

Celebrate National Estuaries Days 2006

... an annual celebration of the majestic places where rivers meet the sea.
with Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program

Details on all of these events are posted on the website www.CHNEP.org.

The **Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program** is a partnership working to protect the natural environment from Venice to Estero to Winter Haven. CHNEP is pleased to announce National Estuaries Days – a time to highlight the importance of estuaries. The official National Estuary Day is Saturday, September 30, but CHNEP is pleased that again too many recreational and educational activities opportunities will be offered locally to fit in one day!

The special events, wading trips, guided walks, boat and paddling tours, wading trips and clean-ups are opportunities to learn about estuaries by experiencing them first hand. The events are coordinated, and sometimes sponsored, by CHNEP but are offered because of the generosity of the program's partners.

Special Events

- September 29: Estuaries Live
- September 30: Mote's Mobile Exhibit at Fisherman's Village
- October 5: Keeping the Peace: Translating Management Plans into Action
- **October 7: Charlotte Harbor Regional Nature Festival**
This festival is the signature event for the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program. This is a one-stop-shop for all things environmental.
- October 8: "Ding" Darling Days begin
- October 14: Family Fun Day—Wild about Wetlands
- October 14: "Ding" Darling Days Eco-Festival - Family Fun Day
- October 21: Estuaries Day Every Day at Bunch Beach
- November 4: Esperanza Woodring Memorial Castnet Rodeo

Boat Tours

- September 23: Literary Passage - Charlotte Harbor to Cabbage Key
- September 30: Charlotte Harbor Nature Cruise
- October 6: Oxbow Tour on the Caloosahatchee River
- October 11: Lemon Bay and Barrier Island Nature Cruise

Paddling

- September 30: Estero Bay Guided Paddle
- September 30: Buck Key Kayaking Adventure
- October 1: Paddle along the Orange River
- October 14: Paddle the Peace in Arcadia
- October 15: Coral Creek - Cape Haze Estuary Day Paddle
- October 21: Myakka Wild and Scenic River Canoe Paddle
- November 12: Matlacha Pass Estuary Day Paddle

Guided Walks

- October 6: Harvest Moon Walk
- October 8: Birding on Little Pine Island
- October 21: Take a Wet Walk on the Wild Side

Wading Trips

- September 30: Estuary Exploration Adventure
- October 21: Mucking About in Pine Island Sound
- October 25: Seagrass and Sealife of Lemon Bay: A Wading Adventure

Clean-Ups

- September 16: Florida Coastal Clean-Up
- September 30: National Public Lands Day in Sarasota County
- October 29: Monofilament Madness