

Big Cypress National Preserve Birding Trip – Kirby Storter Boardwalk and Turner River Road

Date: **Saturday**, January 14, 2012

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: From wading birds to migratory songbirds, Big Cypress National Preserve offers fantastic birding opportunities along with other wildlife viewing. Join biologist John Kellam to learn the easy-to-get-to spots in the preserve that can be enjoyed by amateur and expert birders. This includes a visit to our new ½ mile Kirby Storter Boardwalk for an easy walk into a cypress strand, viewing with scopes at HP Williams roadside park and a car caravan along Turner River Road through cypress, pinelands and prairies.

Maximum Group Size: 20

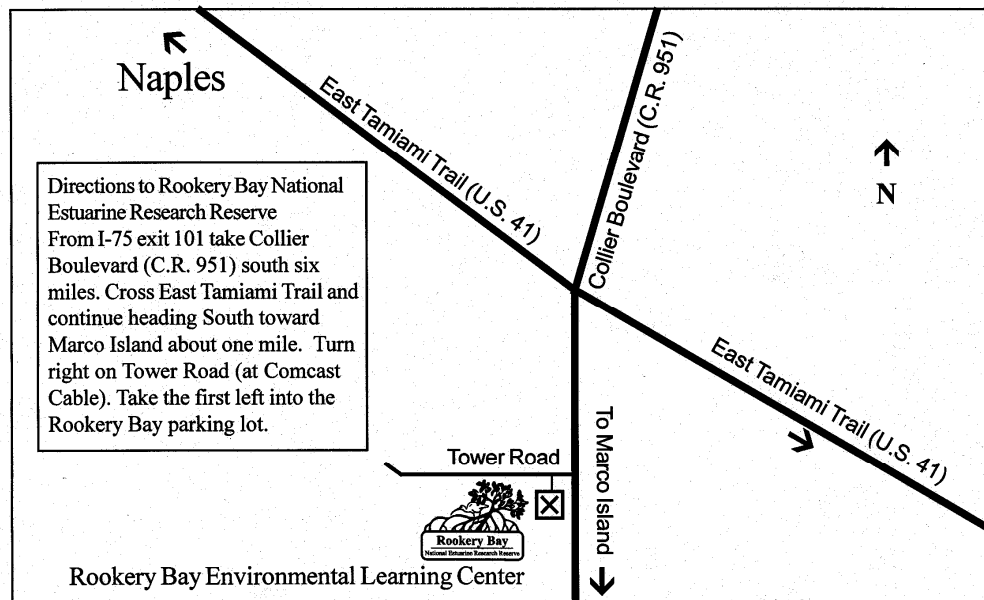
Begin: 7:00 am (at Rookery Bay NERR)

End: 1:00 pm (at Big Cypress HQ)

Where to Meet: Meet at the Rookery Bay NERR parking lot by **6:45 am**. We will have a short orientation and organize carpooling to the Kirby Storter Boardwalk in Big Cypress.

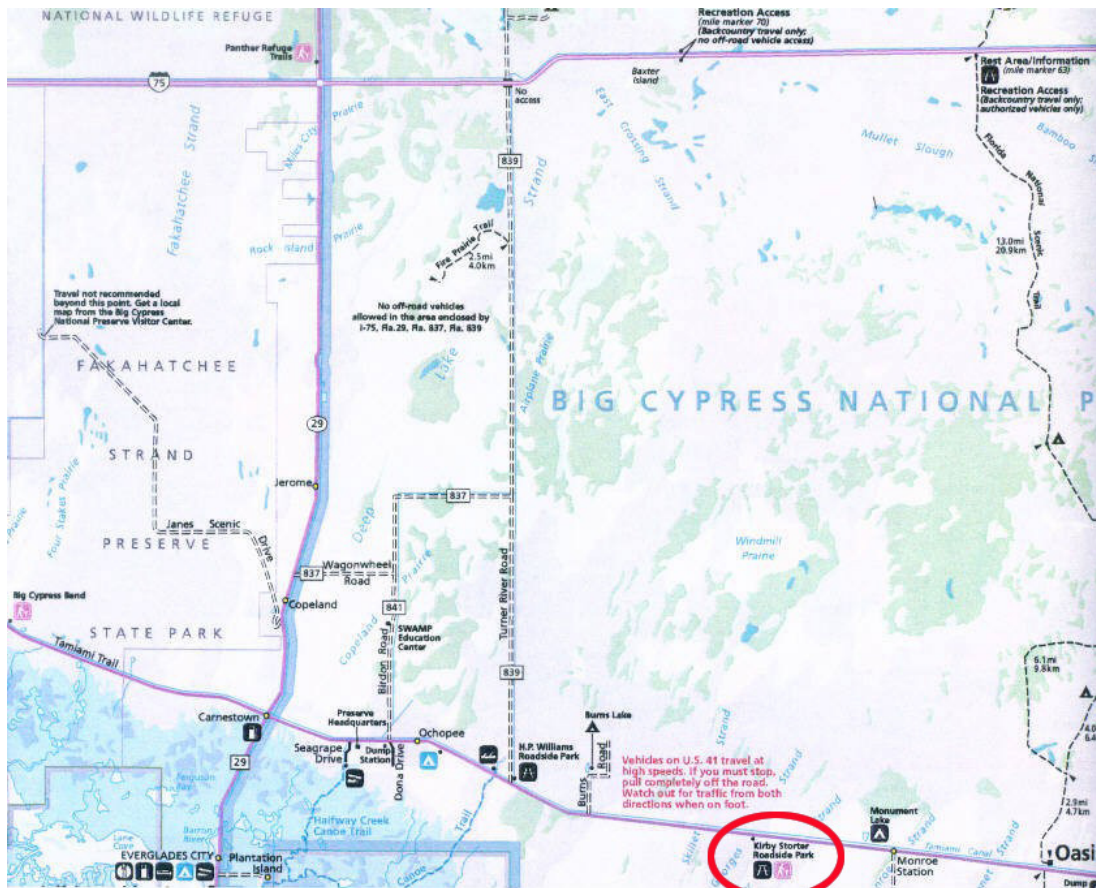
Directions to Meeting Place: Directions to Rookery Bay NERR headquarters from the intersection of SR 41 and Collier Blvd (SR 951). Head south on Collier Blvd. (towards Marco Island). After approximately one mile, turn right onto Tower Road (there is a Comcast Cablevision office on the corner). Turn left after 300 feet into Rookery Bay HQ.

Map:



From the Rookery Bay headquarter parking lot, we will **carpool** east approximately 42 miles on Hwy 41(Tamiami Trail East) to the Kirby Storter Boardwalk. The boardwalk is marked and on the right hand (south) side of the road. If you get to the Oasis Visitor Center you have gone 8 miles too far!

If you become separated from the group, a map to the boardwalk is provided below:



Trip Leaders: Lisa Andrews, Outreach/Education Specialist, Big Cypress National Preserve and John Kellam, Biological Technician, Big Cypress National Preserve

Field Trip Cost: \$10

Additional Information: There are bathroom facilities at the boardwalk. Bring your own drinking water. The boardwalk is wheel chair accessible.

Bring: Binoculars, camera, water, snacks, sunscreen, bird field guide (if you have one). We also suggest that you bring a small day or fanny pack to carry these items in so that your hands will be free while birding.

Wear: Warm clothing appropriate for the weather and walking shoes that can get **wet** while exploring.

Web: www.nps.gov/bicy

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