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Fall 2017 Ranger Programs Schedule in Florida

Gulf Breeze, Fla. – Gulf Islands National Seashore announces its fall (October - December) ranger programs schedule for the Florida Areas of the park. All programs are free and are subject to change without notification. For additional information, contact the national seashore at (850) 934-2600. There is an entrance fee to the Fort Pickens and Fort Barrancas Areas. There will be no public programs on October 13, 26, & 27; November 10 & 23; and December 8 & 25.

Fort Barrancas Area –

The Fort Barrancas Area is open Thursday-Monday 9:00 am-4:30 pm.

Advanced Redoubt: Legacy in Brick & Mortar

Saturdays and Sundays at 11:00 am; meet at the entrance to Advanced Redoubt.
45 minute program; involves walking on uneven surfaces, sandy walkways, and steps.

Fort Barrancas: Bastions on the Bluffs

Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 pm; meet at the Fort Barrancas Visitor Center.
45 minute program; involves walking on uneven surfaces, sandy walkways, and steps.

Naval Live Oaks Area -

Area is open daily from 8:30 am to sunset

Kayaking 101: Reservations Required

October Only: Friday, Saturdays, and Sundays; call 850-916-5670 to reserve
*60 minute program; Reservations are required. All equipment is provided.
All participants must weigh at least 50 pounds.*

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Fort Pickens Area-

The Fort Pickens Museum is open daily 9:00 am-4:30 pm.

School of the Soldier

Saturdays and Sundays at 11:00 am; meet at the Fort Pickens Bookstore.

30 minute program; accessible. Program includes firing demonstrations when staff available.

Fort Pickens: Guardian of the Gulf

Daily at 1:30 pm; meet at the Fort Pickens Bookstore.

45 minute program; involves walking on uneven surfaces, sandy walkways, and steps.

Nature Walk: Life on a Barrier Island

Saturdays and Sundays at 3:00 pm; meet at the Fort Pickens Bookstore

30 minute program; fun for families, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Stargazing

Friday, October 20 at Sunset; meet at the Battery Worth Picnic Area

Join park staff and volunteers from the Escambia Amateur Astronomer's Association (EAAA) for a fun night out under the stars. Get an up close view of some celestial objects and learn more about the night sky. Telescopes will be available for use.

Other Areas Information:

Perdido Key Area - The Perdido Key Area is open daily 5:00 am-10:00 pm.

Santa Rosa Day Use Area - Day Use Areas are open from 8:30 am to sunset.

Okaloosa Day Use Area - Day Use Areas are open from 8:30 am to sunset.

About Gulf Islands National Seashore: *Created in 1971, the national seashore stretches 160 miles along the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico in Florida and Mississippi, and includes barrier islands, maritime forests, historic forts, bayous, and marine habitat. Visit us at www.nps.gov/guis, on Facebook www.facebook.com/GulfIslandsNPS, Twitter www.twitter.com/GulfIslands_NPS, and Instagram www.Instagram.com/GulfIslandsNPS.*

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