

National Park Service  
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De Soto National Memorial  
Bradenton, Florida

## De Soto National Memorial 2016/2017 Events Calendar



### **Desoween VIII: October 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm-10pm**

Desoween VIII: 13 Ghosts of Desoween is De Soto's spooky trail walk. Visitors will experience 13 of Florida's most terrifying ghosts and villains. Event is suggested for children and adults ages 7 and up. Pets are not allowed on the trail

### **Camp Uzita Living History: From December 10<sup>th</sup> through April 7<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

### **Winter Luminary Walk: December 17<sup>th</sup> from 7:00pm-9:00pm**

Park visitors are treated to an outdoor winter luminary festival featuring music and thousands of luminaries and holiday lights.

### **Five Centuries of Florida History Weekend: March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-3:00pm**

Come experience 500 years of history. Over 30 re-enactors portraying men and women from Florida's extensive history. All time periods set up camps and displays with talks and demonstrations throughout the weekend.

### **De Soto Landing: April 8<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 early American history, and the native people of the Southeast.

### **Award Winning Junior Ranger Program all year round**

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

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

Did you ever want to participate in 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 that you can help. So sign up today! Call 941-792-0458 ext. 108.

### **Family Night on the Lawn: TBA**

During this winter, De Soto National Memorial will feature free family activities on the lawn. Please check with us either through the parks website or Facebook page for the type and dates for these events.

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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