



FOLK

Friends of Lovers Key August 2026

Park Assistant Manager, Miranda Murphy shared a recent event when seven Lovers Key State Park staff members were trained as certified boat operators, expanding their ability to patrol the waterways of Lovers Key. This increased presence allows them to better protect and preserve our coastal resources by engaging with boaters, removing marine debris, and monitoring for invasive plant species.

The training was also a great example of cross-agency partnership, bringing together multiple organizations to share expertise and strengthen their collective ability to protect Florida's natural resources. It's an exciting accomplishment that enhances both their operational capabilities and stewardship of the park.



The Friends of Lovers Key funded Solar Project at the park staff shop, is proceeding nicely!

Electric vehicles will be provided under cover charging stations and the building will be run under solar power!

Made possible by our donors!



August 2026

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
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2	3	4	5	6	 7 Shell Walk 9 AM	8
9	10	11	12	13	 14 Shorebird Stroll 9 AM	 15 Jr Ranger 10 AM
16	17	18	19	20	 21 Beach & Estuary Walk 9 AM	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	 29 Beach Cleanup 9 AM
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Program Spotlight Shorebird Stroll



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.

Did you know your donation of \$50, \$80, \$1,500 to obtain a membership is tax deductible? When you make this designated donation, we give you 12 free entries to the park for a year. Lifetime members get a new card every January All FOLK donations go directly into the park!

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



MATT'S BEACH SHACK

IT'S A
**BEACH
DAY.**
NOT ARM DAY.

YOUR CHAIR'S
WAITING ON
THE BEACH.

SCAN TO BOOK



SCAN TO LEARN MORE!

WHAT WE OFFER

-  Beach Chair Rentals
-  Umbrellas & Resort Loungers
-  Cabanas
-  Kayaks & Paddleboards
-  Fishing Gear
-  Full Beach Setup / Concierge Service
-  All-Inclusive Packages
-  Boater Beach Set-Ups (North Side of the Island)

239-366-6624

RELAX. | UNWIND. | WE HANDLE THE REST.

Sun. Sand. No Stress.

Lovers Key State Park

8700 Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931



Is Lovers Key
a Park or
A Critter Nursery?

*"These little guys
keeps our park rangers
on their toes!"*

BABIES EVERYWHERE

Photos and text, thanks to our rangers

This spring and summer, these little babies have kept our rangers on their toes!

Whether they're getting into something they shouldn't or wandering into places that aren't safe, they've definitely kept us busy. Thankfully, our rangers are always ready to lend a helping hand and make sure these curious youngsters stay safe.

"Any guesses who some of these tiny troublemakers are?"

Come to the park to roam our extensive trail system and bring your binoculars to take a good look around. The beach awaits your arrival and Matt's Beach Shack has chairs and umbrellas for you to rent.

PLUS!!! The summer crowds are so much lighter!



Photo Credit: Lovers Key Park Rangers

Lovers Key State Park is a productive birding destination in Florida, with 206 species recorded on eBird. This forest and wetland habitat attracts Common Eider, Solitary Sandpiper and Sanderling among many others. Mid-winters attract waterfowl and sparrows, while spring and fall migration bring neotropical songbirds. (Credit: “The Birding Hub”)

Over the last 14 days, these species have been reported at this location:

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| Mourning Dove | American Oystercatcher |
| Black-bellied Plover | Semipalmated Plover |
| Marbled Godwit | Short-billed Dowitcher |
| Willet | Ruddy Turnstone, |
| Sanderling | Laughing Gull |
| Black Skimmer | Least Tern |
| Royal Tern | Magnificent Frigatebird |
| Double-crested Cormorant | White Ibis, |
| Roseate Spoonbill | Little Blue Heron |
| Tricolored Heron | Reddish Egret |

The park encompasses habitats ranging from Estero Bay mudflats to the Gulf of America beach, with the area in between including tidal creeks and lagoons, mangrove swamps and tropical hammock. (Credit: “Florida Birding Trail”)



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)

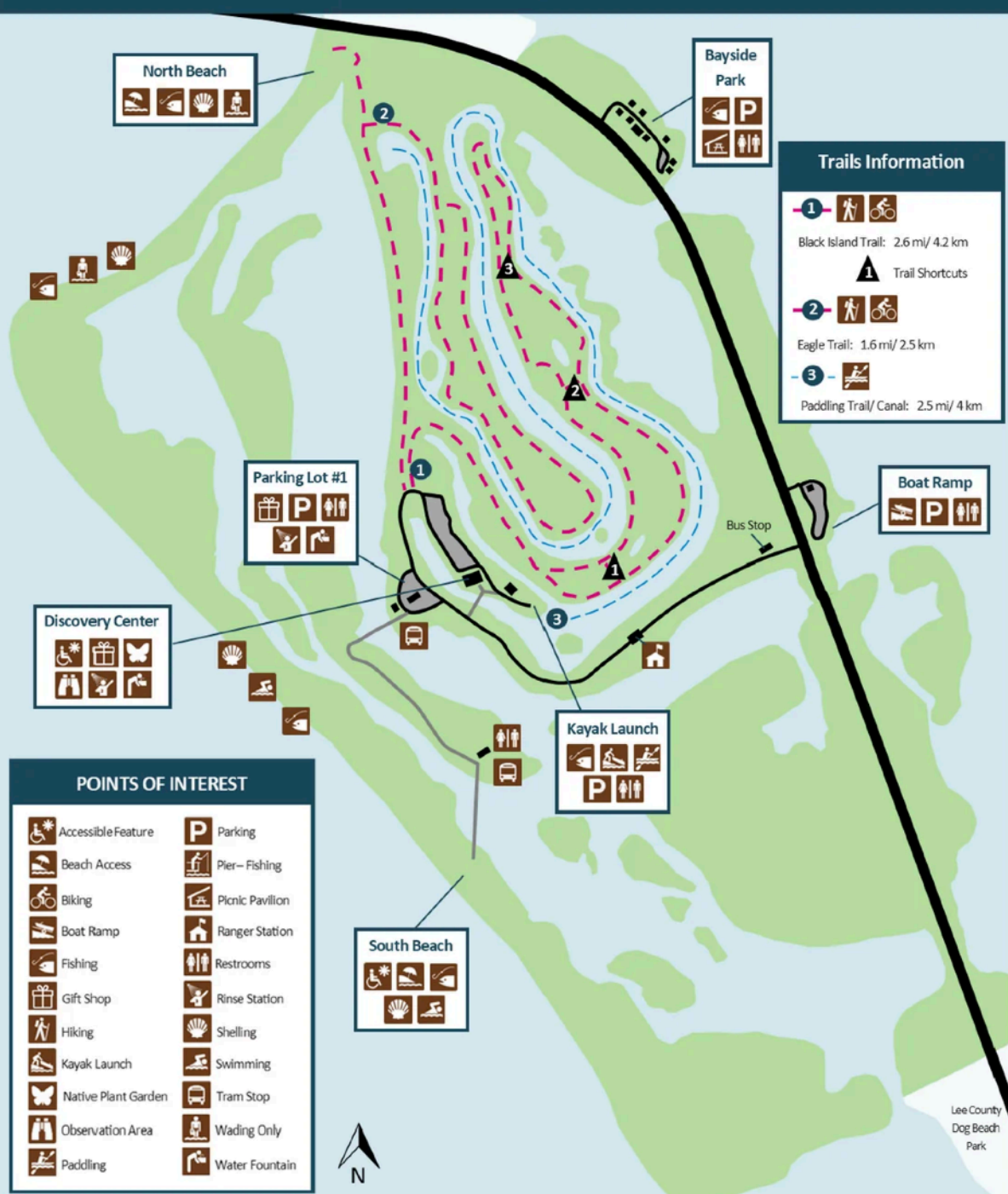
\$4 single - occupant vehicle and motorcycles

\$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**



Friends of Lovers Key



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.



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