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SCHOOL KIDS IN THE PARK

**NATURE, HISTORY & CULTURE
ALL AGES**



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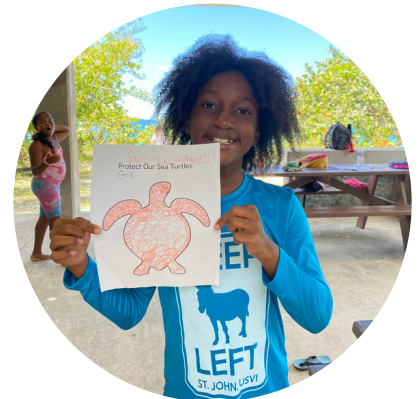


TRIPS TO THE PARK

The Virgin Islands National Park is a wonderful natural classroom. Options for your class to explore and learn in the park include beach talks about sea turtles, visits to the Annaberg sugar plantation, bird walks, nature and plant walks, and hiking Leinster Bay freedom trail.

CLASSROOM VISITS

Invite the park sea turtle protection team to share their knowledge about all things turtle with your students. Other possible classroom visits include archeology, life of a park ranger, native plants, coral reef protection, and moko jumbie heritage and other cultural subjects.



ONLINE RESOURCES AND LESSON CONTENT

Explore the resources on our website for lesson planning ideas and teaching resources about sea turtles, archeology, and cultural heritage.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Ask about financial assistance to cover transportation costs including taxis and ferries as well as the cost of teaching tools for STEM and conservation related lessons held in the Park or in your classroom.



Visit our website for more information and detail on all available trips, lessons and resources
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ONLINE RESOURCES

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SEA TURTLES

Resources on these endangered species that live in our waters, their lifecycle, how to identify tracks, and more! Our library includes videos, species cards, posters, images and more.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND HERITAGE

There is a rich cultural heritage in the Park including two prehistoric archaeological sites. A number of papers on the Taino petroglyphs, ship wrecks in VI waters and more are available.

VOICES OF ST JOHN

Here, St. John is an oral history about Virgin Islands National Park and St. John. It serves to give voice to the heritage, culture and natural history as told by born St. Johnians and resident scientists. These stories recall historical details of the people and the natural life of the island that shape this place.

PASSING IT ON DOCUMENTARY

Passing It On To Another One weaves together inspirational tales told by culture bearers who have participated in the Annual Folk Life Festival through the years in colorful interviews and demonstrations of their expertise in the cultural arts, music and crafts of the Virgin Islands. Watch the entire documentary or dip into the wonderful segments featuring our Virgin Islands' culture bearers!



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Friends School Kids In The Park program aims to encourage educators to utilize the Park as a “living classroom”, facilitates visits to the Park, and works to remove barriers that may limit students' participation by covering transportation costs.

These trips to the Park and others offer options for your class to explore and learn in the park include beach talks about sea turtles, visits to the Annaberg sugar plantation, bird walks, nature and plant walks, and hiking Leinster Bay freedom trail.

Discuss your classroom’s field trip options and schedule a Park or classroom visit with Friends SKIP Program Coordinator, Taylor White at twhite@friendsvinp.org or (340) 779-4940.

All Things Sea Turtles

Location: A North Shore Beach

Length: 1-3 hours

Lead by the coordinators of the Sea Turtle Protection Program, this visit includes learning about the species that live in our waters, their life cycle, how to identify nests and tracks and more.

Bring a hat and water.

Nature Walk

Location: Cinnamon Bay Nature Loop

Length: 1 hour

Learn about the natural history of the environment. Beginning and ending at the Danish Sugar Plantation ruins this 1/2 mile loop passes through a moist tropical forest dominated by bay rum trees. Learn about the traditional uses of local plants.

Leinster Bay Freedom Hike

Location: Leinster Bay

Length: 3 hours

Walk the shoreline of Leinster Bay to the plantation ruins which are now a part of the National Park Service Network to Freedom Program. This easy hike showcases panoramic views of the BVIs, diverse flora and fauna, and three different historic sites. Students need to wear shoes suitable for walking on an uneven surface.

Bird Walk

Location: Francis Bay

Length: 1 1/2 hours

Take a bird walk around Francis Bay’s salt pond to learn about our aviary friends. Learn about bird calls, their habitats and migration routes. Other wildlife sometimes seen on the trail include crabs, donkeys, iguanas, and deer.

Explore Annaberg Sugar Plantation

Location: Annaberg Sugar Factory

Length: 2 hours

Learn about the history of St. John with a visit to Annaberg ruins including a windmill, horse mill, cane boiling house, enslaved laborers cabins, and garden. On certain days cultural demonstrators are on site.



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