

MOCCASIN LAKE NATURE PARK NEWSLETTER

HOURS

Mon.: Closed
Tue.-Sun.: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Labor Day, Sept. 6: Closed
Veterans Day, Nov. 11: Closed
Thanksgiving, Nov. 25 - 26: Closed
Christmas, Dec. 24 - 25: Closed
New Year's, Dec. 31, Jan. 1: Closed

PHONE

(727) 562-4315, ext. 1

DAILY ADMISSION

FREE

51 forested acres, exhibited, displays and mile-long nature trail • Fish and turtle pond • Butterfly garden • Open fields with stately oaks • Bird blinds • Rentals • Live animal exhibits • Educational programs

Programs, dates and times are subject to change.

SCHEDULES, CLASSES & PROGRAMS

JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

Bring your group of students to Moccasin Lake Nature Park for a tour and specialty program. Enjoy one of the programs listed on the next page, followed by a mile-long guided tour of the park's trails, animal exhibits and waterways.

Call 562-4315 for reservations.

NATURE SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

For the following programs, a minimum of 10 participants is required.

BUGGY BASICS

Learn about the variety of amazing insects that inhabit your backyard, and enjoy an insect scavenger hunt in the butterfly garden.

\$4 Clearwater resident group
\$5 non-resident group

DINOSAUR CROSSINGS

Discover these amazing animals from the past. Fossils tell an incredible history. Take a fossil home with you, if you can find one.

\$4 Clearwater resident group
\$5 non-resident group

BIRDING BEGINNINGS

What is the difference between an aninga and a cormorant? As a proud Floridian, you should know.

\$4 Clearwater resident group
\$5 non-resident group

FLORIDA SNAKES

How many types of snakes can be found in Florida? Learn what species you might see in this area.

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\$5 non-resident group

PARK ANIMALS & INSECTS, CLOSE UP!

See some of the park's smaller animals and insects including reptiles and amphibians. You may even get to touch some of them.

\$4 Clearwater resident group
\$5 non-resident group

THE TINY WORLD ALL AROUND US

Learn how to use a microscope and then take a journey through the jungle of life too small for our eyes to see.

\$4 Clearwater resident group
\$5 non-resident group

WEATHER IN FLORIDA

Learn to prepare for the best and worst that Florida weather has to offer. Discover why and how to protect ourselves from both the sun and hurricanes.

\$4 Clearwater resident group
\$5 non-resident group

POND SAFARI

Grab a dip net and take the plunge. See what organisms are lurking in the waterways at Moccasin Lake Nature Park.

\$5 Clearwater resident group
\$6.25 non-resident group

OWL PELLETS

Dissect owl pellets and see what was for dinner. Learn about the different types of owls found in Florida.

\$5 Clearwater resident group
\$6.25 non-resident group

FRESH WATER CHEMISTRY

Learn what makes water healthy enough for plants and animals to thrive. Participants will test the waters of Moccasin Lake and discover the chemistry behind healthy waterways.

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\$6.25 non-resident group

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS:

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Moccasin Lake Nature Park
2750 Park Trail Ln, Clearwater, FL 33759



CLEARWATER
MOCCASIN LAKE NATURE PARK

SCHEDULES, CLASSES & PROGRAMS (continued)

COLD CHEMISTRY

And we mean very cold! Enjoy a wonderful cryogenics presentation using liquid nitrogen.

\$5 Clearwater resident group

\$6.25 non-resident group

THE ENERGY SHOW

Learn about alternative energy resources for the future in this fun-filled program of energy basics.

\$5 Clearwater resident group

\$6.25 non-resident group

SMELLY PLANTS

Many of our spices, foods and perfumes come from plants. Learn how some of this is accomplished by plants and why some have produced these odors.

\$5 Clearwater resident group

\$6.25 non-resident group

HIKING, TOURS & OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

GUIDED NATURE HIKE

A naturalist will guide your group through the 51-acre nature park looking for wildlife, identifying plants and discussing natural habitats in the park. This program is intended for groups of ten people or more. A two-week notice is recommended.

Tue. - Sat., upon request

\$3 per person

NIGHT HIKE

Explore Florida's nightlife firsthand where you may encounter owls, bats, alligators, opossums, raccoons, armadillos and more. Bring bug repellent. This program is intended for groups of ten people or more. A two-week notice is recommended.

Tue. - Sat. upon request

\$3 per person

BIRD WALKS

Take a guided hike on Moccasin Lake's nature trail while seeking birds by sight and sound. Bring binoculars and field guides, if you have them.

Meet in parking lot by 8 a.m.

Free

ORIENTATION/INTERPRETIVE WALKING TOUR OF THE HISTORICAL MYRON A. SMITH BAYVIEW AND THE KAPOK WETLAND ENVIRONMENTAL PARKS

Enjoy a leisurely interpretive walk through two of the city's finest parks. Learn about the history and environmental role each park plays in enhancing and preserving Florida's unique wild lands and the flora and fauna they support. This program is intended for groups of ten people or more.

Tue. - Sat., upon request

\$3 per person

REPTILE WEDNESDAY

with Dennis
Meet Dennis and his reptiles most Wednesdays. Come with your questions and stories. Dennis will have the answers. This informal program is hosted inside the nature center. Call 562-4315 with questions.

Most Wed., 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

SCIENCE ROCKS

Science Rocks is FREE and hosted by the Clearwater Community Woman's Club. The class will cover many different science topics through literature, hands-on activities, discussion, art activities, and invited speakers. There is a maximum of 12 students, ages 4 to 6, for each class and an adult must attend, so registration is required. Please make plans now before classes fill up!

Classes are an hour long starting at 10:30 a.m. Call 727-562-4315, press 1 to reach a staff member for more information.

CHAINWHEEL DRIVE: NATURE DISCOVERY ON TWO WHEELS TRAIL RIDES

Enjoy yourself during this casual free ride along the beautiful Ream Wilson Trail. Ride with an experienced cycling guide on a paved trail in the shade of the tree canopy along scenic waterways, taking in the sights of birds and wildlife at Kapok Park. For more information and to request program, visit chainwheeldrive.com.

HULA HOOP FITNESS

Join certified Hula Fit instructor, Cat, for an hour of creative cardio with hula hoops! Participants will learn a variety of foundational tricks to incorporate into their own dance and workout styles. This class is one hour in duration and includes a warm-up, trick instruction and a cool down. There will be water breaks throughout the session.

Most Saturdays from 10 - 11 a.m.

\$11 with recreation card/

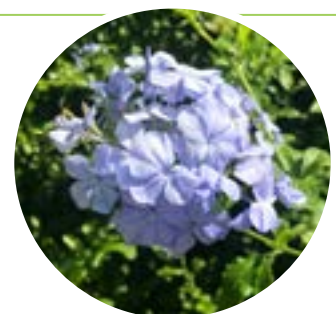
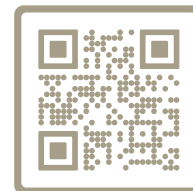
\$13 w/o recreation card



CALL FOR PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS

The city is currently looking for volunteers to teach programs at our beautiful nature parks, including Moccasin Lake Nature Park, Lake Chautauqua, Cliff Stephens and Bayview Park. This will allow people to see our beautiful parks while enjoying a fun, educational program or workshop taught by community volunteers. The city will assist with a registration method and several options for amenities, depending on site location.

For more information, contact Lloyd.Simmons@myclearwater.com.



CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Disclaimer: Due to COVID-19, the staff at Moccasin Lake Nature Park suggests calling 562-4315 to verify meeting availability.

CLEARWATER AUDUBON SOCIETY

The local chapter of the National Audubon Society conducts field trips to Florida's natural areas, supports local environmental education efforts and sponsors environmental educators to Audubon training centers. Everyone is welcome. No meetings are currently scheduled at the park. Visit clearwateraudubonsociety.org website below for more information.

THE FLORIDA HERB SOCIETY

Bring herb cuttings, seeds and plants to swap along with your favorite herbal delight to add to the tasting and herbal swap tables and then enjoy monthly lectures and workshops. No meetings are scheduled at the park. Visit thefloridaherbsociety.weebly.com for more information.

SUNCOAST HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Guest speakers share their expertise on certain reptile and amphibian breeds on a monthly basis; some bring live animals. Learn fascinating facts on husbandry and diet, threats of extinction and how to protect these animals. The group offers presentations with live reptiles and amphibians and teaches responsible pet ownership, conservation and preservation through education. Visit suncoastherp.com for more information.

FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

This group welcomes all who want to learn about native plants and explore natural areas.

HUKYU BONSAI SOCIETY

Learn the art and techniques of bonsai. Learn more at facebook.com/hukyubonsaisociety

SAFETY HARBOR GARDENING CLUB

There's a lot to learn about gardening. This group presents educational programs on a variety of gardening topics. For members, there are field trips and other special programs. No meetings are scheduled at the park. Learn more at safetyharborigardenclub.weebly.com.

FRIENDS IN FOCUS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB OF CLEARWATER

Moccasin Lake is the home of Friends in Focus Photography Club of Clearwater. Enjoy presentations, learning workshops, field trips and more.

FRIENDS OF MOCCASIN LAKE

Friends of Moccasin Lake is an advocacy group dedicated to the preservation and public awareness of Moccasin Lake Nature Park. This group believes it is imperative that one of the last truly natural green spaces in the most developed county in Florida must be protected and maintained for current and future generations to visit, learn and celebrate what "Old Florida" used to look like. For more information, visit friendsmoccasinlake.com.

Virtual GoTo meetings are each third Wed.

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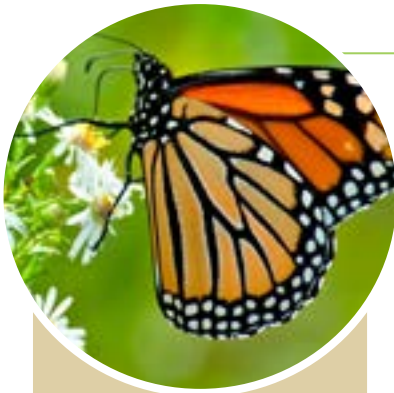
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CLEARWATER
MOCCASIN LAKE NATURE PARK



MOCCASIN LAKE PARK MAP



MAP KEY*

* For explanations of map features, pick up a trail guide from the Interpretive Center

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| ① Parking | ② Playground | ③ Classroom | ④ Turtle Pond & Butterfly Garden | ⑤ Bird Garden | ⑥ Bird Blind | ⑦ Wetlands | ⑧ Dead Tree | ⑨ Swamp Hardwood | ⑩ Moccasin Lake | ⑪ Succession | ⑫ Lichens | ⑬ Oak Hammock |
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