

A day of discovery at the
J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge

The refuge is located on the subtropical barrier island of Sanibel in the Gulf of Mexico. The refuge is part of the largest undeveloped mangrove ecosystem in the United States and is world famous for its spectacular migratory bird populations.



Ride the tram with the experienced naturalists as he helps you spot wildlife most visitors would never see. As the road meanders past tidal mudflats and mangrove forests, roseate spoonbills, white ibis, little blue herons, reddish egrets, brown pelicans, osprey, and other colorful birds can be seen feeding, resting, and preening. View many other species that make the migratory stopover of "Ding" Darling part of their annual flight corridor. And no trip on Wildlife Drive is complete without stopping by Alligator Curve, where you are almost sure to observe these prehistoric reptiles. It's not all about the wildlife, though. You'll also hear fascinating tales of the Calusa Indians and the early days of Sanibel and south Florida.

Being on Wildlife Drive without a guide is like watching the Discovery Channel with the volume turned down.

Enjoy a relaxing **cruise** aboard the quiet, environmentally friendly, covered pontoon boat. You'll observe an amazing bird rookery and the egrets, herons, ibis, cormorants, and pelicans that call this home. Learn about the mangrove estuary, the Ding Darling refuge, and the amazing wildlife. Dolphins and manatees are often spotted.



Disclaimer: Sighting of all listed wildlife is not guaranteed.

Price per person \$66.00

Includes pontoon boat, tram, picnic lunch and motorcoach transportation

Per person price is based on minimum of 35 passengers. Prices based on pick-up locations within 25 mile radius of Punta Gorda. Prices may vary depending on departure location. September 2008 Disclaimer: Fuel surcharges may be added if necessitated by inflated fuel cost.