



# Fieldtrip and Outreach Guide 2026 - 2027



## Crandon Adventures at Crandon Park

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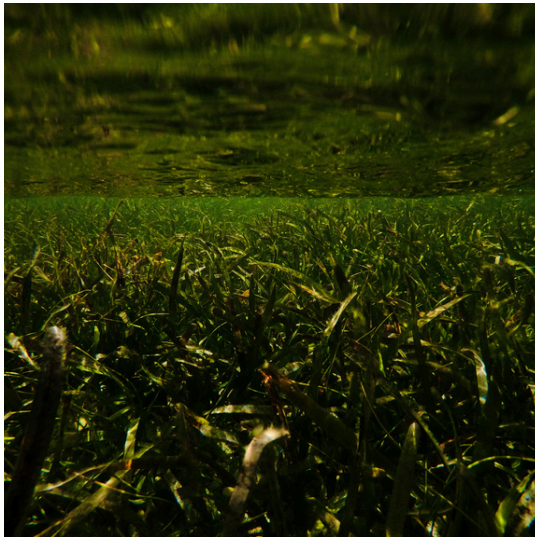




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# Welcome Letter to Educators

Dear Educators,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year! We're excited to have you join Miami EcoAdventures, an engaging program delivered through Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces. We look forward to supporting you and your students with meaningful, hands-on learning experiences that encourage curiosity, connection, and stewardship of South Florida's natural world.

This year, we invite you and your students to explore seven exceptional destinations: 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 location offers a unique setting for discovery, featuring diverse ecosystems, local wildlife, and rich environmental learning opportunities.

Expect a blend of guided exploration, age-appropriate activities, and interactive, curriculum-aligned experiences that help students build understanding and appreciation for the environment around them. Whether your students are investigating habitats, observing native species, or learning about conservation, every program is designed to make learning memorable, and to inspire students to care for the world they live in.

We encourage you to reserve your program early for the 2026-2027 school year to secure your preferred dates. Our team is ready to help you plan an experience that best supports your classroom goals and student needs.

Here's to a great year of exploration, learning, and eco-discovery!

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# 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.**

Kayak Workshop - There is simply no better way to experience the clear waters of Key Biscayne and its rich marine life than from the seat of an ocean kayak. Join our naturalists as they teach your group the basic skills required for kayaking. Participants will get an opportunity to practice their new kayak skills in the shallow seagrass beds off Crandon Park. Recommended grade levels: 5 - 12 Grade

Snorkel Workshop - Join our water-safety certified naturalists as we take a journey under the sea! This workshop will give your students the knowledge and confidence in the water as we snorkel along the shallow seagrass beds of Crandon Park in search for sea life. Offered February - November Only. Recommended grade levels: 5 - 12 Grade



On-site water-based programming are suitable for ages 9 and up  
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Sea Turtle Adventure and Coastal Walk - Join our knowledgeable naturalists as we shell-ebrate sea turtles! Learn more about the biology of these ancient animals, where they are found, what they eat, and why they come to our beaches every summer. Participants will get the chance to observe sea turtle specimens such as shells, skulls, and the different items that they eat before heading down to the beach to explore the ecosystems where sea turtles nest and forage. Recommended grade levels: K - 12 Grade

Crandon Wilderness Adventure - If you're looking for a day of fun, this program is perfect for your group! Students can observe local wildlife such as fish, reptiles and numerous species of birds throughout Crandon Park. The students will also be led on a nature walk through the historic Crandon Gardens, the site of Miami's first zoo, and participate in wildlife-themed games. Recommended grade levels: K - 12 Grade.

Marine Debris Survey: Join us for a guided exploration of Crandon Park's shoreline while taking part in hands-on science. Participants will walk through various coastal habitats, collecting and classifying debris by material. Along the way, guides share insights on how long these items remain in the environment and their impact on local ecosystems. Every observation contributes to real research, with data shared with scientists and educational institutions studying pollution. This program blends outdoor exploration with environmental action, giving participants a deeper understanding of conservation while making a measurable difference. Recommended grade levels: 6 - 12 Grade.





# Crandon Park Nature Center

## Outreach Programs:

Touch the Bay - In this hands-on outreach, learn about the connectedness of the coastal ecosystems found in Miami-Dade County. Explore Biscayne Bay through a presentation and a hands-on touch tank activity featuring some of the amazing critters found in the seagrass beds. Recommended grade levels: K - 12 Grade.

Sea Turtle & Ocean Outreach - Explore the wonders of some of the marvelous creatures that visit our South Florida beaches. Learn more about these animals, what they eat, why they come to our shores, and where they are found through a presentation conducted by one of our knowledgeable naturalists at your location. Have a chance to touch various animal specimens such as shells, skulls, and skeletons as well as some of the different things they eat (sponges, corals, etc.). Recommended grade levels: K - 12 Grade.

Spectacular Sharks - Sharks are a misunderstood group of animals that are of high interest to the public, specifically children. The fear of sharks, or galeophobia, is often fueled by misconceptions and media portrayals. This program teaches participants about the biodiversity of shark species found in South Florida and dispels misconceptions. Participants will learn about the biology and life cycle of sharks as well as the threats posed to their existence and how they can protect them. Participants will interact with shark specimens and engage in a shark activity! Recommended grade levels: 2 - 12 Grade.





# Nature Tots - Toddler Programming

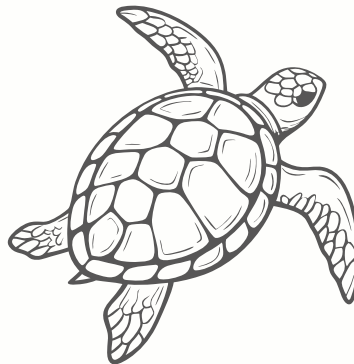
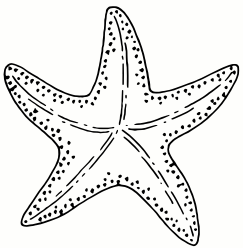
**Nature Tots is a fun, age-appropriate way for little explorers to connect with the outdoors through gentle songs, sensory play, and short nature walks. With caring guides and safe, hands-on activities, kids build early curiosity about plants, animals, and the natural world.**

## Nature Tots Field Trip options:

- Seashore - Discover what wonders lie beneath the waves and across the sand as we explore our nature center exhibits and nearby beach.
- Sea Turtles - Join us as we shell-ebrate sea turtles! This hands-on presentation features sea turtle specimens and kid-friendly stories and activities.
- Plants - Get curious about plants with creative activities, sensory play, and story time that helps little learners grow!

Recommended ages: 2 - 4 years old (F) (O)

Program Duration: 1 - 1.5 hours



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# Fee's

## FIELDTRIP PROGRAM

Bring your class or youth group to Crandon Park to participate in our many hands-on activities and engaging educational talks. A field trip typically consists of a minimum 1.5-hour program, 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 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.





# Fee's

## 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.



# 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](mailto: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. Payments can be made in the form of school check, money order, credit card or cash. A non-refundable 2.21% transaction fee applied to all credit card payments.

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](mailto: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 3:00PM, 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 park.

Can we eat lunch at the park?

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.

