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FEBRUARY PROGRAMS AT CALOOSAHATCHEE REGIONAL PARK

Alva, FL

Animal Tracks Preschool Program

10:00 - 11:30a.m.

Wednesday, February 1

Preschoolers will learn about tracks and signs animals leave behind in nature. We will read a book, make animal tracks to take home, play a game and go on a hike to find animal tracks on the ground. We will meet at the campground entrance at 19130 North River Road. The cost is \$5 per preschooler. A parking fee is required. For more information, please call Kelly at (239) 822 - 5212. Register online at <https://www.leeparks.org> or by calling (239) 533 - 7440.

Oxbow Kayak Clinic

9 – 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 7

Join our guide as we teach the basics on kayaking. This class will introduce you to the basic techniques of paddling and then you will have the opportunity to use your new skills for a guided trip. We will paddle the beautiful oxbow islands of the Caloosahatchee River for a two-hour guided instructional tour. Be prepared to experience nature at its best. The tour is perfect for all ages and abilities. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All kayaking equipment is provided. Bring your own drink, lunch, sunscreen, binoculars and clothing/shoes that can get wet. We will meet at the campground entrance at 19130 North River Road. \$25 per person. Registration is required. For more information, call Kelly at (239) 822 - 5212. Register online at <https://www.leeparks.org> or by calling (239) 533 - 7440.

Cypress Creek Kayak Tour

9 – 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 14 Valentine's Day Paddle!

This slow-paced paddle is great for all experience levels. All kayak equipment is provided but please bring water, binoculars, appropriate clothing and shoes you don't mind getting wet. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. We will meet at the campground entrance of Caloosahatchee Regional Park at 19130 North River Road. For more information, please call Kelly at (239) 822 – 5212. \$25 per person. Registration is required. To register please call (239) 533 – 7440 or visit www.leeparks.org.

Birding Homeschool Program

2 – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 16

During this home school program students will learn about bird body parts and how to quickly identify birds in the field. We will also hike to find birds using binoculars and dissect an owl pellet. Binoculars can be provided but students are encouraged to bring their own. We will meet at the campground entrance at 19130 North River Road. Age 8 – 12, no exceptions. \$5 per student. A parking fee is required. Call Kelly for more information at (239) 822 - 5212. Most home school programs meet at the campground 19130 North River Road and are held at the lodge. Register online at <https://www.leeparks.org> or by calling (239) 533 - 7440

Guided Nature Walk

Time: 9 – 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 18

Join park staff on a stroll through natural plant communities. See firsthand the plants and animals that make southwest Florida so unique. Participants should be able to walk approximately one and a half miles. Please dress appropriately and bring a water bottle. We will meet at the main entrance of the park at 18500 North River Road. This program is free with paid parking. Limit 25 participants. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, please call Laura at (239) 694 - 0398.

Caloosahatchee to Hickey's Creek Kayak Trip

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 23

This six-hour kayak trip begins and ends at Caloosahatchee Regional Park campground. Paddlers should be experienced and/or be in good physical condition for a 5 mile roundtrip paddle on the Great Calusa Blueway, which includes Hickey's Creek, one of the area's most scenic waterways. We'll eat lunch and hike at Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park before paddling back. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All kayaking equipment is provided. Bring your own drink, lunch, sunscreen, binoculars and clothing/shoes that can get wet. We will meet at the campground entrance at 19130 North River Road. \$40 per person. Registration is required. For more information, call Kelly at (239) 822 - 5212. Register online at <https://www.leeparks.org> or by calling (239) 533 - 7440.

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Note to media: Flyers attached. Photos available upon request.

January to July 2012 Public Programs

For more information, call Kelly at (239) 822 - 5212.
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Six-Hour Kayak Tours

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

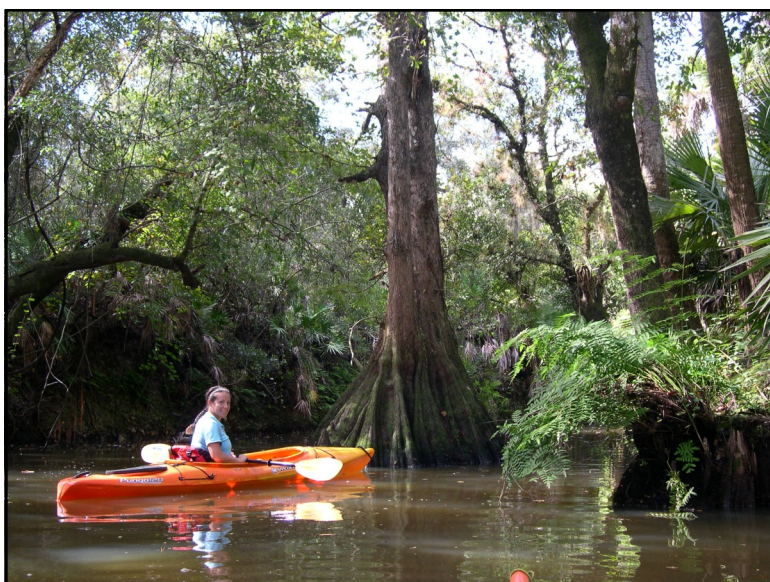
Caloosahatchee to Hickey's Creek Kayak Trip

Thursday, January 26
Thursday, February 23
Thursday, March 29
Thursday, May 10



This six-hour kayak trip begins and ends at Caloosahatchee Regional Park campground. Paddlers should be experienced and/or be in good physical condition for a 5 mile roundtrip paddle on the Great Calusa Blueway, which includes Hickey's Creek, one of the area's most scenic waterways. We'll eat lunch and hike at Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park before paddling back. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. All kayaking equipment is provided. Bring your own drink, lunch, sunscreen, binoculars and clothing/shoes that can get

wet. We will meet at the campground entrance at 19130 North River Road. \$40 per person. Registration is required.



Guided Nature Walk

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 21
Saturday, February 18
Saturday, March 17

Join park staff on a stroll through natural plant communities. See firsthand the plants and animals that make southwest Florida so unique. Participants should be able to walk approximately one and a half miles. Please dress appropriately and bring a water bottle. We will meet at the main entrance of the park at 18500 North River Road. This program is free with paid parking. Limit 25 participants. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call Laura at (239) 694 - 0398.

Two-Hour Kayak Tours

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Oxbow Kayak Clinic

Tuesday, January 10
Tuesday, February 7
Tuesday, April 10
Tuesday, May 15

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Cypress Creek Kayak Tour

Tuesday, January 24
♥ Tuesday, February 14 - Valentine's Day Paddle!
Tuesday, March 13
Tuesday, April 17
Tuesday, May 8

This slow-paced paddle is great for all experience levels. All kayak equipment is provided but please bring water, binoculars, appropriate clothing and shoes you don't mind getting wet. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. We will meet at the campground entrance of Caloosahatchee Regional Park at 19130 North River Road. \$25 per person. Registration is required.

Bedman Creek Kayak Tour New Program!

Tuesday, March 6

This program meets at the Alva Boat Ramp located at 21580 Pearl Street, Alva, FL 33920. Participants will paddle along the scenic Bedman Creek. Only two person kayaks are available for this kayak trip. Children under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required. \$35 per person.

January to July 2012 Kid's Programs

For more information, call Kelly at (239) 822 - 5212.
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Preschool Program

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 11	Topic: Space Cadets
Wednesday, February 1	Topic: Animal Tracks
Wednesday, March 7	Topic: Web Weavers
Wednesday, April 4	Topic: Animal Babies
Wednesday, May 2	Topic: A Frog's Life

These preschool programs are for 3 to 5 year olds and generally include a story, a fun lesson, a hike, a game and a craft. The cost is \$5 per preschooler. A parking fee is required. Most pre school programs meet at the campground 19130 North River Road and are held at the lodge.

Summer Preschool Hikes

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.



Friday, May 25
Friday, June 22
Friday, July 20

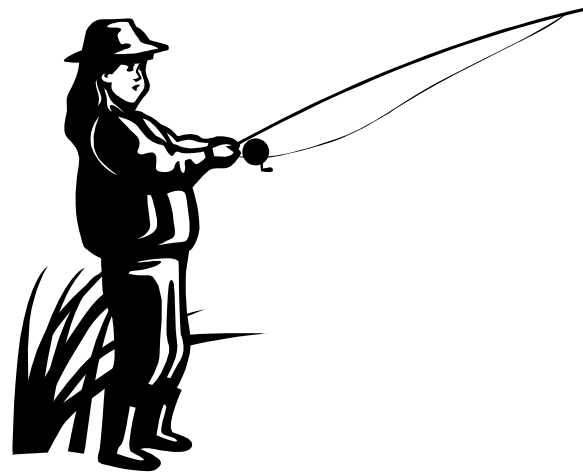
Park staff will lead a hike for preschoolers to learn about nature and get exercise too.

This program is free with paid parking.
Meet at the main entrance at 18500 North River Road, Alva, FL 33920.

Home School Programs

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 19	Topic: Kayaking: Cypress Creek
Thursday, February 16	Topic: Birds
Thursday, March 15	Topic: Archery
Thursday, April 12	Topic: Endangered Species
***Thursday, May 17	Topic: Fishing



Age requirements and price varies from for each home school program. A parking fee is required. Most home school programs meet at the campground 19130 North River Road and are held at the lodge.

***This program meets from 8 – 10:00 a.m.



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