BARATARIA PRESERVE -NEAR CROWN POINT 6588 Barataria Boulevard 504-589-2330 ext. 10 Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m (Closed December 25 and Mardi Gras, February 24)

All events are open to the general public. Events are free unless noted otherwise.

Daily Programs

Ranger-Guided Walks - 1:30 p.m. every Sunday-Friday, February-May. One-hour walk through the swamp along a boardwalk trail; check at Visitor Center for walk location.

Saturday Morning Programs

February 14 at 9:30 a.m. Canoe Trek March 13 at 9:30 a.m. Canoe Trek March 20 at 8:00 a.m. Birdwatching Walk March 27 at 9:30 am. Canoe Trek April 3 at 8:00 a.m. Birdwatching Walk April 10 at 9:30 a.m. Canoe Trek April 17 at 9:30 a.m. Canoe Trek May 8 at 8:00 a.m. Birdwatching Walk May 15 at 9:30 a.m. Canoe Trek

Birdwatching Walk - Ranger-led walk for beginning and intermediate birders aged 13-adult. Limited space; call for reservations.

Canoe Trek - Ranger-guided trek through preserve bayous and canals. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

During the Full Moon

Wednesday, February 4, at 6:00 p.m. Moonlight Canoe

Thursday, February 5, at 6:00 p.m. Sunset Stroll Saturday, March 6, at 6:00 p.m. Moonlight Canoe Sunday, March 7, at 6:00 p.m. Sunset Stroll Saturday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. Moonlight Canoe Sunday, April 4, at 6:30 p.m. Moonlight Canoe Monday, April 5, at 6:30 p.m. Sunset Stroll Sunday, May 2, at 7:00 p.m. Moonlight Canoe Monday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. Sunset Stroll Wednesday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. Sunset Stroll Friday, July 2, at 7:00 p.m. Sunset Stroll Friday, July 30, at 7:00 p.m. Sunset Stroll Saturday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. Sunset Stroll

Sunset Stroll - Two-mile ranger-guided walk as the sun sets and the full moon rises. Limited space; call for reservations.

Moonlight Canoe Trek - Ranger-guided exploration of preserve waterways under the full moon. Limited space; call for reservations and canoe rental information.

Special Events

Barataria Preserve Volunteer Training - Saturday March 6 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. or Sunday March 7 1:00-4:00 p.m. Training session for spring program volunteers includes bird and wildflower identification, safety basics, and information on volunteer opportunities. Call to register.

Wild Iris Weekends - Saturdays and Sundays March 27 through April 18. Free shuttle bus between preserve parking lots and wildflower trails 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Wildflower walks at 1:30 p.m. on Bayou Coquille Trail.

Especially for Kids

Expanding Horizons Nature Programs - For children 6-12. Programs on Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on dates listed below. Free but limited space; call the Barataria Preserve Environmental Education Center 504-589-2330 ext. 10 for reservations on first day of month in which program is offered.

March 13 Wetlar April 17 Slimy a May 15 Insect

Wetlands Wonders Slimy and Scaly Insect Adventure Earth Camp - Weeklong day camps featuring hikes, nature activities, and special programs. 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration required and is on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 12 boys and first 12 girls per session. Applications available at preserve Visitor Center on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. \$25 supply and material fee (cash or check). No before- or after-care available. Information at 504-589-2330 ext. 10.

For children 5-6, June 14-18 For children 7-8, June 28-July 2 For children 9-10, July 12-16 For children 11-12, July 26-30