

THE Fun TIMES

Marion
County
FLORIDA
PARKS AND RECREATION

MARCH - APRIL - MAY 2020
MARION COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION
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■■■ MARION COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION UPCOMING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES ■■■

Space is limited! Register at www.MarionParksRec.org today!

ADULT PROGRAMS

SENIOR FRISBEE GOLF

Every first and third Friday / 10 a.m.

Rounds will take place at the disc golf course in the Baseline Greenway Park. \$10/person per month, two games per month.

YOUTH & ADULT ARCHERY 101 & 102 AT BRICK CITY ADVENTURE PARK

Wednesdays / Youth (8-15) 5 p.m. / Adult (16+) 6:30 p.m.

Session I – March 4-April 1 (no class March 18)

Session II – April 8-29 / Session III – May 6-27

Our 101 archery program starts from the ground up each month. More experienced archers who have completed our 101 course will enjoy more advanced games and training in the 102 sessions. Session fee: 101: \$20 month/person; 102: \$20 month/person

BASIC WILD CAVING EXPERIENCE AT BRICK CITY ADVENTURE PARK

Saturday / 9 a.m. / March 28 / April 4 / May 2

An excellent beginner program for participants, ages 8 to adult, who would like to explore an unimproved wild cave. Requires strenuous physical activity that includes climbing, crawling on hands and knees, and belly crawling on clay and rocky surfaces in tight spaces. Participants should wear long pants, sturdy footwear and gloves. Caving gear provided. \$35/person.

SUNSET ECO TRAM TOUR

April 24 / Carney Island

Tour nature trails where local wildlife reside while riding on our accessible tram that can accommodate people with disabilities. Participants must advise staff of special accommodation requests at the time of registration. \$10/person. Participants meet at site location. You can also book your private tour of 8-15 people at any of three locations.

LOW ROPES / TEAMBUILDING COURSE (Private Groups Only)

All courses are customized to your group's needs. Courses usually last 3-4 hours depending on program options, but can last all day if requested. Schedule your course for 10 or more people by calling our office: (352) 671-8560.

EXPLORE MARION COUNTY – INTERPRETIVE NATURE WALKS

March 10 – Hopkins Prairie / March 24 – Eaton Sinkhole / April 7 – Orange Creek South / April 21 – Carney Island

Adult participants should be in good health and able to leisurely walk with rest stops for up to 2-3 hours. Group meets at 8:30 a.m. at Brick City Adventure Park to travel to walk location, or you can meet at the designated park. \$5/person. Transportation available but van space is limited to 10 people and must be requested upon sign-up.

KAYAK/PADDLEBOARD 101 AT CARNEY ISLAND

Saturday / March 7 / April 4 / May 2

Kayaking 9:30 a.m. / Paddleboarding 1:30 p.m.

Introductory program that provides basic instruction to the inexperienced paddler or the returning paddler ready to return to the water. Equipment provided. \$15/person, plus the park entrance fee.

KAYAK AND KOFFEE®

Silver River (Silver Springs)

March 12 / April 9 / May 14

Weekday outing on the Silver River, ideal for beginners and those interested in nature and wildlife viewing. \$30/person, includes equipment and refreshments following the outing. Paddlers will meet at 9:30 a.m. at launch site.

KAYAK OUTINGS

Chassahowitzka / March 26th

Ray to Gores / April 18th

Juniper Run / April 23rd

Santa Fe Rum Island to Santa Fe Park / May 16th

Weekie Wachee / May 28th

Kayak outings are for experienced paddlers. Participants meet at Brick City Adventure Park at 8:30 a.m. for ride to location. \$40/person with equipment and shuttle provided, or \$20/person using your own equipment plus the park user fee, shuttle provided back to beginning. Pre-registration required.

MOONLIGHT PADDLE

Rainbow River (KP Hole® Park)

Friday / March 6 / April 3 / May 1

Paddle the Rainbow River under the light of the moon. Launch from KP Hole® and paddle to the head springs. Equipment provided. \$35/person (equipment provided) or \$20/person using your own equipment. Launch will vary based on moonlight schedule.

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday / 7 a.m. / April 25

Coehadjoe Park

Men's & Women's Doubles / Levels: 2.0-4.0

Ages: 18+, 50+, 60+, 70+ / Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd

T-shirt included with registration. Snacks available for registered players while supplies last. \$30 registration fee due by April 17.

MARION COUNTY SENIOR SOFTBALL / Spring League

Men 55 and up / Women 50 and up

Ralph Russell Park

Monday / Wednesday / Friday

Interested in getting back into the swing of it...bat swing, that is. \$30/player per season. New players welcome and may sign up in mid-season. Games start at 9 a.m. Friday Only Play also available. Call 352-671-8560 for more information.

SPRING BREAK CAMPS

AT BRICK CITY ADVENTURE PARK

Activities are subject to change / Before-and-after camp care (7:30-8 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.) included

EXTREME SPRING BREAK CAMP Ages 9-14

March 16-20 / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Activities include, Lift Adventure, caving, Defy Gravity, Kayaking, Busch Gardens. \$200/child.

FIREWISE SPRING BREAK CAMP Ages 6-12

March 16-20 / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

This camp's theme is Once a Lost Cause and includes a FireWise Community segment. Includes hands-on activities, arts & craft projects, hikes, games, highlighted by field trips. \$120/child.

SUMMER CAMPS

AT BRICK CITY ADVENTURE PARK

Activities are subject to change / Before-and-after camp care (7:30-8 a.m. and 5-6 p.m.) included
NO CAMP July 3

BRICK CITY ADVENTURE CAMP Ages 8-12

Monday-Friday / June 1-Aug. 7 / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Every week will be jammed packed with fun trips, games and activities. Weekly activities will include field trips, swimming, games, movies, archery, fishing, kayaking and other outdoor recreational activities. \$120/child per week.

EXTREME ADVENTURE CAMP Ages 9-14

Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Session I – June 1-5

Session II – June 22-26

Session III – July 13-17

Session IV – July 27-31

A fun-filled week of outdoor adventure that takes it to the extreme with challenging activities such as kayaking, paddle boarding, tubing, ropes challenge, zip lining or tree climbing. \$200/child per session.

TEEN EXTREME CAMP / Ages 13-17

Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Session I – June 8-12 / Session II – July 6-10

Have you been to Extreme camp with us? If so, you are ready for a challenging week of outdoor adventure that takes it to a new level of extreme with over the top activities! \$300/child.

FIREWISE NATURE CAMPS Ages 6-12

Monday-Friday / June 1-July 31 / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

FireWise Nature Camp presents a fun new nature theme each week that includes a FireWise Community segment. This weekly camp includes hands on activities, arts & craft projects, hikes, games, highlighted by guest speakers and weekly field trips. \$120/child per week.

Week 1 - Cliff Hanger

Week 2 - Layin' In Wake

Week 3 - Create, Enhance & Sustain

Week 4 - Got Pollution? Be the Solution

Week 5 - Once the Lost Cause

Week 6 - First In – Last Out

Week 7 - Sweet Sunsets

Week 8 - Against the Wind

Week 9 - Galaxy Blasters

FISH CAMP / Ages 9-14

Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Session I – June 15-19 / Session II – July 20-24

Youth will learn bank / boat fishing, boating safety, handling a small boat, types of tackle, casting tips, knot tying, fish identification, cleaning and preparing fish and fishing rules and etiquette. All campers will receive a rod and reel, tackle box and tackle. The final day will include a family fish fry. \$175/child.

KAYAK/PADDLEBOARD CAMP Ages 10-15

Monday-Friday / 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Session I – June 29-July 2 / Session II – August 3-7

Learn the basic skills of kayaking and stand up paddling. Program includes instruction and trips to rivers and lakes in central Florida. Please note that rain may play a factor in the weekly plans. \$120/child.



SEARCH, REGISTER and PAY ONLINE for Marion County Parks and Recreation programs at MarionParksRec.org. Use our QR code to view program alerts. For more information, please contact Marion County Parks and Recreation at 352-671-8560 or parks@marioncountyfl.org.

MARION COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION RESERVES THE RIGHT at any time to adjust dates, prices, and locations for all programs, rentals, and memberships as considered necessary.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Some programs require you to pre-register. We ask that you pre-register for programs by contacting the Forest Community Center, 777 S. CR 314A, Ocklawaha, FL 32179, at (352) 438-2840, or email ForestCommunityCenter@marioncountyfl.org.

ADULT PROGRAMS

FIREWISE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP SERIES

Thursday

Mar. 12 / April 16 / May 21 / 3-4 p.m. / 6-7 p.m.

Provides residents valuable information on how it's important to preserve the forest lifestyle. Learn who can help, how to do it and what the benefits are in living in the forest and how to be safe from local wildfires. Bring your friends and neighbors to learn about making your community FireWise safe. Refreshments will be served. Program is FREE

FOREST JAM

Thursday / 6-9 p.m.

Musicians of all levels are welcome to join in each Thursday for an evening of strumming, drumming and pickin'. Those interested are welcome to host an evening session. Bring your musical instrument (or two) and settle in for a night of playing among old and new friends. Tables and chairs are set up each week for the public to enjoy the music. Program is FREE.

LINE DANCE LESSONS FOR ADULTS AND TEENS Beginner & Intermediate

Wednesday / 6-8 p.m.

Beginner Line Dance lessons for those wanting to learn the basics to get you started. Lessons will be offered on Wednesday nights starting at 6 p.m. Donations taken at the door.

PINE NEEDLES QUILT CLUB

Thursday / 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

If you like to quilt, stitch, do needlepoint, or want to learn, you're welcome to join the Pine Needles Quilt Club on Thursdays. Here you and others can share ideas with old friends and new. Bring a lunch! Program is FREE.

STRETCHING CLASS

Tuesday / 10 a.m.

Stretching is the first step towards physical exercise and good health. Join Jane Kaufman each week as she provides you with the tools of proper physical stretching towards better health. Program is FREE.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

FCC SPRING BREAK CAMP Ages 8-14

March 16-20 / 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Join us for an exciting week. From water obstacle courses to underground caves, this is the perfect opportunity for children to have new and exciting experiences! Each day campers will go off campus to a different field trip. \$100 per camper.

FOREST SUMMER CAMP Ages 8-14

Monday-Friday / 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. / June 1-August 7
Come enjoy summer fun at the Forest Community

Center! Children will participate in outdoor games, indoor games, arts & crafts. Each week will have a special theme. Our friendly staff will provide a fun and safe environment. \$100/child per week.

INTRODUCTION TO ARCHERY 101 Ages 8-Adult

Saturday / March 21 / April 18 / May 16 / 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Don't have time to learn archery on the weekdays? We got you covered. Our archery program starts from the ground up and refreshes past experiences. Equipment is included. \$10/person.

BUNNY HOP

Recommended for ages 3-7

Saturday / April 11 / 10 a.m.

Children and parents are invited to our Bunny Hop with "Mr. Bunny" and staff. Includes light refreshments, a holiday craft activity, games and an egg hunt. Pre-registration fee is \$5/child. Parents & grandparents are free.

BICYCLE RODEO / Ages 5-12

Saturday / May 30 / 10-11:30 a.m.

Practice bike safety skills through a series of skill tests and become familiar with the laws pertaining to bicycle riding. Helmet use and proper fit will be addressed. Program is FREE.

FUN FRIDAY / Ages 6-12

Friday / 5-8 p.m.

Join our friendly staff for an evening of indoor and outdoor games, arts & crafts and game room fun! \$3/child.

FUN FRIDAY AND PIZZA NIGHT

Second and Fourth Friday of the Month / 5-8 p.m.
\$5/child includes Fun Friday and Pizza!

MARTIAL ARTS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS

Tuesday and Thursday / 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Certified instructor works with youth and adults in developing their mind, body and spirit through the martial arts. Contact the Forest Community Center to check on available times. \$20/person per month. (Additional fees may apply for uniforms and certification)

MOTHER'S DAY TEA PARTY Ages 6-12

Saturday, May 9 / 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mother's Day is coming, so come on in to the Forest Community Center and enjoy a fanciful tea party just for you and mom! Light refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration fee is \$3/per child.

LEADERSHIP AND LIFE SKILLS / Ages 13-17

Meeting Days Tuesday / 5:30-7 p.m.

Come and develop important leadership and necessary life skills while earning your community service hours required for

graduation or scholarships while helping your local community center. Topics to include resume building, mock interviews, and public speaking. Come in to register. Registration fee is \$25 per person.

HOMESCHOOL

Register for both homeschool classes
for \$32 a month / Fridays 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

FOREST HOME SCHOOL ART Ages 5-15

Fridays / Forest Community Center / 10:15-11:15 a.m.

On-going home school art program. No program on school holidays. Class is limited to 25 students. \$20/month per child.

FOREST HOME-SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND RECREATION CLUB Ages 5-15

Fridays / Forest Community Center / 9-10 a.m.

Our "Forest HPER Club" encourages teamwork, strategy and fair play. No program on school holidays. \$12/month per child.

CENTER SPECIALS

C.O.P.S. SPAGHETTI DINNER

January-April / Third Friday of the month / 4-7 p.m.

A popular monthly event put on by the Forest COPS group and held the third Friday of the month. Donation \$6 per person.

FOREST COMMUNITY YARD SALE

First Saturday of the month / 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

The Forest Community Center hosts a monthly "yard sale" on the first Saturday of the month. Those interested in renting a space may do so by contacting the Forest Community Center. Inside (10'x10' - \$10) and outside spaces (12'x12' - \$5) will be available. You must pre-register at the Forest Community Center.

OTHER PROGRAMS

GRANNY BERT'S CLOTHES CLOSET

Last Saturday of the Month / 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

ROBERT STEWART COUNTRY BAND WITH FRIENDS

Third Saturday / February-October / 5-8:30 p.m.

SCRAPBOOKERS

Second Saturday / 11 a.m.-5 p.m. / Marty Hartman
(352) 208-2243

New programs will be added regularly.
Check with Forest Community Center
staff on upcoming programs.



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