



Paddle in Nature Itinerary

Dates: August 1–3

Time: 9:00 am–3:00 pm

Location: Independence Grove, *daily locations listed below.*

What to wear: Water shoes that cover entire foot or have a heel strap - no flip-flops, slides or Crocs. Clothing that is appropriate for the weather and paddling, brimmed hat and sunglasses.

What to bring: Backpack to hold snacks, lunch, water bottle, change of clothes/swimwear and Shoes, towel, plastic bag for wet clothes, sunscreen. Optional: insect repellent

Tuesday, August 1 Meet at Funbrella (next to Marina)

Kayak Basics and Aquatic Mammals

An introduction to kayak terminology, equipment, and basic paddle strokes. After lunch, the focus will shift to aquatic mammals and exploring a beaver lodge from a kayak.

Wednesday, August 2 Meet at North Bay Pavilion

Canoeing Basics and Wetland Plants

An introduction to canoe terminology, equipment, and basic paddle strokes. After lunch, the focus will shift to wetlands and the plants that can be found there.

Thursday, August 3 Meet at Funbrella (next to Marina)

Advanced Kayak Maneuvers, Wetland Birds and Stand up Paddle boarding (SUP)

Learn to identify common wetland birds while expanding your kayak paddling skills. After lunch, work on advanced maneuvers and have the chance to try out Stand up Paddle boarding.

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Please email AskAnEducator@LCFPD.org for general questions.

**Be sure to complete and return all forms at least one week prior to the start of the program.*

**Please note that some activities may be substituted or modified due to time constraints, site resources, participant interests, or inclement weather (including winds over 12 mph or other unsafe paddling conditions). In the event of prolonged inclement weather (excessive heat or thunderstorms and lightning) the day's session will be canceled.*



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