

The Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center and the Charlotte County Natural Resource Department will be conducting the following free programs for the public in **April 2024**.

All programs can be found at 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 or call **941-475-0769**.

Monday, April 1st - Join CHEC on a guided walkthrough 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, April 3rd- Join CHEC on a guided walkthrough 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 by the playground.**

Saturday, April 6th- 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, April 8th- 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, April 10th- 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, April 13th- Join CHEC on a guided walk through the old-growth pine flatwoods and mangrove fringe of 137-acre **Ann & Chuck Dever Regional Park** in Englewood. Meet at the San Casa entrance.

Monday, April 15th- 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, April 17th- 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.

Saturday, April 20th - Lemon Bay Earth Day: Free Guided Nature Walk at Cedar Point: Join CHEC for a guided tour of the beautiful 115-acre **Cedar Point Environmental Park**. Meet outside the Cedar Point Visitor Center. The event will begin at 10:00 am and will end at 2:00 pm.

Monday, April 22nd- 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, April 24th- 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 by the playground.**

Saturday, April 27th- 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.

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