## **Lovers Key State Park Program Schedule – June 2025**

For program questions, call 239-707-6328 or email Ursula at Ursula.Gibbons@FloridaDEP.gov

Below you'll find out what public events are happening, event cost, how to sign up, the who/what/when/where, and a description of the event!

**Event colors** denote the different event types offered at Lovers Key State Park:

**Green events**: Lovers Key State Park interpretive events. Free with paid park entry. Space is limited, and reservations are required.

**Blue events**: Friends of Lovers Key events. Ticket fees include park entry. Space is limited, and advance ticket purchase is required.

**TO SIGN UP:** visit <a href="https://loverskey.eventbrite.com">https://loverskey.eventbrite.com</a>. and scroll until you find the desired event. Click on the event picture or title. You will be redirected to FOLKS Eventbrite. Fill out info on Eventbrite. Reservations are made on Eventbrite only.

The below QR code can be scanned with a cell phone camera for sign-ups:

QR CODE for GREEN Events:



# June 2025 program schedule:

6/6 Friday

**Program:** Beach and Estuary Walk

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am Location: South Beach

**Fee:** Free with park entry fee **Instructor:** Mitch (ranger)

**Description:** 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. Participants should be prepared to spend time in the water.

#### 6/13 Friday

Program: Shorebird Stroll
Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Location: South Beach

**Fee:** Free with park entry fee **Instructor:** Mitch (Ranger)

**Description:** 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.

#### 6/17 Tuesday

**Program:** Munchin' Manatees **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Classroom (Welcome and Discovery Center)

**Fee:** Free with park entry fee **Instructors:** Sarah (Ranger)

**Description:** Join a park ranger for an interesting and informative lecture on our local, loveable 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. Space is limited; reservations

are required.

### 6/20 Friday

Program: Walk on the Wild Side

**Time:** 9:00 am – 10:30 am

**Location:** Black Island Trail Head (Parking Lot #2)

**Fee:** Free with park entry fee **Instructor:** Mitch (ranger)

**Description:** 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.

#### 6/21 Saturday

**Program:** Jr Ranger Creature Feature

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Community Room (Welcome and Discovery Center)

Fee: Free with park entry fee

**Instructors:** Mitch (Ranger) Sarah (Ranger)

**Description:** 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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