

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary – Morning Backcountry Swamp Buggy Trip (Saturday)

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

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

Field Trip Description: Rise and shine. Board a swamp buggy to explore the “off-limits” back country of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary’s north end. We will traverse several habitat types and will be on the lookout for the many birds of the back country, including hawks, warblers, ducks, sandhill cranes, wading birds, and more! We will also keep a lookout for other wildlife and learn about the management of this 13,000 acre sanctuary.

Maximum Group Size: 9

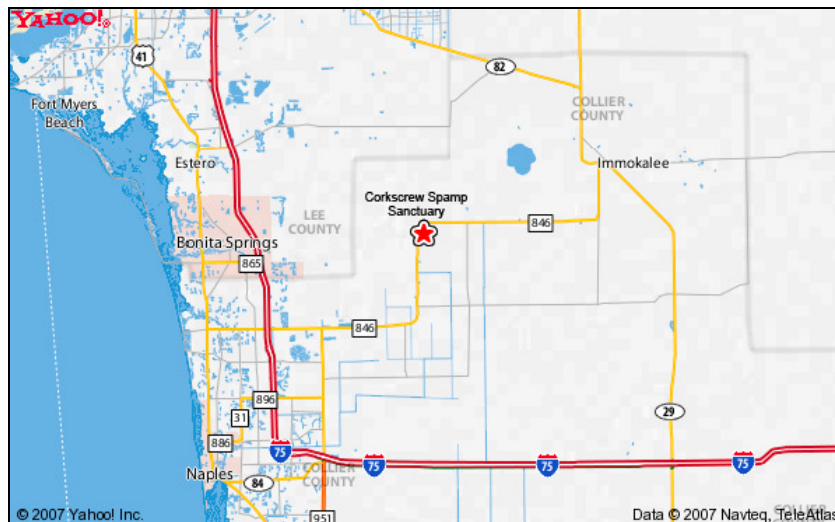
Time Begin: 8:00 am

Time End: 11:00 am

Where to Meet: Meet by **7:45 am** in the **Corkscrew Parking Lot**. Look for us in front of the Visitor Center.

Directions to Meeting Place: Take I-75 to Exit 111 and exit east onto Immokalee Road. **Do NOT use Exit 123 (Corkscrew Road)!!!** Go approximately 15 miles and turn left onto Sanctuary Road (look a large brown sign on the right and another at the intersection on the left) Sanctuary Road makes a 90 degree left bend -- stay on the paved road! Go to the end of the paved road, look for the entrance sign, and turn right into the parking lot.

Map:



Trip Leader: Corkscrew Naturalist

Field Trip Cost: \$50 per person (adults & children)

Limitations: Participants must be physically able to climb on and off of the swamp buggy using a ladder. Be prepared – the trip is bumpy.

Additional Information: There are bathrooms and vending machines at the Blair Audubon Visitor Center. All participants must sign a release form before going on this off-boardwalk trip.

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

What to Wear: Clothing appropriate for the weather. Hiking boots or tennis shoes, long sleeved shirt and long pants if you are susceptible to insect bites or sun, and a hat.

Web: <http://www.corkscrew.audubon.org>



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