



FOLK

Friends of Lovers Key

October 2025



October Events in the Park

8700 Estero Blvd

FREE WITH PAID PARK ENTRY!

Beach & Estuary Walk

9 AM - 10:30 AM



Friday, October 3rd

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.

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Shell Walk

9 AM - 10:30 AM

Friday, October 10th

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

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Skulls and Skeletons

Saturday
October 11th

10 AM - 11 AM

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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.

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Wednesday, October 15th

Fishing Clinic

with

Valerie and Bob Lindner

10 AM - 11:30 AM

Welcome and Discovery Center



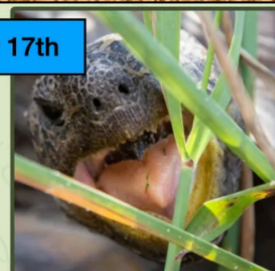
Join Park naturalists to learn more about fishing in Southwest Florida. You'll discuss a variety of tackle and fresh bait rigs, discover the best places to drop a line at the park, and learn the rules and regulations for fishing in Southwest Florida.

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Friday, October 17th

Walk on the Wild Side!

9 AM - 10:30 AM
Black Island Trail



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 butterfly garden and enjoy a little local history along the way. Closed-toe shoes, bug spray, and water bottles are highly recommended.

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Tuesday, October 21st

Munchin' Manatees

10 AM - 11:00 AM
Community Room

Welcome and Discovery Center



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.

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Saturday, October 25th

Beach Cleanup

9 AM - 10:00 AM



Please Register

Calling all Salty Superheroes!

Please Register

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. Gloves, trash bags and pickers will be provided.

Bring water, sunscreen and bug spray.

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THANK YOU

The last week of September, we celebrated the end of an incredible Adopt-A-Nest season by excavating the last nest on our beach. It's a bittersweet moment that marks the successful conclusion of months of monitoring and protection—a success made possible by all of you!

We are sending a massive thank you from the shores of Lovers Key to our amazing 2025 Adopt-A-Nest sponsors! Your generous



support is the backbone of our sea turtle program, funding everything from nest monitoring to habitat conservation across the park.

A special round of applause is due for the incredible Kathy Nash from Friends of Lovers Key, who led this program with unwavering passion and expertise. Kathy, thank you for everything you do!

While this may be the end of this year's Adopt-A-Nest program, the difference you've made will last for generations. Every adopted nest represents hope for these ancient mariners. Thank you for helping us protect the sea turtles of Lovers Key!

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

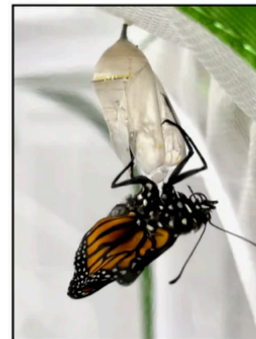
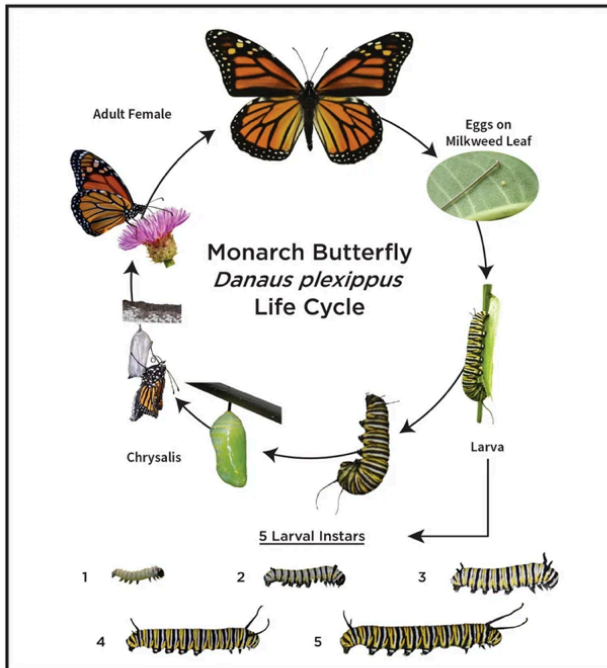
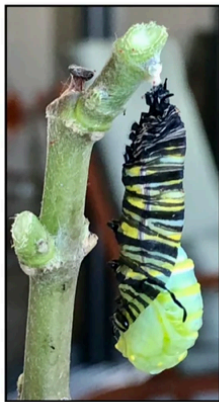
\$80 a year

\$1,500

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Family Membership											
Name _____											
Expires _____											
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See back for additional member benefits and important notice.											
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Board member Frank Cassise and wife Janet are super volunteers here at the park.

These images were shared with us from the

Cassise's own

butterfly raising

experiences. While

the hurricanes have

set us back quite a

good bit, we plan on

returning butterfly gardens to the park.

Hopefully we plan to get them started this

winter with our volunteers, park rangers and community

organizations.





BECOME A VOLUNTEER



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.





October

Welcome and Discovery Center Hours
Tuesday through Saturday 10 AM - 2 PM

LOVERS KEY STATE PARK



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

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.

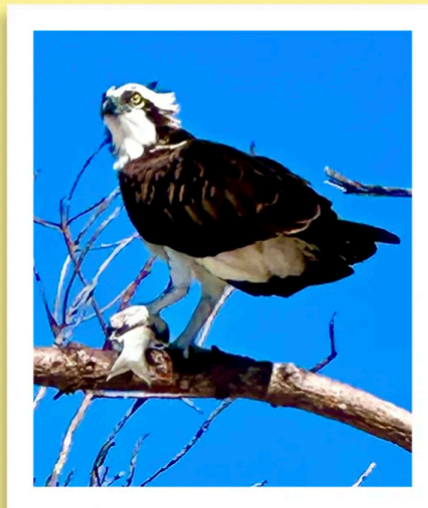


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