



## Celebrate “Save the Florida Panther Day”

March 21, 2009

**BIRD WALK from 7:30 am** Meet at the Duncan Memorial Trail. Beginner Birders welcome as biologist Jim Krakowski describes how to identify birds from plumage, songs, & habitat use. <Easy walking tour for 2.5 hours>

### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES & TOURS 8am - NOON

Come to the Roger Roth work center for information about Friends of Florida Panther Refuge, The Fire Crew's Equipment and tools, Defenders of Wildlife, Big Cypress National Preserve, and Save the Manatee Club. You will enjoy tours and activities for youth and adults alike! Pre-registration for tours required.

**SWAMP BUGGY TOUR 8, 8:45, 9:15, 10, 10:30, 11, & 11:30** The 60 minute buggy tours are scheduled to depart the Roger Roth Work Center & will go thru cypress swamps and oak hammocks where you will feel a sense of wilderness – Natural Florida.



**NATIVE PLANT ID WALKS WITH BIOLOGIST MIKE BARRY 8:45 & 10:45am** Visitors can participate in 1.5hr plant identification walks to learn about plant ecology in a tropical hammock. Mike Barry has been a plant biologist and ecologist in the area for over 10 yrs, watching ecosystem global changes. He will relate saving endangered individual species to the big picture for conservation.

**SWAMP WALK ORCHID TOURS WITH DENNIS GIARDINA 8:30, 10 & 11:30am** Tours will take visitors through beautiful swamp (you'll get your feet wet) so gear up and check out the special & rare orchids that make the Refuge their home!

**PHOTO WORKSHOP WITH LARRY RICHARDSON 10:30am– 1pm** Meet at the Roger Roth Work Center for a hands-on workshop that will cover the basics and offer tips from experienced photographers. Be prepared to get your feet wet and to capture a beautiful swamp!



**Special thanks to Friends of Florida Panther Refuge for sponsoring this event! Food w/Veggie options available from 10-12 at the work center.**



The **Duncan Memorial Trail** is open during the daylight hours, every day of the week. A nice 1½ mile long trail, with shorter accessible trail, Free to access and plenty of parking is available. The **Roger Roth Work Center** is ½ mile north of the trail on SR29.

**DIRECTIONS** (From Naples) Take I-75 East, towards Ft. Lauderdale. Take Exit 80 on State Road 29 and turn left. Signs will direct you to open gates. It is the first left turn just North of the interchange. No Pets, please.

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