

Marco Island - Burrowing Owl Tour

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

Focus: **Specialty/Burrowing Owls** – This field trip will focus on the identification and biology of burrowing owls. Please bring binoculars if you have them.

Field Trip Description: Marco Island is habitat for approximately 65 pairs of Burrowing Owls, a State of Florida “Species of Special Concern”. From the meeting place, we will drive (carpool if possible) to two nearby locations to view the burrows and owls. Onsite information will be provided about the biology, history, habitat, behavior, etiquette in maintaining/viewing and the human impacts of the burrowing owls in the urban environment.

Maximum Group Size: 20

Time Begin: 7:30am

Time End: 9:00 am

Where to Meet: Meet by **7:15 am** at the **Marco Island City Hall** parking lot (50 Bald Eagle Drive) on Marco Island.

Directions to Meeting Place:

From US 41 and Collier Blvd (CR 951) – Head south on Collier Blvd. toward Marco Island for about 10 miles. Cross the Jolly Bridge. On Marco Island, continue south on Collier Blvd. for about 1.1 miles, crossing Barfield Drive and Elkcam Circle. Turn left onto Bald Eagle Drive. Continue for 0.1 miles. City Hall is located on the right at 50 Bald Eagle Drive. Please park in parking area.

Map:



Trip Leader: Nancy Richie, Environmental Specialist, City of Marco or Marco Island "Owl Watch" volunteers

Field trip Cost: \$10 with Festival registration

Parking: Free

Additional Information: There are no restrooms, water or concessions at on this trip. Please be prepared to **carpool** from City Hall to the burrowing owl locations as there is no designated parking areas near the burrows.

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. If you are susceptible to the sun, sunglasses, long sleeved shirt, long pants and a hat may be appropriate.

Web: http://www.cityofmarcoisland.com/Public_Documents/index

Revised: 9/3/2009

