



FOLK

Friends of Lovers Key September 2025



September Events in the Park

8700 Estero Blvd

FREE WITH PAID PARK ENTRY!

Beach & Estuary Walk

9 AM - 10:30 AM

Friday, September 5th



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.

FREE WITH PAID PARK ENTRY

Shorebird Stroll

9 AM - 10:30 AM

Friday, September 12th



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.

FREE WITH PAID PARK ENTRY

Walk on the Wild Side!

9 AM - 10:30 AM
Black Island Trail

Friday, September 19th



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, explore our native butterflies, and enjoy a little local history along the way.

FREE WITH PAID PARK ENTRY



Registration Required
Salty Superheroes!

Saturday, September 20th
10:00 am
Welcome & Discovery Center



Calling all Salty Superheroes!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Dive into an adventure to protect our beaches and seas in this action-packed Junior Ranger program. Discover how marine debris harms sea creatures, learn smart ways to reduce waste, and take part in the real conservation missions.

FREE WITH PAID PARK ENTRY

Munchin' Manatees

10 AM - 11:00 AM

Community Room
Welcome and Discovery Center

Tuesday, September 23rd



Join Park Ranger Sarah for an interesting and informative lecture on our local, lovable manatees. Learn what these magnificent mammals are all about, and how you can help protect them. Please note, live manatees are not included in this lecture.

FREE WITH PAID PARK ENTRY

Gloves, buckets, pickers and garbage bags provided.

Beach Cleanup

9 AM - 10:00 AM

Saturday, September 27th



Calling all Salty Superheroes!

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Join a park ranger for a beach cleanup at Lovers Key. Enjoy a lovely hour on the beach as you do your part to keep our state park clean.

Please wear closed toes shoes.

Bring water, sunscreen and bug spray.

FREE WITH PAID PARK ENTRY

Become a "Friends of Lovers Key" Member Today

There's no time like the present to become a Friend of Lovers Key. Whether you live in the area full-time or you plan to return in the near future, this is the best time to visit our beautiful park and our Welcome and Discovery Center. With any of the 3 memberships, you will have 12 free entries into the park for a carload of up to 8 people.



Come see us now while the traffic is light, the weather is beautiful, and our turtles are nesting. You could easily use up all 12 of your free entries before season by visiting once a week through the end of the year.

For as little as \$50 for a **Family Membership**, you will receive 12 free entries to the park for up to 8 people per vehicle along with a one time 50% coupon on a Lovers Key Adventure. A Family Membership is worth more than \$100!!!

With a **Patron Membership**, which is \$80, you will receive all the benefits of a Family Membership plus a free FOLK t-shirt and 15% off park concessions. The Patron Membership is priceless.

If you are able to support the park with a **Lifetime Membership** for \$1500, you will receive all the benefits of a Patron and Family Membership plus a private guided tour of the park and 12 free entries into the park for a lifetime.

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

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 FOLK Friends of Lovers Key, Inc. Protecting...Preserving...Supporting...Lovers Key State Park Patron Membership											
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 FOLK Friends of Lovers Key, Inc. Protecting...Preserving...Supporting...Lovers Key State Park Lifetime Partner Membership											
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Lovers Key State Park is so much more than a beach! Get immersed in unspoiled “old Florida” as you roam our trails.



LOVERS KEY STATE PARK



Should you need assistance, please contact the Ranger Station at 239-707-6328



Meet Our Newest FOLK Board Member, Michele Dunlap

In August, we welcomed Michele Dunlap to our Friends of Lovers Key Board of Directors. Michele has always been a nature lover, but after retiring from corporate life and moving

from the Midwest to Southwest Florida, she has been able to spend more time enjoying the beautiful environment we are so fortunate to live in. Having been a year-round resident since 2017, and personally experiencing Hurricanes Irma, Ian, Helene and Milton, it has made her all too aware of the other side of mother nature and the magnitudes of the effects on the animals and overall ecosystem that have called this home long before any of us. Rather than simply enjoying this beautiful park, she would like to play an active role in shaping the future of Lovers Key and all that it has to offer. We have long searched for just the right person to join our board and take the lead with events. We are going full speed ahead with bringing back our legacy events and many more new ones!

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.



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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