

## Free Bay Wise Kayak Tours Launch in December With Two Fun Educational Trips to Neal Preserve

SBEP's free Bay Wise Kayak Tour program begins Sunday, December 12 with an excursion to Neal Preserve. Ten trips are planned throughout Sarasota Bay through April. They include: Neal Preserve (12/12 and 12/18), Leffis and Jewfish Key (1/15 and 1/22), South Lido Mangrove Tunnels (2/5 and 2/19), Whitaker Bayou (3/5 and 3/19), and Lyons and Blackburn Bay (4/9 and 4/23).

Experienced kayaker and naturalist Brad Tanner will lead the fun educational trips. Brad is an American Canoe Association Instructor and the School Programs Coordinator for Mote Marine Laboratory. He's is also a member of SBEP's Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The Bay Wise Kayak Tour program is a unique opportunity to discover the plants, animals, habitats, and other natural features that distinguish Sarasota Bay.

All of the kayak trips will be 2-3 hours in duration and will depart promptly at 9am. Pre-registration is required and space is limited to 15 people per excursion. Please register for one trip to give more people an opportunity to participate. Participants must provide their own kayak and gear. Many local companies rent kayaks and offer lessons for beginners. Please register online and notify SBEP if you need to cancel at [info@sarasotabay.org](mailto:info@sarasotabay.org). You can also add your name to a waiting list for trips that are already booked.

For more information about the program, including a list of required and suggested equipment, visit [this page](#) on the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program's website.

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