

Barefoot Beach Preserve County Park - Canoe Trip

Date: **Saturday**, January 16, 2010

Focus: **Specialty/Canoeing** – This field trip will focus on the wildlife, habitat and ecology of the area visited and is NOT primarily a birding field trip.

Field Trip Description: Experience nature first-hand at Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, a 342-acre barrier island located in North Naples. The Preserve remains one of Southwest Florida's most beautiful and fragile natural areas. Here visitors will find a canoe trail that circles approximately 1.5 miles through an estuarine mangrove forest, one of the most productive eco-systems on earth. The trail waters are classified as Outstanding Florida Waters. Fish, mollusks, crustaceans, dolphin, manatee, and many bird species can be found in estuary systems.

Maximum group size: 12 adults

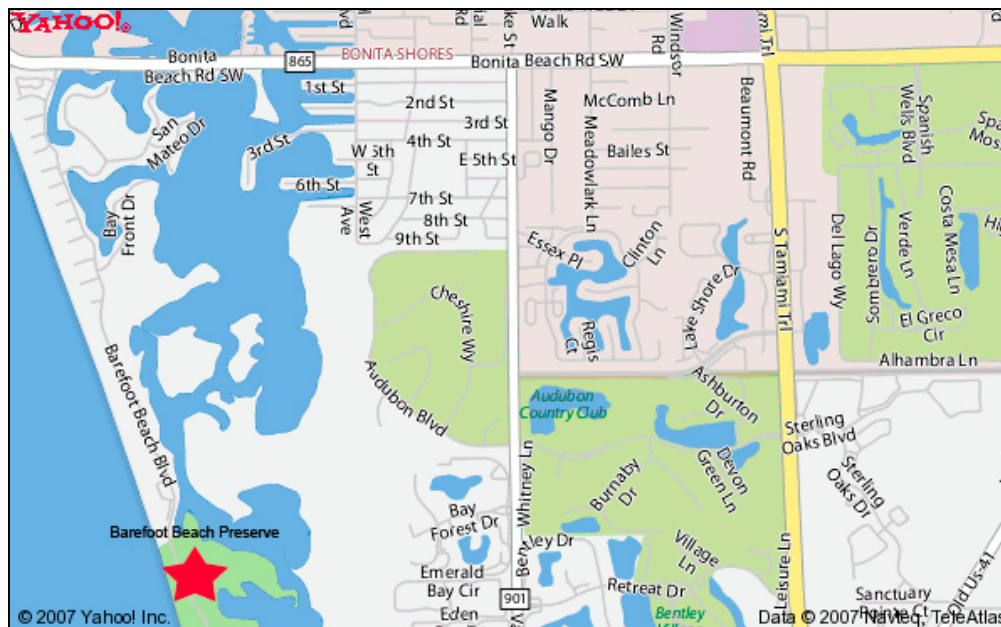
Time Begin: 8:30 am

Time End: 10:30 am

Where to Meet: Meet at **8:15 am** at the Barefoot Beach Preserve **Friends Learning Center** (parking lot number 1).

Directions to Meeting Place: From I-75 take exit 18 (Bonita Beach Road) west approximately 4 miles. You will see a blue sign "Barefoot Beach Preserve Park" on your right. Get in the left hand lane and make a left turn (south) at the traffic light. Go through the gated entrance and follow the road until you reach the Preserve entrance. For additional information, please call 239-254-4060 or 254-4024.

Map:



Trip Leader: Collier County Park Ranger/Naturalist

Field Trip Cost: \$10 with Festival registration

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

What to Bring: Bring a hat, sunscreen, bottle of water, snacks. Camera, and binoculars in waterproof pack.

What to Wear: Wear clothes and shoes that can get wet.

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