



# Mound House and Newton Beach Park

## April 2021 Program Calendar

Mound House Museum Hours and Programs are subject to change.

Please check our website for the most up to date information.

Masks required for all participants. CDC and social distancing guidelines apply to all programs and museum visitors. Kayak tours are limited to 8 participants.

**Museum hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 9am to 4pm.**

- APR. 1 THUR.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
9am – Beachwalk (at Newton Beach Park, 4650 Estero Blvd.), *Free*.  
10am – Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (*MH Members free*) Admission not included.  
11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (*MH Members free*) Museum Admission not included.  
2pm- Shell Mound outside guided tour \$5 (*MH Members free*) Museum Admission not included.
- APR. 2 FRI.** Mound House Museum Closed.  
9am – Mangroves by Kayak Tour, \$45 (*MH Members \$15*) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.
- APR. 3 SAT.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
9am – Family Fun Kayak Tour- for ages 6 and up. [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) for info and to register.  
10am – Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (*MH Members free*) Admission not included.  
11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (*MH Members free*) Museum Admission not included.  
2pm- Shell Mound outside guided tour \$5 (*MH Members free*) Museum Admission not included.
- APR. 6 TUES.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
9am – Beachwalk (at Newton Beach Park, 4650 Estero Blvd.), *Free*.  
9am to 12pm – **New!** Caloosa Carvers –Woodcarving Demonstrations, *Free*.  
10am – Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (*MH Members free*) Admission not included.  
11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (*MH Members free*) Museum Admission not included.  
2pm- Shell Mound outside guided tour \$5 (*MH Members free*) Museum Admission not included.
- APR. 7 WED.** Mound House Museum Closed.  
9am – Mangroves by Kayak Tour \$45 (*MH Members \$15*) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.  
1pm – Family Fun Kayak Tour- for ages 6 and up. [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) for info and to register.
- APR. 8 THUR.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
9am – Beachwalk (at Newton Beach Park, 4650 Estero Blvd.), *Free*.  
10am – Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (*MH Members free*) Admission not included.  
11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (*MH Members free*) Museum Admission not included.  
2pm- **New!** History of Fishing Rancho outside tour \$5 (*MH Members free*) Admission not included.

- APR. 9 FRI.** Mound House Museum Closed.  
 9am – Mangroves by Kayak Tour, \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.  
 5:45pm – Sunset Kayak Tour, \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.
- APR. 10 SAT.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
 9am – Family Fun Kayak Tour- for ages 6 and up. [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) for info and to register 10am-  
 10am -Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (MH Members free) Admission not included.  
 11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.  
 2pm- Shell Mound outside guided tour \$5 (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.
- APR. 13 TUE.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
 9am – Beachwalk (at Newton Beach Park, 4650 Estero Blvd.), Free.  
 10am- Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (MH Members free) Admission not included.  
 11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.  
 2pm- Shell Mound outside guided tour \$5 (MH Members free) Admission not included.
- APR. 14 WED.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
 9am – Mangroves by Kayak Tour, \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.  
 1pm – Family Fun Kayak Tour- for ages 6 and up. [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) for info and to register.
- APR. 15 THUR.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
 9am – Beachwalk (at Newton Beach Park, 4650 Estero Blvd.), Free.  
 10am-Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (MH Members free) Admission not included.  
 11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.  
 2pm- **New!** History of Fishing Rancho outside tour \$5 (MH Members free) Admission not included.
- APR. 16 FRI.** Mound House Museum Closed.  
 9am – Mangroves by Kayak Tour, \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.  
 1pm – **New!** Advanced Kayak Tour, \$55 (MH Members \$25) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.
- APR. 17 SAT.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
 9am – Family Fun Kayak Tour- for ages 6 and up. [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) for info and to register.  
 10am – Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (MH Members free) Admission not included.  
 11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour \$5 (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.  
 2pm – Shell Mound outside guided tour \$5 (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.
- APR. 20 TUES.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
 9am – Beachwalk (at Newton Beach Park, 4650 Estero Blvd.), Free.  
 9am to 12pm – **New!** Caloosa Carvers –Woodcarving Demonstrations, Free.  
 10am – Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (MH Members free) Admission not included.  
 11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.  
 2pm- **New!** History of Fishing Rancho outside tour \$5 (MH Members free) Admission not included.
- APR. 21 WED.** Mound House Museum Closed.  
 9am –Mangroves by Kayak Tour \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.  
 1pm – **New!** Beginner Kayak Tour, \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.
- APR. 22 THUR.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
 9am – Beachwalk (at Newton Beach Park, 4650 Estero Blvd.), Free.  
 9am- **New!** Earth Day Clean-Up and Beach Walk. Registration required [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org).  
 10am – Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (MH Members free) Admission not included.  
 11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.

1pm- **New!** Earth Day Bay Clean Up. Registration required [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org).  
2pm – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.

- APR. 23 FRI.** Mound House Museum Closed.  
9am – Mangroves by Kayak Tour, \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.  
6:30pm – Sunset Kayak Tour, \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.
- APR. 24 SAT.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
9am – Mangroves by Kayak Tour \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.  
10am-Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (MH Members free) Admission not included.  
11am- Shell Mound outside guided tour \$5 (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.  
2pm- **New!** History of Fishing Rancho outside tour \$5 (MH Members free) Admission not included.
- APR. 27 TUES.** Museum Open 9am to 4pm.  
9am – Beachwalk (at Newton Beach Park, 4650 Estero Blvd.), Free.  
10am – Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (MH Members free) Admission not included.  
11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.  
2pm- Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.  
6:45pm – Full Moon Rising Kayak Tour, \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.
- APR. 28 WED.** Mound House Museum Closed.  
9am – **New!** Advanced Kayak Tour, \$55 (MH Members \$25) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.  
1pm – Family Fun Kayak Tour- for ages 6 and up. [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) for info and to register.
- APR. 29 THUR.** Mound House Museum Open 9am to 4pm  
9am – Beachwalk (at Newton Beach Park, 4650 Estero Blvd.), Free.  
10am-Family Outside Adventure Program \$2 (MH Members free) Admission not included.  
11am – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.  
2pm – Shell Mound outside guided tour, \$5, (MH Members free) Museum Admission not included.
- APR. 30 FRI.** Mound House Museum Closed.  
9am – Mangroves by Kayak Tour, \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.  
1pm – **New!** Beginner Kayak Tour, \$45 (MH Members \$15) [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register.

## MOUND HOUSE & NEWTON BEACH PARK PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS:

**ADVANCED KAYAK TOUR: New!** Seeking a greater challenge while exploring parts of the Estero Bay where others typically don't go? Then join us on a 3-hour paddle through mangrove isles of Hell Pickney Bay. Museum admission included and an extra ticket to give to a guest! Reservations required visit [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register. COST: \$55 per person (MH Members \$25) All paddling equipment provided. Weather permitting. CDC and social distancing guidelines apply to this program. Masks required for all participants while on land. Maximum of 8 paddlers per tour.

**BEACHWALK AT NEWTON BEACH PARK:** Explore the natural treasures on Fort Myers Beach through a guided walk along the shore. Participants should meet at Newton Beach Park under the thatched hut (4650 Estero Blvd). Wear sunscreen, appropriate clothing, shoes, and hats. Weather permitting. CDC and social distancing guidelines apply to this program. Masks required for all participants. Free.

**BEGINNER KAYAK TOUR: New!** For true beginners who want to go kayaking at their own pace. During this 2-hour informative and scenic tour, participants will learn the basics of kayaking and have an introduction to the unique ecosystem of Estero Bay and Matanzas Pass. \$45 per person (MH Members \$15) All paddling equipment provided. Weather permitting. CDC and social distancing guidelines apply to this program. Masks required for all participants while on land. Maximum of 8 paddlers per tour.

**CALOOSA CARVERS: New!** Join the Caloosa Carvers on the grounds of the Mound House for woodcarving demonstrations featuring several replica artifacts from the Calusa culture. Free.

**EARTH DAY BAY CLEAN UP: New!** BYOK (Bring Your Own Kayak) for this event! Departing from the Mound House, small groups will explore Matanzas Pass and Hell Pickney Bay cleaning up litter and cutting monofilament lines from the mangroves. Registration required [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org). A limited number of kayaks are available through reservation. Mask required while on land. Life jackets required while on the water. Gloves, buckets, and scissors provided to kayakers. Maximum 25 participants.

**EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP AND BEACH WALK: New!** Take action this Earth Day by cleaning up Fort Myers Beach! Starting at Bay Oats Recreation Center 2731 Oak Street, Fort Myers Beach, FL (where participants can park) staff will lead a Beach Clean-Up and Beach Walk where you can learn about the beach that you are cleaning! Clean up starts at Beach Access #25. Registration required [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org). Masks required. Gloves and buckets provided. Max 30 participants.

**FAMILY ADVENTURES OUTSIDE PROGRAM:** Explore everything fun at the Mound House! Interpretive staff leads families through entertaining and educational experiences you will never forget! Perfect for families with children 6 and older. Masks required for all participants over the age of 6. CDC guidelines are followed this and all programs. COST: \$2 - Museum admission NOT included (*Members free*).

**FAMILY FUN KAYAK TOUR:** Have fun with the whole family at the Mound House with a kayak tour designed specifically for families with children ages six and up. Look for wildlife including birds, dolphins, and manatees as we cruise through the mangroves in Estero Bay. Reservations required visit [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register. Must have children ages 6 to 11 years of age to register for this tour. Mound House kayak tours are conducted in accordance with Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism guidelines COST: \$15 (ages 6 to 12), \$25 (ages 13 and up) Museum admission ticket included (*Members \$10*) All paddling equipment provided. Weather permitting. CDC and social distancing guidelines apply to this program. Masks required for all participants while on land. Maximum 8 paddlers.

**FULL MOON RISING KAYAK TOUR:** Scheduled to catch a full moon, participants will explore tidal creeks and winding mangrove tunnels extending into the hidden backwaters of Estero Bay as only a kayaker can. This unique tour offers rare opportunity to experience the abundant life within our estuary in the quiet of twilight by the light of the full moon. Reservations required visit [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register. COST: \$45 per person (*MH Members \$15*) All paddling equipment provided. Weather permitting. CDC and social distancing guidelines apply to this program. Masks required for all participants while on land. Maximum of 8 paddlers per tour.

**HISTORY OF FISHING RANCHO OUTSIDE TOUR: New!** Are you a history buff? Expand your knowledge of Florida history by taking this tour to learn about the Latino fishing village, or *rancho*, which existed on the mound between the Calusa and Anglo-Pioneers. Explore the archaeology and history of the site and what clues archaeologists and historians uncovered about this multicultural society. Reservations required visit [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register. Masks required for all participants over the age of 6. CDC guidelines are followed this and all programs. COST: \$5 Museum admission NOT included (*Members free*).

## MOUND HOUSE & NEWTON BEACH PARK PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS CONTINUED:

**MANGROVES BY KAYAK TOUR:** This guided kayak tour explores the winding mangrove creeks and hidden backwaters of the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve as only a kayaker can. Join Mound House Environmental Educators as you experience the abundant natural beauty of the ancient realm of the Calusa. Search for birds, fish, manatees and dolphins as you paddle through the Estero and Hell Peckney Bays in a tandem kayak. Mound House kayak tours are conducted in accordance with Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism guidelines. All paddling and safety equipment provided. Ages 12 and up. Weather permitting. COST: \$45 per person (*MH Members \$15*) Museum admission ticket included. Private group tours available. Reservations required. Go to [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register. CDC and social distancing guidelines apply to this program. Masks required for all participants while on land. Maximum of 8 paddlers per tour.

**SHELL MOUND OUTSIDE GUIDED TOUR:** Interested in archaeology? This tour is for you! Go on a tour with Mound House interpretive staff and learn about the 2,000-year-old Calusa Indian Shell Mound Site. Explore the archaeology of the site and what clues archaeologists uncovered about this ancient society. Masks required for all participants over the age of 6. CDC guidelines are followed this and all programs. COST: \$5 Museum admission NOT included (*Members free*).

**SUNSET KAYAK TOUR:** Scheduled to catch a beautiful sunset, participants will explore tidal creeks and winding mangrove tunnels extending into the hidden backwaters of Estero Bay as only a kayaker can. This unique tour offers rare opportunity to experience the abundant life within our estuary in the quiet of twilight. Mound House kayak tours are conducted in accordance with Florida Society for Ethical Ecotourism guidelines. All paddling and safety equipment provided. Ages 12 and up. Weather permitting. COST: \$45 per person (*MH Members \$15*) Museum admission ticket included. Private group tours available. Reservations required. Go to [www.moundhouse.org](http://www.moundhouse.org) to register. CDC and social distancing guidelines apply to this program. Masks required for all participants while on land. Maximum of 8 paddlers per tour.

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Overflow parking is located at 216 Connecticut Street. Grounds are open daily sunrise to sunset.

