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## Gulf Islands News Release

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### Winter 2018 Ranger Programs Schedule in Florida

Gulf Breeze, Fla. – Gulf Islands National Seashore announces its winter (January & February) ranger programs schedule for the Florida Areas of the park. All programs are free and are subject to change without notification. For additional information, contact the national seashore at (850) 934-2600. There is an entrance fee to the Fort Pickens and Fort Barrancas Areas. There will be no public programs on January 1, 5, 8, 15, and February 1.

#### Fort Barrancas Area –

*The Fort Barrancas Area is open Thursday-Monday 9:00 am-4:30 pm.*

#### Fort Barrancas: Bastions on the Bluffs

Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 2:00 pm; meet at the Fort Barrancas Visitor Center.  
*45 minute program; involves walking on uneven surfaces, sandy walkways, and steps.*

#### Fort Pickens Area-

*The Fort Pickens Museum is open daily 9:00 am-4:30 pm.*

#### Coastal Artillery

Saturdays at 11:00 am; meet at Battery Cooper.  
*30 minute program; involves walking on uneven surfaces, sandy walkways, and steps.*

#### School of the Soldier

Sundays at 11:00 am; meet at the Fort Pickens Bookstore.  
*30 minute program; accessible. Program includes firing demonstrations when staff available.*

#### Fort Pickens: Guardian of the Gulf

Daily at 1:30 pm; meet at the Fort Pickens Bookstore.  
*45 minute program; involves walking on uneven surfaces, sandy walkways, and steps.*

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**Other Areas Information:**

**Perdido Key Area-** The Perdido Key Area is open daily 5:00 am-10:00 pm.

**Santa Rosa Day Use Area -** Day Use Areas are open from 8:30 am to sunset.

**Okaloosa Day Use Area -** Day Use Areas are open from 8:30 am to sunset.

*About Gulf Islands National Seashore: Created in 1971, the national seashore stretches 160 miles along the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico in Florida and Mississippi, and includes barrier islands, maritime forests, historic forts, bayous, and marine habitat. Visit us at [www.nps.gov/guis](http://www.nps.gov/guis), on Facebook [www.facebook.com/GulfIslandsNPS](http://www.facebook.com/GulfIslandsNPS), Twitter [www.twitter.com/GulfIslands\\_NPS](http://www.twitter.com/GulfIslands_NPS), and Instagram [www.Instagram.com/GulfIslandsNPS](http://www.Instagram.com/GulfIslandsNPS).*

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