

National Park Service  
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De Soto National Memorial  
Bradenton, Florida

## De Soto National Memorial 2014/2015 Events Calendar



### **Desoween VI: October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-9pm**

Desoween VI: The Return of Desoween is De Soto's spooky trail walk. You will encounter the lost souls that are tormented and trapped by the curse of the Tocobaga. Run for your lives and pray that you do not get lost in the woods forever! Event suggested for children and adults ages 7 and up.

### **Camp Uzita Living History: Every Day from December 6<sup>th</sup> through April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Visitors get a unique look into Spanish and American Indian life in the 16<sup>th</sup> Century. Park staff offer talks and demonstrations on the lasting impact De Soto would have on the history of America and its native people. Programs run at the top of every hour from 10-4 daily.

### **Winter Luminary Walk: December 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-8:30pm**

De Soto NM's annual tradition, park visitors are treated to an outdoor winter luminary festival featuring music and historic characters as hundreds of luminaries light up the parks nature trails.

### **Concerts on the Lawn: Dana and Susan Robinson February 7<sup>th</sup> Concert starts promptly at 5:30pm**

Popular Appalachian folk music duo, bring their unique blend of banjo, fiddle, and guitar in a concert under the stars. They are featured on many of Ken Burn's Documentaries.

### **Five Centuries of Florida History Weekend: March 28<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-3:00pm**

Come experience 500 years of history. A true time traveler's delight for the entire weekend over 30 re-enactors portraying French and Spanish colonials, Seminole War fighters, Civil War soldiers, and Spanish American, WWI and WWII soldiers and beyond. All time periods set up camps and displays with talks and demonstrations throughout the weekend.

### **De Soto Landing: April 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00am and 1:00pm**

Be here as Conquistador Hernando De Soto comes ashore and claims Florida. Stay all day as we provide talks and demonstrations about De Soto's expedition and its lasting impact on the American Indian people of the Southeast.

### **Award Winning Jr. Ranger Program**

Bring out the Kids and have them earn a Jr. Ranger badge. The Jr. Ranger Book covers subjects in Spanish and American Indian history, nature and roles of a National Park Ranger. The Jr. Ranger program is offered at the park's Visitor Center all year round.

### **Join in on all the Excitement, Volunteer!**

Have you ever wanted to be a part of one of the many great and exciting events that De Soto National Memorial holds? Contact us and sign up as a volunteer and be a ghost for Desoween, a Spaniard in Camp Uzita, or a soldier for the landing, these are just a few ways to help, so sign up today by calling 941-792-0458.

Park entrance, events, and activities are free. For events, dates, times and availability please contact De Soto National Memorial at (941) 792-0458 or check our website at [www.nps.gov/deso](http://www.nps.gov/deso)

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