife?

Loud noises keep animals in hiding and reduce your chances of seeing them. Therefore, be kind to the animals and plants at the park. Harassing wildlife is against the law and can harm the animals. Feeding the animals encourages them to be dependent on humans, which leads to increased chances of humans being bitten by that animal. Plants require their leaves to make food and their flowers to produce seeds so please do not pick the leaves, flowers, or bark of the plants. Please make sure this information is relayed to all participants and trip supervisors.

Can you accommodate people with special needs?

Yes, we strive to make our programs accessible for all. Please inform us in advance of any specific accommodations required, and we will do our best to assist.

How can we provide feedback after our visit?

We welcome your feedback! After your trip, please fill out the survey provided or contact us directly with your thoughts.

