

Big Cypress National Preserve - Turner River Canoe Trip (Evening)

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

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

Field Trip Description: Paddle the Turner River and experience the beauty of this quiet place as the diurnal animals are beginning to stir. Watch for alligators, otter and wading birds as the sun slips away. Canoes, paddles, and life vests provided. **Basic canoeing experience is required. You must also be able to swim.**

Maximum Group Size: 12

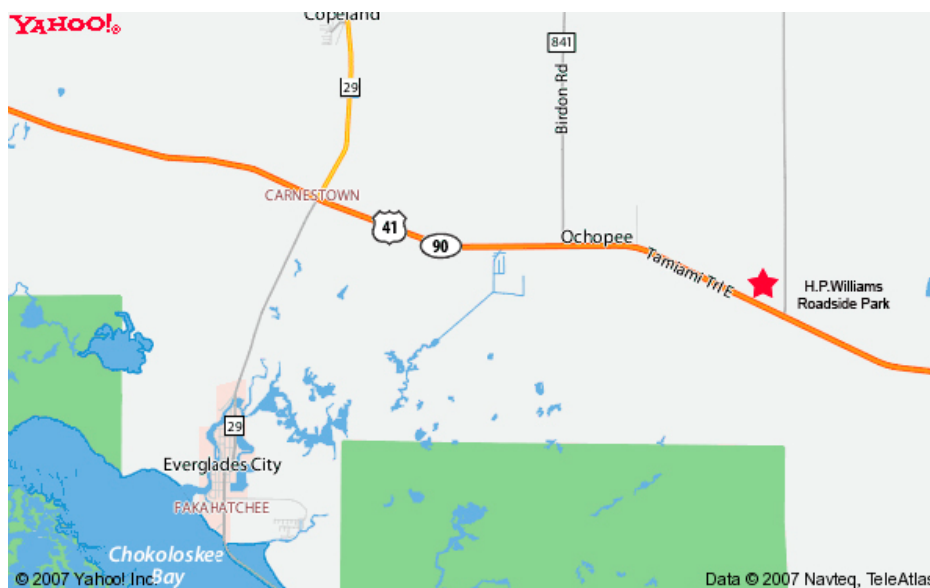
Time Begin: 4:00 pm

Time End: 8:00 pm

Where to Meet: meet at **4:00 pm** at the **Turner River Canoe Launch** (Big Cypress NP)

Directions to Meeting Place: The canoe launch is located on the north side of US 41 (Tamiami Trail) in the Big Cypress National Preserve, approximately **35 miles SE of Naples**. You will pass HWY 29, Wootens Airboats and Big Cypress HQ on the way. The launch is a small parking lot just west of H.P Williams Roadside Park. Signs are posted.

Map:



Trip Leader: Big Cypress National Preserve Park Ranger

Field Trip Cost: \$10 with Festival registration

Additional Information: There are bathroom facilities at the launch.

What to Bring: **A waterproof bag**, food/snacks, water, insect repellent, and shoes you don't mind getting wet. Do not bring expensive cameras or binoculars as they may get wet. Bring a small flashlight if you have one.

What to Wear: Clothing appropriate for the weather. You may want a jacket as the temperatures will be dropping during our trip.

Web: www.nps.gov/bicy

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