

Unique Flora and Fauna of the Everglades

Jack Berninger, Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve

January 14 (12:00 – 1:00 pm)

DESCRIPTION OF LECTURE

Jack Berninger will take you on an imaginary journey through the “Amazon of North America” famously known as the Everglades. As you encounter the wide variety of unusual plants and animals that inhabit this wild landscape, you will discover the many fascinating reasons why this area is one of the most productive wetland ecosystems in the world.

BIOGRAPHY

Berninger is a retired biology teacher from Cincinnati, OH. Professionally he has presented at the National Science Teachers Association and State conventions. In retirement he conducts research and programs on the flora, geology and astronomy of the mid-west and Florida. Locally, Berninger’s Fakahatchee Strand research project focuses on factors affecting the populations of two endangered plant species: the Hand Fern and *Tilandsia pruinosa* (a bromeliad). Berninger is a member of many scientific organizations and enjoys presenting programs and conducting field trips in the Cincinnati and Naples areas.

Try Berninger’s fern hunt activity at http://www.friendsoffakahatchee.org/pdfs/fun_with_ferns.pdf



