

Big Cypress National Preserve – Plants, Trees & Cypress Knees (Plant Ecology Hike)

Date: **Friday**, January 13, 2012

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

Field Trip Description: Join Big Cypress National Preserve Botanist Dr. Jim Burch and staff for a walk through cypress domes, pinelands and prairies to discover biological components of these unique plant communities. Learn to recognize differences in these communities which occur with variations in climate, fires, flooding or human disturbance.

Maximum Group Size: 15

Time Begin: 8:30 am

Time End: Noon

Where to Meet: Meet by **8:15 am** at the **H. P. Williams Roadside Park** parking lot .

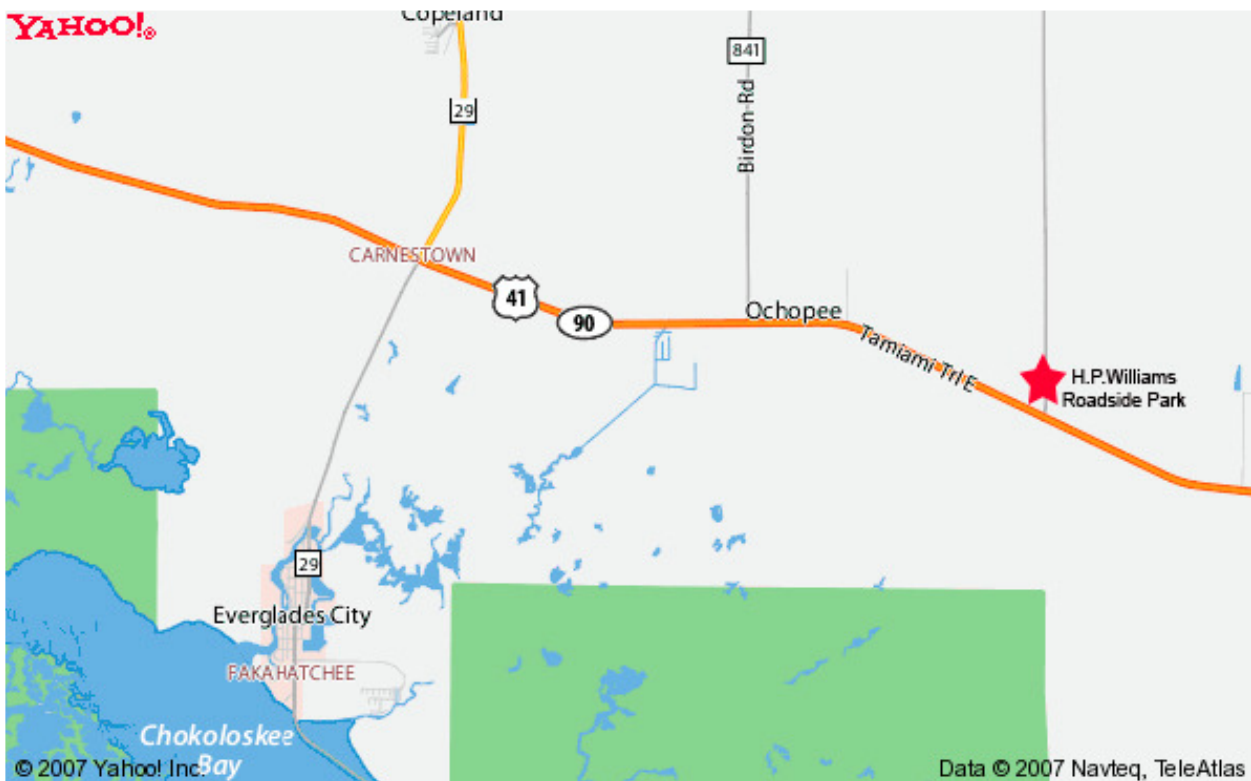
Directions to Meeting Place:

From Interstate 75 (Alligator Alley): Take Exit 80 to SR 29 and turn right. Travel south on SR 29 until it intersects with Hwy 41 (Tamiami Trail). There is a traffic light at this intersection. Turn left (East) onto Hwy 41 and travel approximately 5 miles to the **H.P. Williams Roadside Park** - located at Turner River Road, on the left (North) side of Hwy 41.

From the intersection of Hwy 41 (Tamiami Trail) and SR 951 (Collier Blvd): Travel east on Hwy 41 (Tamiami Trail) approximately **35 miles** to the **H.P. Williams Roadside Park** - located at Turner River Road, on the left (North) side of Hwy 41.



Map:



Trip Leaders: Jim Burch, Botanist, Big Cypress National Preserve and Lisa Andrews, Outreach/Education Specialist, Big Cypress National Preserve

Field Trip Cost: \$10

What to Bring: Water, snacks, sunscreen, field guide, camera, binoculars. We also suggest that you bring a small day or fanny pack to carry these items in so that your hands will be free.

What to Wear: **Be prepared for wet feet wading through knee deep water on parts of this trail.** Wear old hiking or walking shoes/boots that can get wet and muddy, hat, sunglasses and clothing appropriate for the weather. Bring a jacket if necessary.

Web: www.nps.gov/bicy

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