

Clam Pass Park – Birding Walk

Date: **Friday**, January 15, 2010

Focus: **Birding** – This field trip will focus on the identification and biology of birds. Please bring binoculars and a bird field guide (if you have one).

Field Trip Description: We'll walk through a mangrove forest along the three-quarter-mile boardwalk which runs to the bridge that spans Clam Bay. From here we should see a variety of wading birds and often an Osprey or two. Next we'll head directly to Clam Pass to view an early morning assortment of coastal waterbirds, both on the beach and fishing along the inlet. During our leisurely return trip we'll discuss the ecology of the area, talk about shells and visit the Gopher Tortoise area.

Maximum Group Size: 15

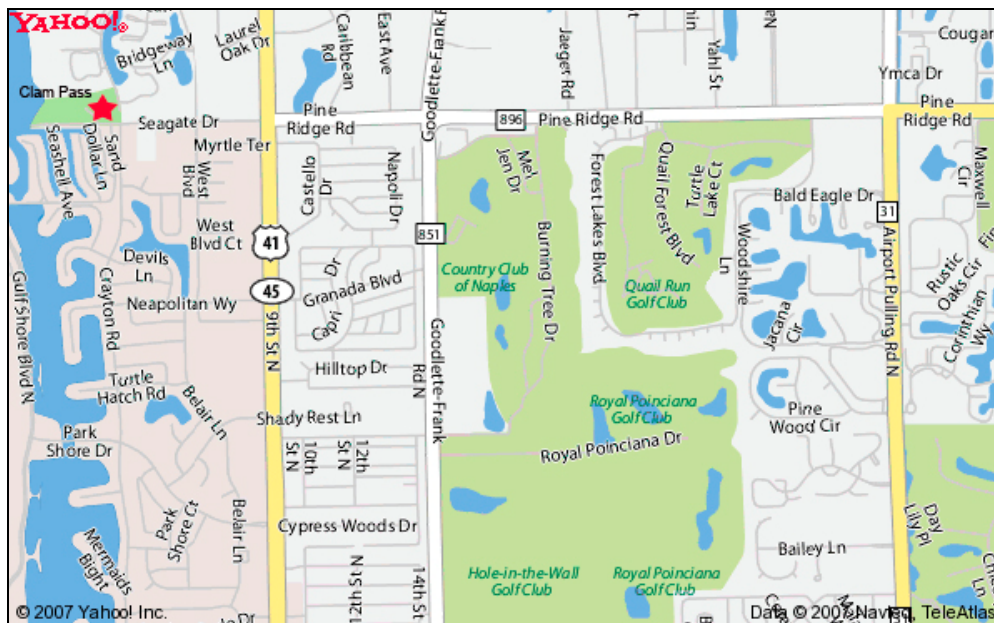
Time Begin: 8:00 am

Time End: 10:00 am

Where to meet: Meet at **7:45 am** at the **Parking Lot tram stop, Clam Pass County Park**

Directions to Meeting Place: Take Pine Ridge Road west, After it crosses US 41, it becomes Seagate Drive. Follow Seagate Drive straight ahead with no turns. In a few blocks you will see the guard house for Clam Pass Park straight ahead with the drive for the Naples Grande Resort turning uphill to the right.

Map:



Trip Leaders: Ron and Barbara Miner, Conservancy of Southwest Florida
Volunteer Clam Pass Guides and avid birders

Field Trip Cost: \$10 with Festival registration

Parking: \$8 or free with current Collier County Beach Parking Permit.

Additional Information: Restrooms and water are available at the concession stand.

What to Bring: Binoculars, camera, water, sunscreen, bird field guide (if you have one). We also suggest that you bring a small day or fanny pack to carry these items in so that your hands will be free while birding.

What to Wear: Clothing appropriate for the weather and comfortable shoes appropriate for boardwalk and beach. If you are susceptible to the sun, a long sleeved shirt, long pants and a hat may be appropriate.

Additional Information: This walk is sponsored by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida www.conservancy.org.

Web: <http://www.colliergov.net/Index.aspx?page=458>

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