

Lovers Key State Park Program Schedule – September 2025

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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 <https://loverskey.eventbrite.com>. 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:



September 2025 program schedule:

9/5 Friday

Program: Beach and Estuary Walk

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Location: Mid-Beach

Fee: Free with paid 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.

9/12 Friday

Program: Shorebird Stroll

Time: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Location: Mid-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, behavior and nesting habits. We recommend bringing binoculars or spotting scope.

9/19 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.

9/20 Saturday

Program: Jr Ranger Creature

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)

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.

Space is limited; reservations are required.

9/23 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: Mitch (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.

9/27 Saturday

Program: Beach Cleanup: South Beach Bridge Tram Stop

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am

Location: Mid-Beach Bridge (Beach Side)

Fee: Free

Instructor: Trish (ranger)

Description: Join a park ranger for a beach cleanup at North Beach. Enjoy a lovely hour on the beach as you do your part to keep our state park (and planet!) clean. Participants will record the types of trash they collect, and the findings will help inform park messaging. Gloves, trash bags, pickers, pencils, and data sheets will be provided.