



FOLK

Friends of Lovers Key October 2026



Message From Our Park Rangers!

Headed to the beach? Take a peek before you go!



Take one. Leave one. Share the fun.

Grab something you can use, or leave behind gently used beach gear for the next visitor.

Every bucket, shovel, float, and beach toy that gets reused is one less item that could become waste.



Park Ranger Activities Calendar

FREE! Registration Required

10/3 Saturday “Beach and Estuary Walk”

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Mid-Beach

Free with paid park entry fee

Instructor: Mitch (ranger)

Join a park ranger for a leisurely walk over the estuary and along the beach to discover the natural treasures of the Lovers Key shoreline. Learn about seashells, crustaceans, starfish, and other creatures that can be found in our waters. Participants should be prepared to spend time in the water.

0/7 Wednesday “Fishing Clinic”

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Community Room (Welcome and Discovery Center)

Free with paid park entry fee

Instructor: Bob (volunteer)

Join park naturalists to learn more about fishing in Southwest Florida. You’ll discuss a variety of tackle and fresh bait rigs, discover the best places to drop a line at the park, and learn the rules and regulations for fishing in Southwest Florida.

10/9 Friday “Shell Walk”

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Mid-Beach

Free with park entry fee

Instructor: Mitch (Ranger)

Join a park ranger for a shelling trip along the Lovers Key shoreline. Learn the names of the seashells you find on your walk, fun facts about the creatures who craft them, and the shelling regulations that help protect these iconic Florida treasures.

10/16 Friday “Walk on the Wild Side”

10:00 am – 11:30 am

Black Island Trail Head (Parking Lot #2)

Free with park entry fee

Instructor: Mitch (ranger)

Join a park ranger for a guided hike along our Black Island Trail. Learn about the fascinating vegetation and wildlife that reside in our maritime hammock ecosystem and enjoy a little local history along the way. Closed-toe shoes, bug spray, and water bottles are highly recommended.

10/17 Saturday “Junior Ranger”

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Community Room (Welcome and Discovery Center)

Free with park entry fee

Instructors: Mitch (Ranger)

Join a park ranger for a Junior Ranger educational program and accompanying activity to explore the four components of the Junior Ranger program: natural resources, cultural resources, recreation, and service. Participants will be eligible for Junior Ranger passport stamps with the successful completion of each component.

10/23 Friday “Shorebird Stroll”

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Mid-Beach

Free with park entry fee

Instructor: Mitch (Ranger)

Join a park ranger on a guided walk down the shoreline and discover some of the birds that call the beach here at Lovers Key home. Learn helpful tips about how to identify these challenging birds while learning their diet, behavioral and nesting habits.

10/24 Saturday “Beach Cleanup”

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Mid-Beach Bridge (Beach Side)

Free

Instructor: Ranger/Volunteer Led

Join a park ranger for a beach cleanup at Mid-Beach. Enjoy a lovely hour on the beach as you do your part to keep our state park (and planet!) clean. Participants will record the types of trash they collect, and the findings will help inform park messaging. Gloves, trash bags, pickers, pencils, and data sheets will be provided.

With your “Membership Card”
access to all parking for events is
FREE!

(12 entries per year)





Photo Credit: Kelly Rose



Photo Credit: Volunteer Don

Your donation of \$50, \$80, \$1,500 is tax deductible.
Lifetime members get a new card every January

Membership
501(c)3 Not-for-profit

Did you know purchasing a membership gets you 12 free entries into the park with up to 8 people in your car? We offer 3 different membership levels. **Plus, the funds raised help FOLK fund all we do for the park!**

\$50 a year

\$80 a year

\$1,500 lifetime



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Family Membership

Name _____

Expires _____

This membership card entitles holder to 12 free entries to Lovers Key State Park

See back for additional member benefits and important notice

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Patron Membership

Name _____

Expires _____

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Lifetime Partner Membership

Name _____

Expires _____

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Show your Patron or Lifetime membership card at Flippers for a 15% discount on food, excluding alcohol

Come Visit Us in Paradise!

Park Hours: 8 a.m. until sundown 365 days a year

Welcome and Discovery Center Hours:

Tuesday through Saturday
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

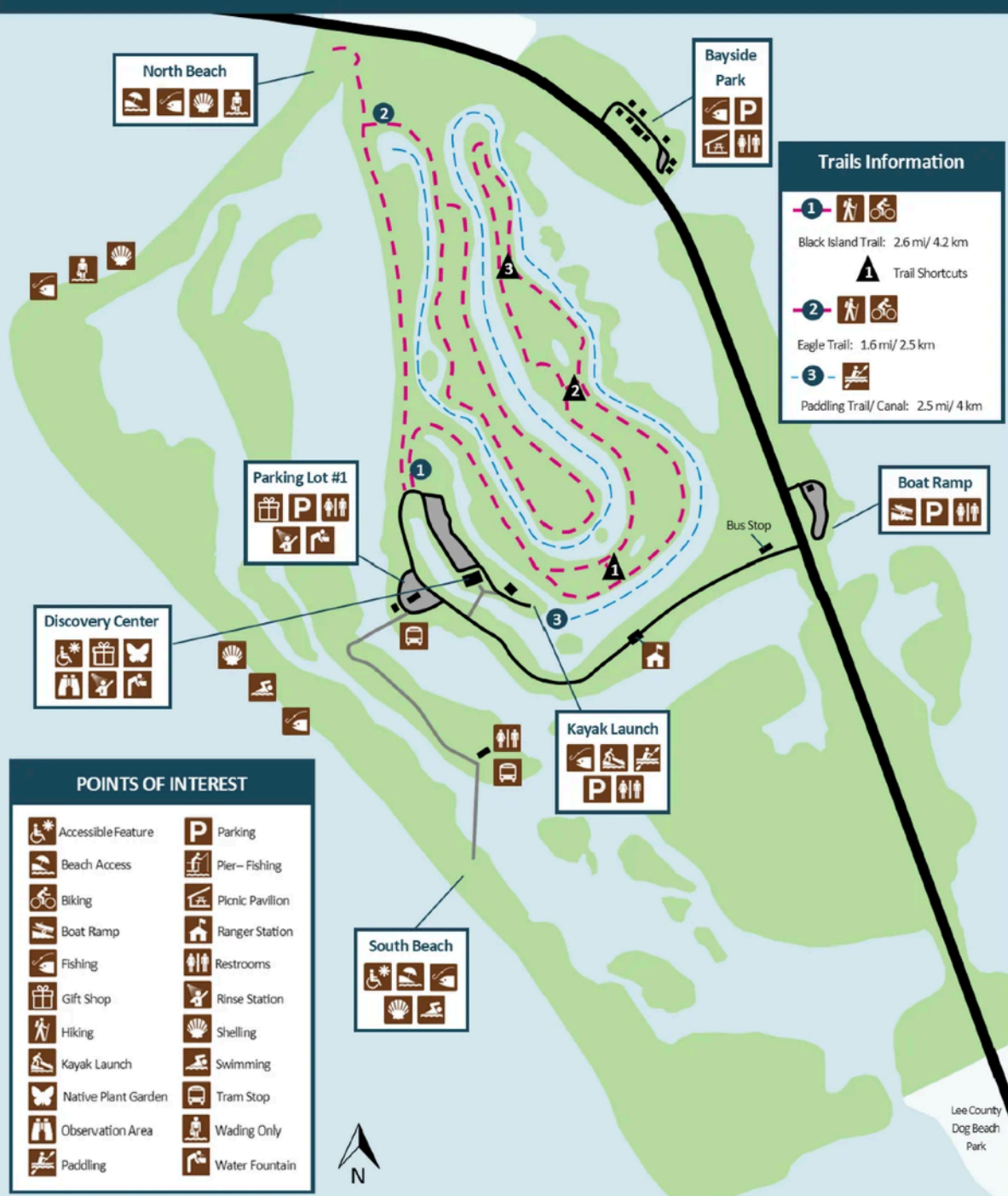
Admission Fees:

\$8 per vehicle (2 to 8 people per vehicle)
\$4 single - occupant vehicle and motorcycles
\$2 pedestrians, bicyclists, extra passengers, over 8 passengers in vehicle with holder of annual Entrance Pass

FOLK MEMBERSHIP: Free Admission with up to 8 passengers in your vehicle

~A Punch Card with 12 FREE Visits Per Year

LOVERS KEY STATE PARK





**FOLKS Mission -
Helping to Protect,
Preserve and
Support Lovers
Key State Park**



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Have You Thought About Becoming a Volunteer?

The park needs a lot of volunteers in many capacities. Are you good at mechanics, a Mr./Ms. Fixit? We have a lot of machinery that needs repair and maintenance. Do you enjoy building things, or how about gardening and landscape maintenance. No green thumb necessary! As a volunteer you also have opportunities to help out during our events and being an ambassador for the park.



To inquire about becoming a Volunteer
Email: Mitchell.Bellock@FloridaDEP.gov

How to Control Our Webcam



Embark on your virtual tour with some helpful tips below.

Instructions:

Click the icon with four arrows whenever you're watching the webcam livestream. This

will put you in a queue

for taking control of the webcam for a

preset period of

time. **Only one**

viewer can control

the camera at a

time. The icon will

turn yellow while

you're waiting and

turn green when you're

in control. Once you have control, click the eye icon in the top right corner of the video player to change the camera position.

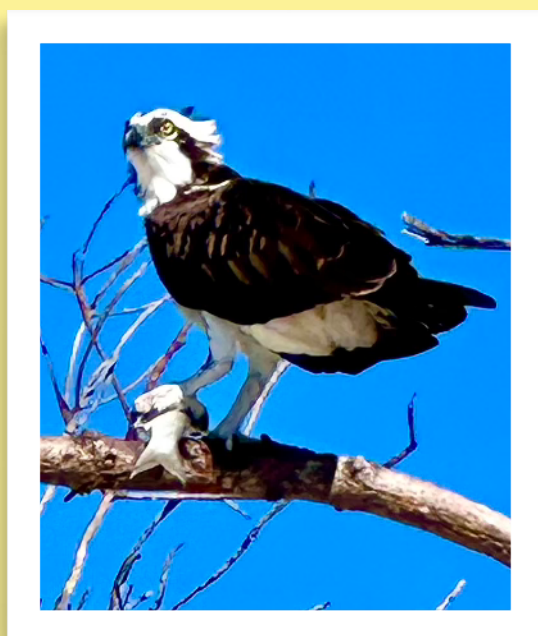


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Newsletter Links

Osprey Web cam

<https://friendsofloverskey.org/live-web-cam/>

EventBrite

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/friends-of-lovers-key-inc-17957393962>

Membership

<https://friends-of-lovers-key.myshopify.com/products/folk-membership>

Adopt-A-Nest

<https://friendsofloverskey.org/adopt-a-nest/>

Online Shop

<https://friends-of-lovers-key.myshopify.com/collections/all>

Matt's Beach shack