



# Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center's Activities Guide & Schedule 2018 ~ 2019

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Art Exhibit: "Nature Through Our Eyes"  
**Opening Reception Thursday, November 15, 2018**

Caniff Building/Welcome Center, Punta Gorda

- Snacks ~ Soft Drinks ~ Water ~ Wine ~ Sparkling Wine •
- ~ \$5.00 suggested donation at the door ~

Opens Monday,  
November 12, 2018

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Closes Saturday, April  
20, 2019

## Guided Nature Walks\*

### *Alligator Creek Preserve, Punta Gorda*

Explore natural Florida on a guided hike, led by trained naturalists, through maintained trails. Participants will learn about local wildlife and plants. *Pending availability of guides.*

**Every Tuesday & Thursday @ 10 a.m.**

**November through Easter. Meet at Welcome Center.**

## Guided Nature Walks\*

### *Cedar Point, Englewood*

- Charlotte Flatwoods
- Bayshore Live Oak Park
- Tippecanoe Environmental Park
- Tippecanoe II Mitigation Park
- Ann Dever Memorial Regional Park @ Oyster Creek
- Bill Coy Preserve @ Buck Creek
- Amberjack Environmental Park

Enjoy exploring the mature pine flatwoods, march wetlands, dry prairie and permanent freshwater ponds with a trained naturalist.

**See our online calendar or call Cedar Point for more information.**

## Wild Wednesday\*

### *Alligator Creek Preserve, Punta Gorda*

Join us for a stunning nature film followed by a lively discussion – all led by the ever-popular Florida Master Naturalist Cindy Christel!

**See our online calendar, pick up a WW flyer, view it on our website, or call Alligator Creek Preserve for more information.**

## Public Wading Trips\*

### *Seagrass Adventures at Ponce de Leon Park in Punta Gorda & Cedar Point Environmental Park in Englewood*

Get your feet wet as you explore and learn about the world's largest protected estuary and the unique animals that live where the river meets the sea.

**See our online calendar or call either location for more information.**

## Little Explorers\*

### *Alligator Creek Preserve, Punta Gorda*

Introduce your pre-kindergartners to the wonderful world of nature through this hands-on program. Native animals and plants are highlighted through games, song, crafts, outdoor exploration, and more.

**See our online calendar or call Alligator Creek Preserve for more information.**

## Hike to a Native American Mound

### *Alligator Creek Preserve, Punta Gorda Tuesday, March 12, 2019*

Introductory lecture by Rachael Kangas from the Florida Public Archaeology Network. Hike led by naturalist Rich Dorkin. Guests will hike to a Native American mound located on Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park property and discover what life was like for those who lived here before us.

Cost: \$50.00 per person.

**See our website calendar for more info. Call 941-575-5435 to sign up for this trip.**

~ Spring, Summer & Fall Camps – back by popular demand! ~

Watch our website and online calendar for more information as it becomes available!

*\*FREE ACTIVITIES made possible by grants, funding and donations from various local organizations and individuals. Donations from visitors, event and program attendees are always appreciated and allow us to continue to present and expand our range of programs.*

Alligator Creek Preserve  
10941 Burnt Store Road  
Punta Gorda, FL 33955  
Ph: 941-575-5435

For more information,  
see our website calendar at  
[www.checflorida.org](http://www.checflorida.org)

Cedar Point  
2300 Placida Road  
Englewood, FL 34224  
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# Free & Paid Lectures

## Free Lectures

Bayshore Live Oak Park, 23157  
Bayshore Road, Charlotte Harbor

*Reservations recommended. Call 941-475-0769.*

**October 25, 2018** – Explore the “Myths & Mysteries of Bird Migration” with Florida Master Naturalist Kate Borduas at 10 a.m.

**November 8, 2018** – Join Florida Master Naturalist Kate Borduas at 10 a.m. as she discusses the “Florida Scrub Jay: Species in Peril”.

**November 15, 2018** – At 10 a.m., Jim Beever, an expert in natural resources, discusses “Climate Change in SW Florida”.

**November 29, 2018** – Explore the “Masters of Symbiosis: The Lichens” with Florida Master Naturalist Kate Borduas at 10 a.m.

**December 13, 2018** – At 10 a.m., Kate Borduas lectures on the “Maori & Aborigine – Life at the Bottom of the World”.

**January 17, 2019** – Al Squires from the Florida Native Plant Society addresses the subject of “Visitors from Afar: Invasive, Exotic Vegetation in SW Florida” at 10 a.m.

**January 24, 2019** – At 10 a.m., Tom Becker, UF/IFAS/Charlotte County Specialist, will discuss how to “Landscape with Native Shrubs and Grasses”.

**February 7, 2019** – Florida Master Naturalist Kate Borduas speaks about “Changes: Part 1 – Survival of the Fittest”, at 10 a.m.

**February 14, 2019** – At 10 a.m., Kate Borduas addresses “Changes, Part 2 – When Natural Selection Isn’t Enough”.

**February 21, 2019** – Kate Borduas closes out the series at 10 a.m. with “Changes, Part 3 – Acceleration of Change in the Anthropocene Age”.

**March 7, 2019** – At 10 a.m., Florida Master Naturalist Kate Borduas discusses the “Florida Scrub Jay: Species in Peril”.

**March 21, 2019** – Explore the “Myths & Mysteries of Bird Migration” with Kate Borduas at 10 a.m.

## Paid Lectures

Cedar Point Environmental Park in  
Englewood ~ *Call 941-475-0769.*

**January 22, 2019\*** – Explore “Manasota Key: Site of Rare Archeological Find” with the Executive Director of Historic Spanish Point in Osprey, John McCarthy, from 5-6:30 p.m. ~ *Space is limited. Reservations are mandatory.*

**February 28, 2019** – Join singer-songwriter James Hawkins for a musical and visual presentation entitled “Turn Back Time”- stories and songs about Venice, Sarasota, and old Florida. 5-6:30 p.m. ~ *Space is limited. Reservations are mandatory.*

*Enjoy complimentary wine & hors d'oeuvres, & music by Gottfried Creek\*. CHEC members with membership card: \$8.00 pp. Non-members: \$12.00 pp. For information & reservations, call our Cedar Point location at 941-475-0769.*

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Alligator Creek Preserve, Punta Gorda ~  
Caniff Building/Welcome Center

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**December 5, 2018** – Discuss “Mermaids and Manatees” with Dr. Buddy Powell, co-founder of the Sea to Shore Alliance, from 5-7 pm. ~ *Space is limited. Reservations are mandatory.*

**April 4, 2019** – Join Liz White, a PhD student at the University of Florida, for a lecture on “Urban Burrowing Owls of Cape Coral and Marco Island”, from 5-7 p.m. ~ *Space is limited. Reservations are mandatory.*

*Enjoy complimentary drinks & hors d'oeuvres. Mix & mingle from 5-6 p.m.; lecture from 6-7 p.m. CHEC members with membership card: \$8.00 pp. Non-members: \$12.00 pp. For information & reservations, call our Punta Gorda location at 941-575-5435.*



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