

## Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge – Birding Walk (Saturday)

Date: **Saturday** January 16, 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 will be hiking along a 1.3 mile long trail that meanders through several natural community types including hardwood hammock, pine flatwood, wet prairie, and mixed pine hardwood forest. Bird species expected to be seen include a wide range of resident and wintering landbirds including up to five species of woodpeckers, warblers, and with just a little late season water, egrets, White Ibis, and Wood Storks. There is also a good chance to see other wildlife including whitetail deer, raccoons, armadillos, and perhaps a Florida panther track!

Maximum Group Size: 20

Trip Begin: 7:15 am

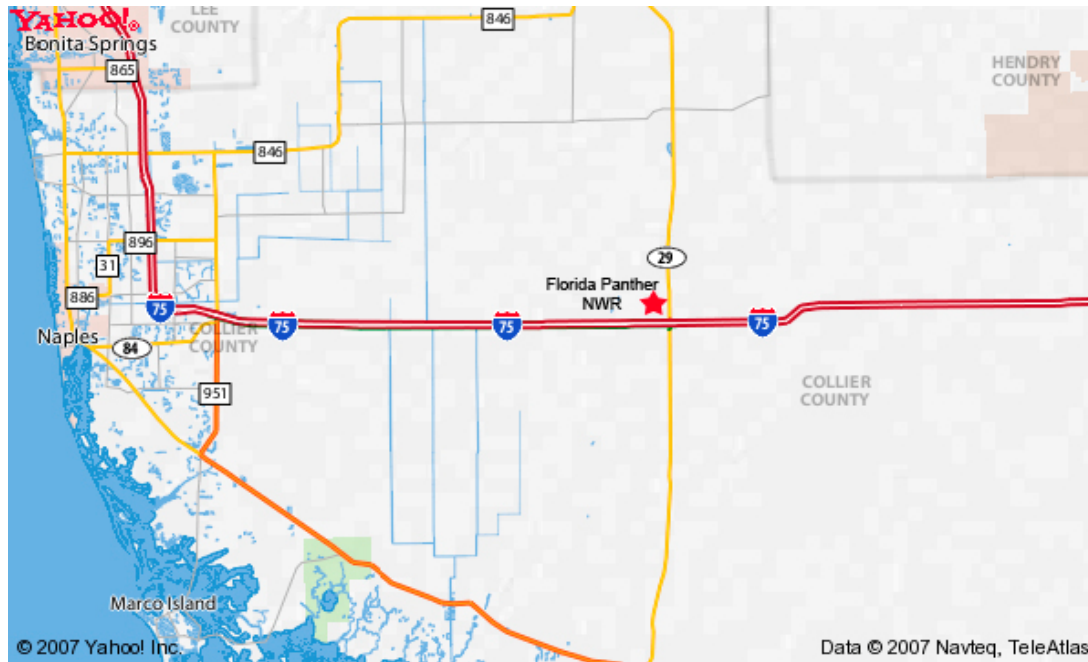
Trip End: 10:00 am

Where to Meet: Meet by **7:00 am** at the entrance to the **Refuge Trail (Florida Panther NWR)** at the information kiosk by the Trailhead. This will allow for coordination of participants and quick use of an on-site restroom.

Directions to Meeting Place: Coming from Naples, head east on I-75 (Alligator Alley) toward Ft. Lauderdale, FL. **Drive 21 miles to Exit 80** which is the exit for State Road 29. On SR 29 take a left heading north towards Immokalee to cross over the interstate and continue for 0.3 miles. Look for the entrance to the trail parking lot on the left side of the road. Drive into the parking lot to the trailhead. Please allow approximately 30 minutes driving time from the CR951/I-75 interchange (Exit 101).



Map:



Trip Leader: Ben Nottingham, Deputy Manager, Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge

Field Trip Cost: \$10 with Festival registration

Additional Information: There is a port-a-john at the trailhead.

What to Bring: Binoculars, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.

What to Wear: Long pants and hiking shoes recommended.

Web: <http://www.fws.gov/floridapanther/index.html>

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