

# Nature Calendar January 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00am Birds of Amelia 11:00am Fishing 1:00pm Guest's Choice 2:30pm Nature Segway	<b>2</b> 9:30am Nature Kayak 1:00pm Beach Bounty 2:30pm Bike Hike	<b>3</b> 10:00am Fishing 11:30am Shark Tooth Necklaces 2:30pm Critter Talk 3:30pm Woodland Walk	<b>4</b> 10:00am Birds of Amelia 11:00am Fishing 1:00pm Guest's Choice 3:00pm Nature Segway	<b>5</b> 10:00am Treasure Seekers 1:00pm Beach Bounty 2:30pm Bike Hike	<b>6</b> 9:00am Fishing 9:30am Nature Kayak 11:00am Crab Grab 1:00pm Marsh Walk 2:30pm Critter Talk 3:30pm Shark Tooth Necklaces 4:00pm Nature Craft	<b>7</b> 9:30am Nature Kayak 1:00pm Beach Bounty 2:30pm Crab Grab
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Check out the happenings at the nature center online at [ainaturecenter.blogspot.com](http://ainaturecenter.blogspot.com)

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Activities are subject to change without notice.

# Nature Tours

## Discovery Series

**Beach Bounty** - Comb the beach with our experienced naturalists and learn the secrets of when and where to find the best shells, sharks teeth and other treasures! Meet at the Nature Center. \$12 per person.

**Children's Discovery** - A program combined with craft and field exploration to introduce children (parents too!) to bugs, birds, reptile, fossils & more. \$15 per child, parents are complimentary. Tour lasts 1 1/2 hours.

**Crab Grab** - Learn about these fascinating marsh dwellers the old-fashioned way. Meet at Nature Center. \$15 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Complimentary for parents not participating.

**Fishing** - Enjoy a leisurely hour of freshwater fishing on the banks of Aury Island. All equipment is provided. \$15 per person. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Complimentary for parents not participating.

**Sharks Tooth Necklaces** - Learn fascinating facts about sharks as you design your own necklace featuring a shark's tooth. \$10 per necklace.

**Treasure Seekers** - This introductory course teaches participants about compass use and reading maps. It offers training in cardinal directions, finding treasure key points, correctly counts paces, sun and star navigation and more. \$12 per person.

## Amelia Nightlife Series - Nature at Night

\$17 per person.

**Sunset with the Birds** - Sunset is one of the best times to observe Amelia's birds as they feed and roost.

**Moonrise Beach Walk** - Stroll by moonlight with our naturalists and learn about nighttime beach activity! Search for turtles, crabs and glow in-the-dark critters!

**Stargazing** - Observe the night sky through a high-powered telescope and learn about stars, constellations and more.

## Off Property Trips

Prices vary for each tour.

Half or full day excursions to Amelia Island's surrounding parks and preserves.

**Family Collecting Cruise** - Assist naturalists collect and observe sea creatures, spot dolphins, birds and wildlife during this 2 hour eco boat tour.

**Fort Clinch State Park** - A pre-Civil War fort located inside a beautiful state park.

**Lofton Creek Kayak** - Freshwater guided paddle to view birds and other wildlife.

**Egan's Creek Kayak** - Freshwater guided paddle to view birds and other wildlife.

**Talbot Island State Park** - Hike maritime forest trails and unspoiled beaches.

**Okefenokee Swamp** - Includes a guided boat tour, wildlife hike and scenic drive.

**Okefenokee Swamp at Night** - Includes sunset boat tour and dinner.

**Cumberland Island** - One of the East Coast's most historic barrier islands.

**Catty Shack Ranch** - Meet tigers, lions, cougars, leopards and witness feeding time!

**White Oak Plantation** - Enjoy a bus tour through the White Oak Conservation Center and catch a glimpse of exotic wildlife seldom seen in nature.

## Naturalist Segway

\$60 - \$80 per person. Minimum weight requirement, 65lbs.

Explore the resort by Segway for a nature tour like no other! Our naturalist will lead you through maritime forests, marsh boardwalks and beachside paths to learn about plants, animals and natural forces that shape our island.

## Ecology of Amelia

**Bike Hike** - Join a naturalist on six miles of paved trails through forests, dunes and marshes. Tour does not include bike (can be rented at Amelia's Wheels for an additional charge). \$20 per adult or \$16 per child. If participants have their own bike, tour will cost \$10 per person.

**Birds of Amelia** - Whether an experienced birder or a novice, Amelia's list of bird species is sure to entice you. Join a naturalist on a leisurely search of unique native and migratory birds. \$15 per adult or \$10 per child.

**Marsh Walk** - Stroll through the woodland habitat and salt marsh grasses to explore this ecologically important plant and animal community. \$12 per person

**Woodland Walk** - Discover the maritime forest and dune communities along the Sunken Forest boardwalk trail. \$12 per person.

## Kayaking

Must be 8 years old to participate in the Naturalist Kayak and 13 years old to paddle alone. Ages 18 and up only for the Sunset and Moonrise Kayak.

**Naturalist Kayak** - Join the naturalist on a leisurely paddle through the marsh. Search for birds, fish and other unique animals that flourish throughout this dynamic ecosystem. This two-hour paddle is geared towards all skill levels and includes an introductory lesson. \$65 per adult. \$55 per child.

**Sunset Kayak** - Enjoy a spectacular view of Amelia's sunset while paddling through the salt marsh. Learn about birds and other wildlife. \$70 per person.

**Moonrise Kayak** - Enjoy a spectacular view of Amelia's sunset, while paddling through the salt marsh. Travel by moonlight, as you encounter the nocturnal critters that frequent the marsh. \$70 per person.

*Be sure to bring sun screen, bug repellent and dress to get wet! Tandem Kayaks are available. On property and off property kayak tours meet at the Nature Center.*

## Complimentary Programs

**Critter Talk:** Visit the Nature Center to see animals at their favorite time of day—feeding time.

## Other Tours

**Guest's Choice:** In this open slot, any of our Discovery or Ecology Tours can be chosen on a first-come, first serve basis.

## Cancellation Policy

Failure to give 24 hours notice of cancellation will result in the following fees:

- \$5 fee for Discovery, Ecology of Amelia, and Nightlife Series
- \$20 fee for Kayak and Segway Tours
- Full price for off-property trips

**Pre-registration for all tours is recommended, as space is limited. Call 904.321.5082 (ext. 5082 on property) for more information or to sign up.**