Wildlife Drive is Closed on Fridays

Thank you for visiting the refuge. Inquire about alternative activities at the "FREE" Education Center.

Give Wildlife a Break
3 important reasons why we must close:

1. It allows wildlife to feed & rest undisturbed one day a week.
2. It allows Refuge staff to perform biological monitoring, research, and inventory.
3. It allows Refuge staff an opportunity to perform maintenance on Wildlife Drive without endangering the public.
Things to Do on Fridays...

At the Refuge

- Hike or bike the two-mile Indigo Trail (or go 0.3 miles to our new Wildlife Education Boardwalk)
  Trailhead near the bottom of the ramp

- See Bailey Tract, a freshwater wetland environment, and walk or bike four miles of trail Tarpon Bay Road

Visit Tarpon Bay Explorers for a variety of adventures:
- Guided tours by kayak, canoe, or stand-up paddleboard
- Nature & Sealife or Evening cruises
- Fishing licenses, rentals, and trips
- Bicycle, stand-up paddleboard, pontoon boat, kayak, and canoe rentals

900 Tarpon Bay Road
Reservations recommended. 239.472.8900

On the Island

- See shells from around the world at the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum 239.395.2233

- Visit the Nature Center and Butterfly House or hike the trails at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation 239.472.2329

- Go to the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife to learn about the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of injured, sick, or orphaned wildlife 239.472.3644

- Learn about Sanibel’s early visitors and go back in time to see Sanibel’s historic structures at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village 239.472.4648

Free programs and exhibits seven days a week at the Visitor and Education Center. Trail access permitted dawn to dusk.