

## ABOUT

Simpson Park is home to a tropical hardwood hammock that once extended all along Biscayne Bay. It's named after a self-taught naturalist and tropical plant enthusiast, Charles Torrey Simpson, who strongly advocated for preserving South Florida's native landscape.



# SIMPSON PARK

Students will explore the trails and understand the benefits of preserving urban forests through various interactive activities.

## GRADES K-12

- FREE
- STEAM
- Hands-on learning
- Bus scholarships for Title 1
- Standards-based



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## TEACHER TESTIMONIALS



**Ms. Dorsett, Aventura  
Waterways K-8 Center**

Having this park is an asset to the history of Florida. I really enjoyed the experience and so did my students.



**Ms. Valenzano, Zora Neale  
Hurston Elementary**

Wonderful FREE field trips for Title I students who would have never had the opportunity.

## GET IN TOUCH WITH US



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## IMPORTANT LINKS!

### LESSON PLAN

Summary	Grade by DHT	Goal	Objectives	Lesson Objective & Goal	Activity	Post-Visit
Students will explore Simpson Park Tropical hammock—a dense tropical forest showcasing the remnants of the old Bricket Hammock. Students will explore this urban forest and make discoveries along the way.	Grades K-12	Students will explore Simpson Park Tropical hammock—a dense tropical forest showcasing the remnants of the old Bricket Hammock. Students will work together to identify different plants and discuss the plants and the challenges of preserving an urban forest.	Students will explore Simpson Park Tropical hammock—a dense tropical forest showcasing the remnants of the old Bricket Hammock. Students will work together to identify different plants and discuss the plants and the challenges of preserving an urban forest.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will understand the unique features of the Tropical Hammock and Hammock through careful observation and investigation.</li> <li>Students will be encouraged to use their senses when making observations.</li> <li>Students will learn the importance and benefits of preserving our urban forests and environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will understand the unique features of the Tropical Hammock and Hammock and some of the challenges and threats it faces today, specifically tree mortality and climate change.</li> <li>They will learn to identify different native trees and their importance.</li> <li>They will understand the importance and benefits of preserving our urban forests and environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students will estimate the amount of carbon dioxide storage in several trees by measuring the diameter of various trees and estimating the carbon content.</li> </ul>
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### BOOKING INSTRUCTIONS

#### BOOKING YOUR SCHOOL GROUP EXPERIENCE

##### How to Register

- Free to participate!
- Review our program offerings and select one that best suits your class—either a single visit field trip or a multiple-site program.
- For all K-12 single visit field trips, complete the [Field Trip Request Form](#). Once submitted, our School Programs Manager will contact you to confirm. Reservation requests are not confirmed until you receive and sign a Confirmation Form from Dade Heritage Trust.
- For our multiple-site programs, either Miami Urban Tree Trekkers or African American Heritage, complete the [Multiple Site Program Inquiry Form](#). Once submitted, our School Programs Manager will contact you to discuss possible dates. Participation is limited and exclusively for students in grades 4-12. Reservation requests are not confirmed until you receive and sign a Confirmation Form from Dade Heritage Trust.
- When you receive a Confirmation Form from Dade Heritage Trust, you must sign it.

### PARK LOCATION

