

The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center and the Charlotte County Natural Resources Department will be conducting the following free programs for the public in February 2024. All programs can be found at [www.checflorida.org](http://www.checflorida.org).

## Free Guided Nature Walks

All walks begin at 9:00 AM on Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays from November to April. On these casual walks with CHEC volunteers, you will search for and learn about plants, animals, fungi, and more that live in Charlotte County preserves. Prepare for each walk with plenty of water, insect repellent, sunscreen, and clothing that will protect you from insects and plants.

*Advance registration is required.* To register, please fill out this [form](#). For more information, please contact [tome@checflorida.org](mailto:tome@checflorida.org) or call at 941-475-0769.

**Saturday, February 3rd** - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods, scrub habitat and mangrove fringe of 135-acre **Oyster Creek Environmental Park** in Englewood.

**Monday, February 5th** - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 225-acre **Amberjack Environmental Park** in Rotonda. Meet at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

**Wednesday, February 7th** - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 80-acre **Bayshore Live Oak Park** in Port Charlotte. Historical figures and beautiful views characterize this park, located along the Charlotte Harbor. Meet in the parking lot.

**Saturday, February 10th** - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 137-acre **Ann Dever Regional Park** in Englewood. Meet at the San Casa entrance.



**Monday, February 12th** - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 380- acre **Tippecanoe Environmental Park**. This Charlotte County park includes habitats such as scrub, pine flatwoods, marsh, and wetlands. Meet behind the Charlotte County Sports Park.

**Wednesday, February 14th** - Join CHEC on a guided walk through **Charlotte Flatwoods Environmental Park**, a 487-acre Charlotte County property of mature pines, dry prairie, marsh wetlands, and freshwater ponds. Its location and adjoining state lands make it an important wildlife corridor. Meet at the parking lot on US 41.

**Saturday, February 17th** - Join CHEC on a guided walk through **Tippecanoe II Mitigation Preserve** in Port Charlotte. This 182-acre preserve is home to several families of the threatened Florida scrub jay. Meet in the parking lot.

**Wednesday, February 21st** - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 80-acre **Bayshore Live Oak Park** in Port Charlotte. Historical figures and beautiful views characterize this park, located along the Charlotte Harbor. Meet in the parking lot.

**Saturday, February 24th** - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods, scrub habitat and mangrove fringe of 135-acre **Oyster Creek Environmental Park** in Englewood. Meet at the parking lot.

**Monday, February 26th** - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the 80-acre **Bill Coy Preserve** in Englewood. The scrubby flatwoods and mangrove swamp border Buck Creek, which flows into Lemon Bay. Meet in the parking lot.

**Wednesday, February 28th** - Join CHEC on a guided walk through the scrub and pine flatwoods of 225-acre **Amberjack Environmental Park** in Rotonda. Meet at the end of Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

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