

Tigertail Beach/Sand Dollar Lagoon – Birding Walk for Beginners (Friday)

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: Can't tell a gull from a tern? Do you think all shorebirds look alike? This trip for beginners is an introduction on how to identify and appreciate the most common birds found on our local beaches. This natural area is the second most valuable resting and feeding site for coastal waterbirds on the west coast of Florida and among the species we hope to see are Great, Snowy and Reddish Egrets, five species of plover (including Snowy and Piping), plus other shorebirds, gulls and terns.

Maximum Group Size: 10

Time Begin: 8:00 am

Time End: 10:00 am

Where to Meet: Meet by **7:45 am** at the **Tigertail Beach** parking lot (west end of Hernando Drive) on **Marco Island**.

Directions to Meeting Place: From US 41 and Collier Blvd (CR 951) – Head south on Collier Blvd. toward **Marco Island**, crossing the Jolly Bridge. On Marco Island, continue south on Collier Blvd crossing Barfield Drive and Bald Eagle Drive. Continue on Collier Blvd approximately 0.4 miles and just after crossing a small bridge take the first right hand turn onto Tigertail Ct. Proceed 0.38 miles to Hernando Drive and turn left (west). Hernando Drive goes straight into Tigertail Beach parking lot (0.5 mile).

Map:



Trip Leader: Beverly Anderson, Research Biologist, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Reserve

Field Trip Cost: \$10 with Festival registration

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

Additional Information: There are restrooms, water and a concession stand at the main entrance.

What to Bring: Binoculars, 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. Be prepared to get your feet wet and muddy (old tennis shoes are best) as we will be walking through sand, slippery mud and water. Bring a dry pair of shoes/socks to change into for the ride home.

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