

FOLK

Friends of Lovers Key November 2025

GALA TICKETS ON SALE NOW!



Bid early and often in the spirited luxury live auction showcasing trips and experiences sure to delight!

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ALL VIP EXPERIENCE \$516
Free Valet Parking

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT: jan@FriendsOfLoversKey.org



November Events in the Park 8700 Estero Blvd FREE WITH PAID PARK ENTRY!



Beach and Estuary Walk

Nov 7, 2025 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am EDT Lovers Key State Park 8700 Estero Blvd, 8720 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 Hosted By Friends Of Lovers Key, Inc.

FREE WITH PARK ENTRY



Seashell Walk

Nov 14, 2025 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am EDT Lovers Key State Park 8700 Estero Blvd, 8720 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 Hosted By Friends Of Lovers Key, Inc.

FREE WITH PARK ENTRY



Junior Ranger Program

Nov 15, 2025 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am EDT Lovers Key State Park 8700 Estero Blvd, 8700 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 Hosted By Friends Of Lovers Key, Inc.

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Yoga by the Sea Flow + Forgive

Nov 16, 2025 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am EDT Lovers Key State Park 8700 Estero Blvd, 8720 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 Hosted By Friends Of Lovers Key, Inc.

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Munchin' Manatees

Nov 18, 2025 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am EDT Lovers Key State Park 8700 Estero Blvd, 8700 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 Hosted By Friends Of Lovers Key, Inc.

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Fishing Clinic

Nov 19, 2025 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am EDT Lovers Key State Park 8700 Estero Blvd, 8700 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

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Walk on the Wild Side

Nov 21, 2025 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am EDT Lovers Key State Park 8700 Estero Blvd, 8700 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 Hosted By Friends Of Lovers Key, Inc.

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Beach Cleanup

Nov 22, 2025 @ 9:00 am - 10:00 am EDT Lovers Key State Park 8700 Estero Blvd, 8700 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 Hosted By Friends Of Lovers Key, Inc.

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Shorebird Stroll

Nov 28, 2025 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am EDT Lovers Key State Park 8700 Estero Blvd, 8720 Estero Boulevard, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931 Hosted By Friends Of Lovers Key, Inc.

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Saturday, October 18th, more than 65 Johnson Engineering, LLC. and The Weiler Engineering Corporation employees, family, and friends volunteered for their 20th annual Coastal Clean Up at Lovers Key State Park- Park Site/Carl E. Johnson State Park. This year's efforts focused on building rope fences, removing exotic plants, trail trimming, trash pickup, and overall continued hurricane recovery projects. In one morning, their team knocked out projects that typically would have taken the Friends of Lovers Key (FOLK) and park staff months to complete. They're proud to continue the legacy of their founder, Carl E. Johnson, whose work in the 1960s helped preserve this natural gem for future generations.

Have You Shopped Our Updated Online Store?

Many of you have told us how much you miss our store in the Welcome and Discovery Center and we heard you!

We miss it too!

Be sure to check out our ONLINE STORE!
Please let us know what YOU might like to see us carry and we will try to make it happen.



Park Staff Spotlight

Peggy started at the park in November of 2002, hired first as a toll collector. You may recognize her friendly face as the

person who checked your park pass or took your admission fee. Currently, Peggy is the Administrative Assistant in the park office, inputting data.

Favorite outdoor activities of Peggy are walking and birdwatching, so she is in the right spot for that!
Working at Lovers Key enables her to enjoy those



outdoor activities. Peggy said her favorite bird is the Loon. However, here at the park it is the Black Skimmer. A lover of travel, on her bucket list is to travel to more of the US riding trains. Peggy has set foot or driven through, part of all but 12 states. Her true love is paper crafting making cards, occasionally books, and scrapbooking. Peggy has vacationed here since the 1970s and moved to Naples in 2000 and still resides there.

Peggy enjoys greeting visitors that enter the park. Ask her any question, but just know answers are optional (clearly has a sense of humor)!

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







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

2026 Adult Speaker Series



January 15 at 6pm
Fairy Podmother
"The Dolphin Lady"
Interacting with dolphins safely
Monica Lynn

Ranger Mitch Bellock





February 19 (Time TBD)
"Botanical Birds and Butterflies
Walking Tour"
How to spot and interact safely

Wendy Sprague Ranger Mitch Bellock



March 19 at 6pm
"Mollusks and Local Shells"
Shells found in the park and
respectful shelling

Jose Leal Ranger Mitch Bellock



April 16 at 6pm
Lovers Key Water Education
Current state initiatives and waterway
health

Chaucy Goss
Michael Parsons

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)

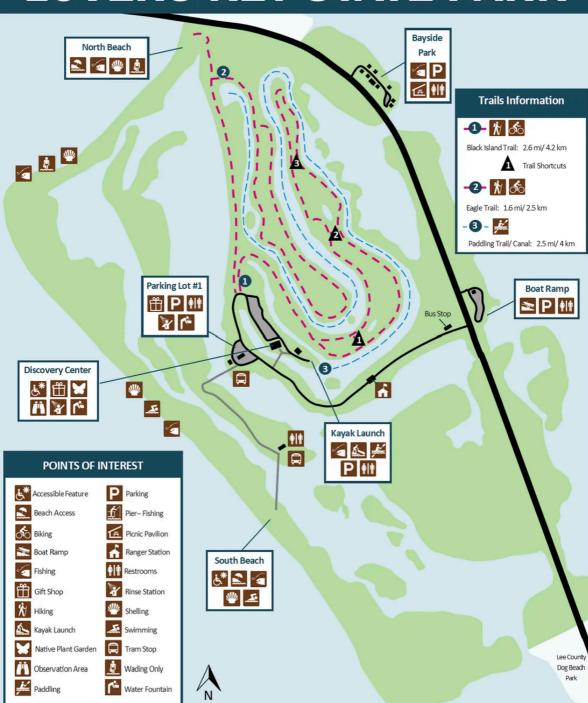
\$4 single - occupant vehicle and motorcycles

\$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





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.

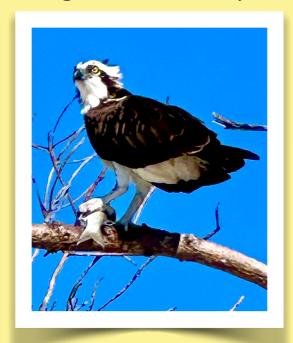


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Newsletter Links

Osprey Web cam https://friendsofloverskey.org/live-web-cam/

EventBrite
https://www.eventbrite.com/o/friends-oflovers-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