

Rookery Bay Reserve- Isle of Capri Kayak Trip – Morning

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

Focus: **Specialty/Kayaking** – 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 along pristine mangrove creeks and bays to meet some amazing estuarine inhabitants. Watch ospreys dive for their meals, mangrove tree crabs scurry about, or maybe even catch a glimpse of a manatee or dolphin. We'll leave from the newly completed Isle of Capri Paddle Park which is exclusively for use by non-motorized water craft. Kayaks, paddles, and life vests provided. Basic paddling/canoeing experience required.

Maximum Group Size: 10

Time Begin: 10:00 am

Time End: 12:00 pm

Where to Meet: Meet by **9:45 am** at the **Isle of Capri Paddle Park**.

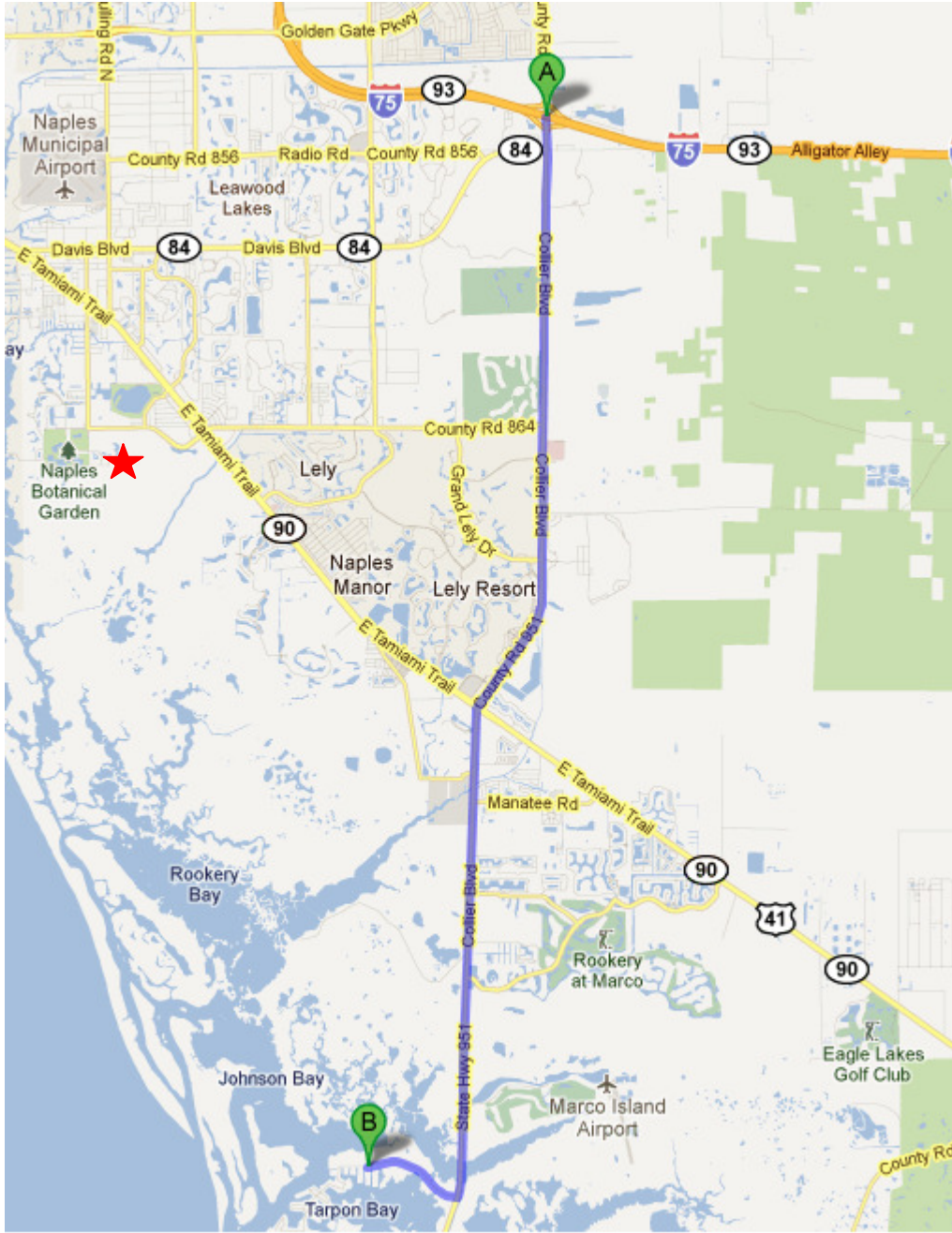
Directions to Meeting Place:

From Marco Island: Take SR951 (Collier Blvd.) north towards Naples. Turn LEFT onto Capri Blvd. at traffic light intersection. Isle of Capri Paddle Park will be immediately on the Right.

From Naples: Travel east on US41 (Tamiami Trail). Turn right onto SR951 (Collier Blvd.) and travel south towards Marco Island. Turn RIGHT onto Capri Blvd. at the traffic light intersection. Isle of Capri Paddle Park will be immediately on the Right.

From 1-75: Take exit 101 and travel south on SR951 (Collier Blvd.) for 6 miles towards Marco Island. Cross US41 (Tamiami Trail) and continue south on Collier Blvd. Turn RIGHT onto Capri Blvd. at the traffic light intersection. Isle of Capri Paddle Park will be immediately on the Right.

Map:



Trip Leader: Rookery Bay Education Naturalist

Field Trip Cost: \$50

Parking: A gravel parking area is located at the launch site.

Additional Information: There are **NO** restroom facilities at launch site. Participants must be 12 years of age or older and under 250 lbs.

What to Bring: A **waterproof** gear bag if you have one. Water, snacks, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Cameras and binoculars can be helpful, but please **don't bring anything that can't get wet.**

What to Wear: Comfortable clothing appropriate for the weather. It is likely to be cooler on the water than on land and wearing layers is a good strategy for changing temperatures. If you are susceptible to the sun, a long sleeved shirt, long pants and a hat are advised. Wear **close-toed shoes** (old tennis shoes work well) that you don't mind getting wet and bring along an extra pair of dry shoes and socks for the trip home.

Web: <http://www.rookerybay.org>

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