

## Freedom Park County Park – Birding Walk

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: Join us at Collier County's newest and most unique park! Freedom Park, located at the northeast corner of Goodlette-Frank Road and Golden Gate Parkway, is a combination of restored and natural wetlands and was created to help with storm water runoff by using lakes to naturally filter the water.

A 3,500 foot boardwalk extends over the eastern side of the park and trails punctuated by six lookout pavilions wind around the lakes in the western side. We will search for wetland-dependent birds found foraging along these lakes and marshes and wintering landbirds that call Freedom Park home.

Maximum Group Size: 15

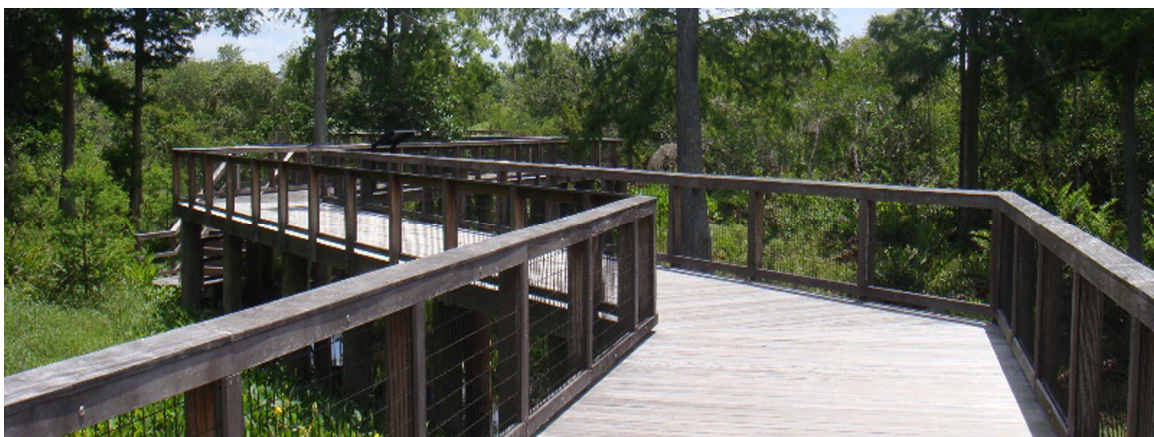
Time Begin: 7:30 am

Time End: 9:30 am

Where to Meet: **Meet by 7:15 am** at Freedom Park County Park

Directions to Meeting Place: Freedom Park County Park (**1515 Golden Gate Parkway**, Naples) is located just east of the intersection of Golden Gate Parkway and Goodlette-Frank Road, near the Coastland Center Mall.

There is vehicle access to the Park from both sides of Golden Gate Parkway with free public parking



Map :



Trip Leaders: Ira Rubenstein, Rookery Bay Reserve volunteer and Friends of Rookery Bay board member

Field Trip Cost: \$10

Additional Information: The parking area is located off Golden Gate Parkway at the education building. It has 42 regular parking spaces and three handicapped designated spaces.

Public restrooms are located in the 2,500 square foot Exhibition Hall. The entire park is accessible by wheelchair.

Freedom Park is “pack it in and pack it out”.

What to Bring: Binoculars, camera, water, sunscreen, insect repellent and a birding 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. Bring a jacket if necessary.

Web:

<http://www.colliergov.net/Index.aspx?page=2825>

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