

## Big Cypress National Preserve - Turner River C.A.N.O.E. Trip (Morning)

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

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 past towering cypress, through mangrove tunnels and across sawgrass prairies by C.A.N.O.E. - Canoe Adventures through Nature Observation and Experimentation. Use scopes, dip nets, ID cards, DO, pH tests, activity sheets and more to explore the Turner River Ecosystem while identifying a variety of aquatic plants, observing exciting animals and using scientific equipment to test the crystal clear water flowing through the Big Cypress National Preserve.

Canoes, paddles, and life vests provided. **Basic canoeing experience is required. You must also be able to swim.**

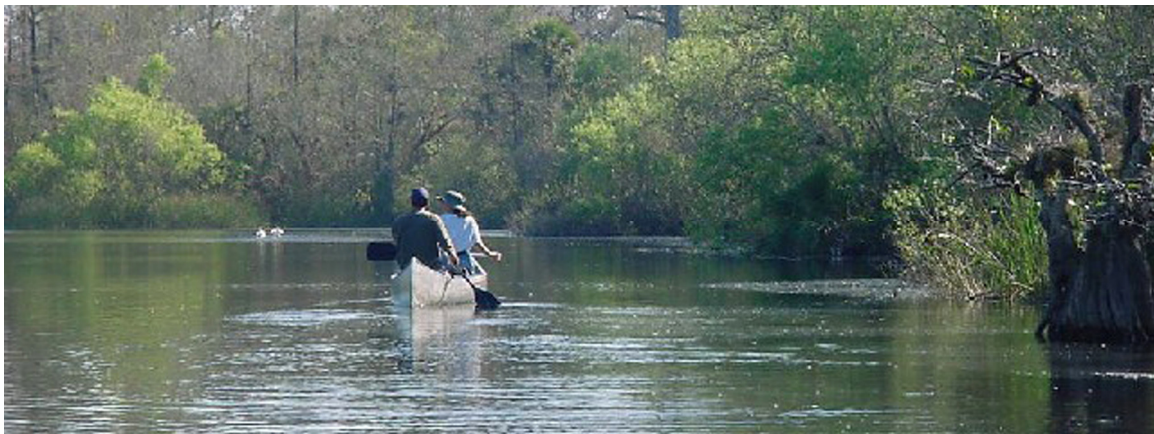
Maximum Group Size: 10

Time Begin: 10:00 am

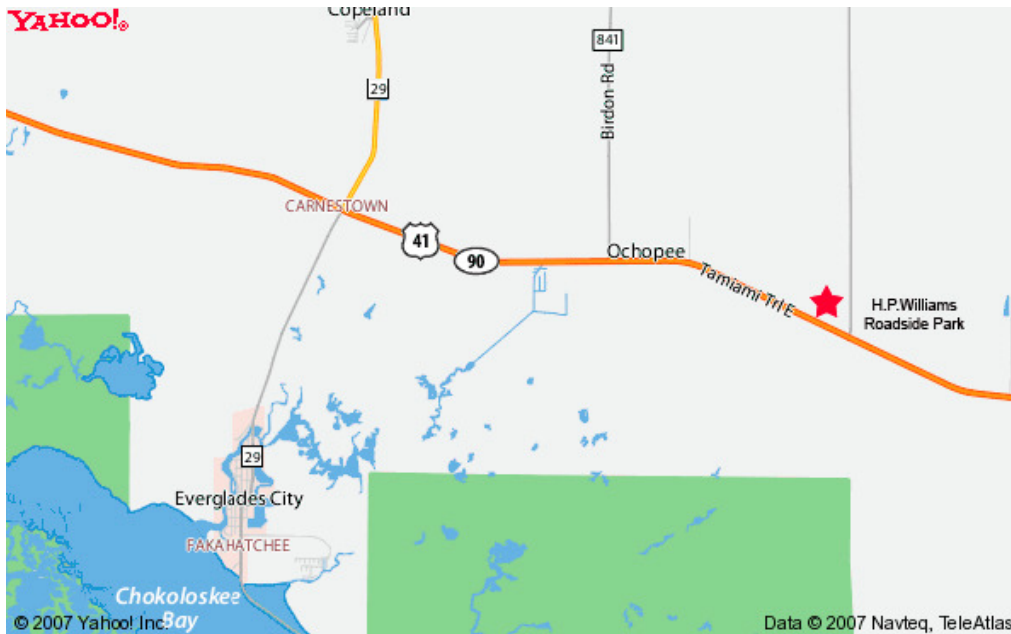
Time End: 2:00 pm

Where to Meet: meet at **9:45 am** 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

Additional Information: There are bathroom facilities at the launch.

What to Bring: **A waterproof bag**, lunch & snacks, water, insect repellent, and shoes you don't mind getting wet. Do not bring expensive cameras or binoculars as they may get wet. All gear should be in dry bags or freezer zip-lock bags.

What to Wear: Warm, comfortable clothing appropriate for the weather.

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