

# MOCCASIN LAKE NATURE PARK NEWSLETTER

## HOURS:

Mon: Closed  
Tue - Sun: 10am - 5 pm  
Labor Day, Sept. 2: Closed  
Veterans Day, Nov. 11: Closed  
Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 - 29: Closed  
Christmas, Dec. 25: Closed  
New Year's, Jan. 1: Closed

## DAILY ADMISSION: FREE

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

Programs, dates, and times are subject to change.

**PHONE:** (727) 562-4315, ext. 1

## 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.

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

### NATURE SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

**\$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.

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

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

### 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

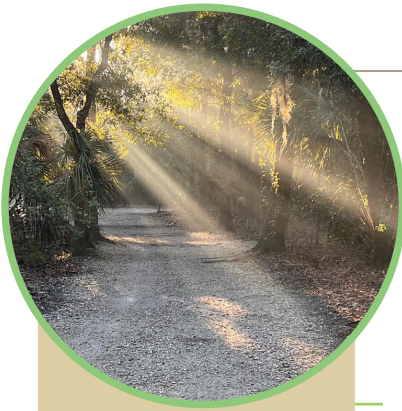
Dissect owl pellets and see what was for dinner. Learn about the different types of owls found in Florida.

**\$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.

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



## 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. Learn how some of energy basics.

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

### SMELLY PLANTS

Many of our spices, foods and perfumes come from plants.

**\$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.

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### 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. First Saturday of the month, October - May. Meet in parking lot by 8 a.m. FREE.

### ORIENTATION/INTERPRETIVE WALKING TOUR OF THE HISTORIC 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.

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### REPTILE WEDNESDAY

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, ext. 1 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!

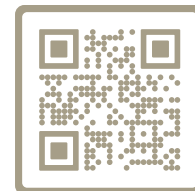
**Classes are an hour long starting at 10:30 a.m. Call 727-562-4315, press 1 to reach a staff member for more information.**



## 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](mailto:Lloyd.Simmons@myclearwater.com).





## CLUBS & SOCIETIES

*Disclaimer: Call 562-4315, ext. 1, to verify meeting availability. Most meetings in the Garden Lodge.*

### HUKYU BONSAI SOCIETY

Learn the art and techniques of bonsai. Meets 2nd & 4th Saturdays of each month from 10am to 2pm. No meetings in May. Learn more at [facebook.com/hukyubonsaisociety](https://facebook.com/hukyubonsaisociety)

### FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

This group welcomes all who want to learn about native plants and explore natural areas. Meets 2nd Thursday each month at 6:30pm.

### 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. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsinFocusPhotographyClub/>

### 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. Meetings are 4th Saturday of every month at 6pm. Visit [suncoastherp.com](http://suncoastherp.com) 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. The Florida Herb Society can be found on Facebook. Look there for meeting information.

### Tampa Bay Turtle & Tortoise Society

The Tampa Bay Turtle & Tortoise Society Inc. is a registered 501c3 non-profit group located in the Tampa Bay area that is dedicated to the preservation and captive breeding of turtles & tortoises worldwide. A variety of species are well represented, both native and exotic.

### 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. Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of each month. <https://www.safetyharborgardenclubsafetyparkflorida.com/events>

### 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](http://friendsmoccasinlake.com). Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm..

### 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. Monthly meetings are held at Moccasin Lake Nature Park the 1st Monday of the month from October to May. Meet & Greet at 6:30PM, Program begins at 7PM. Visit [clearwateraudubonsociety.org](http://clearwateraudubonsociety.org) website below for more information.

### GFWC Clearwater Woman's Club

We are women who want to make a difference in our community. We are active volunteers in a wide variety of local and national organizations and we work together to serve others.

We are members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC), an international organization of more than 80,000 members, devoted to making the world a better place through volunteerism.

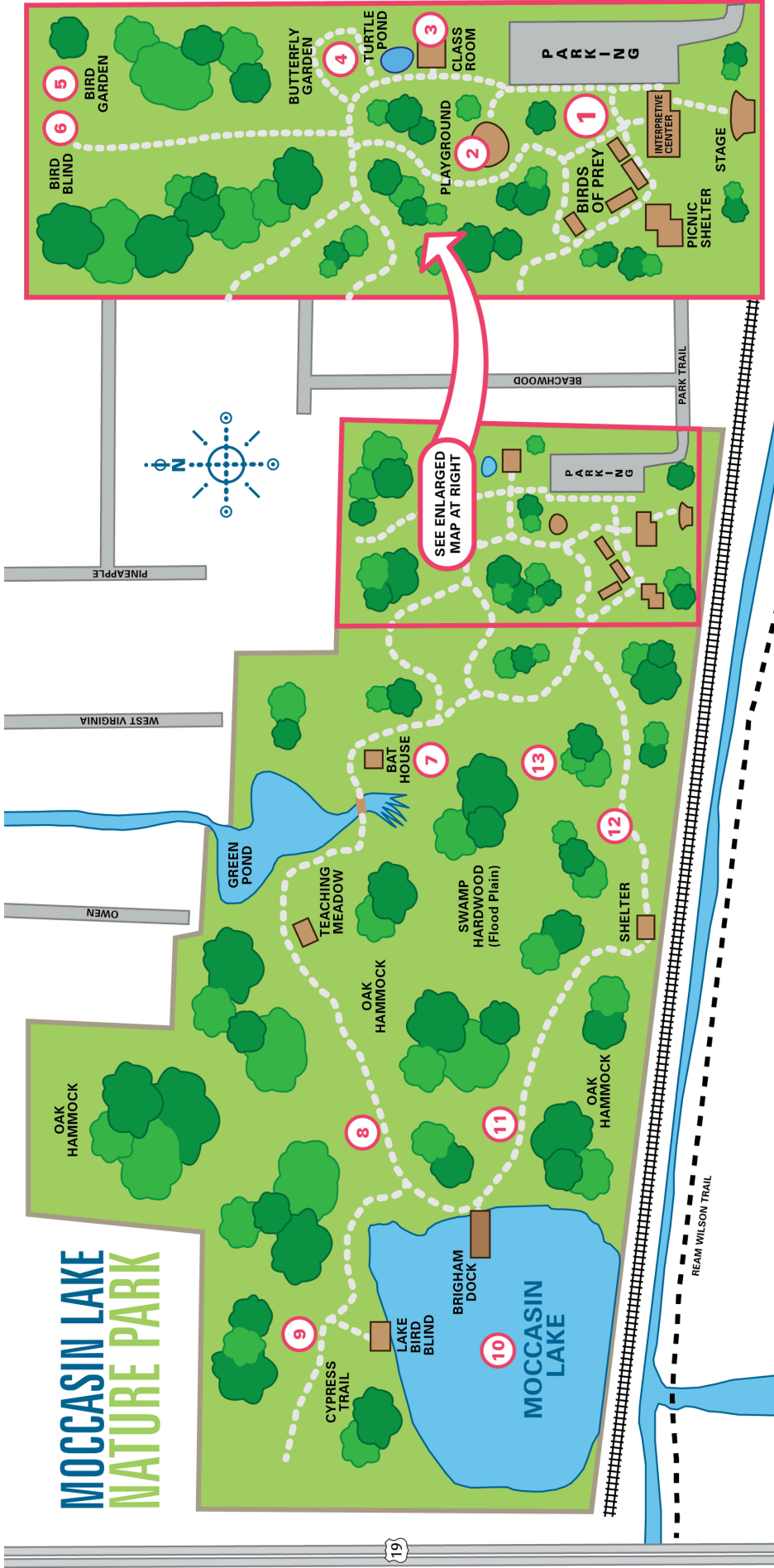
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# MOCCASIN LAKE NATURE PARK MAP



## MAP KEY\*

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

**1** Parking

**2** Playground

**6** Bird Blind

**10** Moccasin Lake

Interpretive Center

**3** Classroom

**7** Wetlands

**11** Succession

Birds of Prey

**4** Turtle Pond & Butterfly Garden

**8** Dead Tree

**12** Lichens

Picnic Shelter

**9** Swamp Hardwood

**13** Oak Hammock