



Heritage Tour for Grades 6 to 8

Description: Participants learn about early South Florida architecture and history while touring the 1896 Richmond Cottage (with 1900 addition) and 1922 Stone House.

Maximum Number of Participants: 30

Duration: 1 hour

Summary: Tour of the park's historic structures including the 1896 Richmond Cottage (with 1900 front addition), 1916-1918 Outbuildings, and 1922 Stone House. Discuss site history from the Native Americans (approximately 10,000 years ago – mid 1800s), the Cutler Era (1866 - 1915), Charles Deering's occupation (1915 - 1927), Deering's heirs (1927 - 1985), and today (1985-present).

Objectives: The purpose of this tour is to introduce students to the different peoples that have lived at the Deering Estate and the ways they adapted their homes to South Florida's physical and cultural climates. At the end of the tour, students will know details about early Miami history.

- Key elements of Frame Vernacular and Mediterranean Revival architecture.
- How building design in Florida has changed to accommodate the tastes of new arrivals and the forces of nature (sun, humidity, heat, and hurricanes).
- How the lives of the early pioneers compared with, Gilded Age industrialist, Charles Deering's.

Benchmarks: SS.A.5.3, SS.A.6.3, VA.B.1.3, VA.E.1.3

Vocabulary: antique, arcade, architecture, arch, coffered ceiling, column, frame, historic, inn, Mediterranean Revival, pioneer, preserve, restore, veneer, verandah, vernacular

Additional Resources:

<http://dhr.dos.state.fl.us/kids/>

<http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/lessons/flagler/flagler.htm>

<http://www.historical-museum.org/history/southfla.htm>