

## Lovers Key State Park Program Schedule – October 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:**



### October 2025 program schedule:

#### 10/3 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.

**10/10 Friday**

**Program:** Shell Walk

**Time:** 9:00 am – 10:30 am

**Location:** Mid-Beach

**Fee:** Free with park entry fee

**Instructor:** Mitch (Ranger)

**Description:** Join a park ranger for a shelling trip along the Lovers Key shoreline. Learn the names of the seashells you find on your walk, fun facts about the creatures who craft them, and the shelling regulations that help protect these iconic Florida treasures.

**10/15 Wednesday**

**Program:** Fishing Clinic

**Time:** 10:00 am – 11:30 am

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

**Fee:** Free with paid park entry

**Instructors:** Bob and Valerie (volunteers)

**Description:** 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.

**10/17 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.

**10/18 Saturday**

**Program:** Junior Ranger

**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.

**10/21 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.

**10/25 Saturday**

**Program:** Beach Cleanup

**Time:** 9:00 am – 10:00 am

**Location:** Mid-Beach Bridge (Beach Side)

**Fee:** Free

**Instructor:** Ranger Led

**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.