

Rookery Bay Reserve- Living off the Land Cultural Walking Tour- Morning

Date: **Sunday**, January 15, 2012

Focus: **Specialty/Cultural** – 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: Enjoy a tour through time with one of Rookery Bay Reserve's certified interpreters. Traverse Calusa Indian shell mounds and amble through historic pioneer homesteads while learning how these early settlers survived in Florida by living off the land and sea.

Maximum Group Size: 15

Time Begin: 9:00 am

Time End: 11:30 pm

Where to Meet: Meet by **8:45 am** at the **Rookery Bay Field Station**.

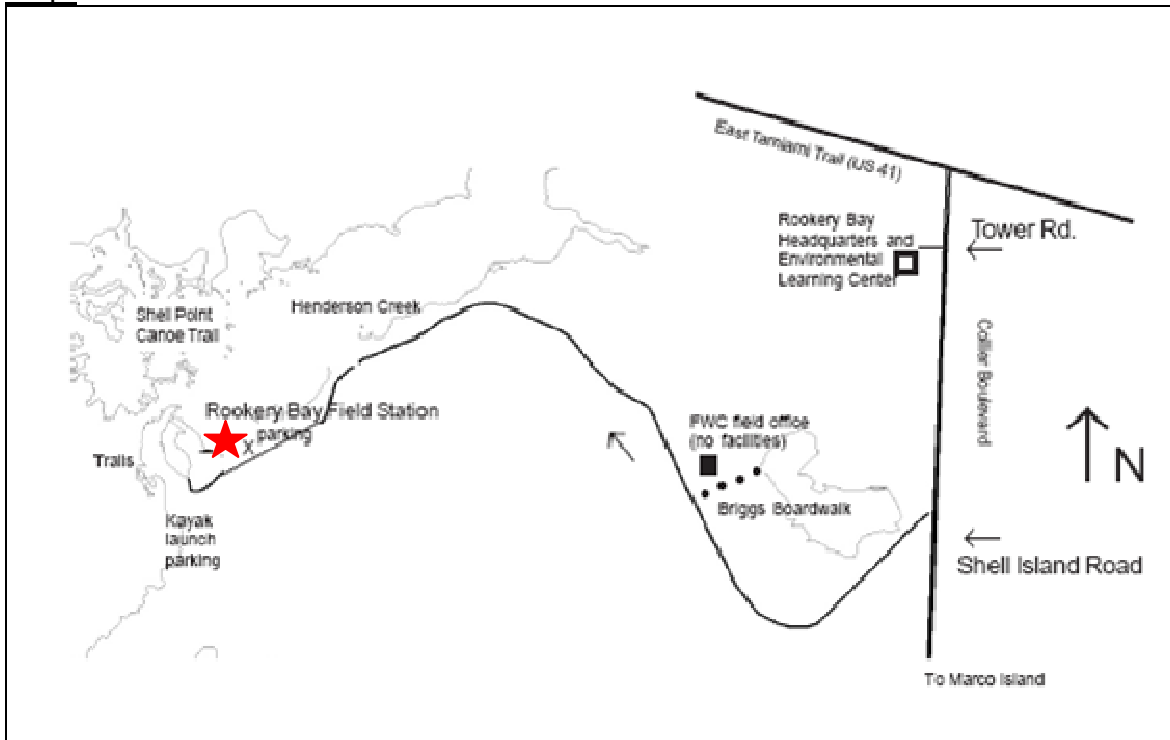
Directions to Meeting Place: The Rookery Bay Field Station is located at the far end of Shell Island Road. The maximum speed is 25 MPH – please drive slowly, watch for wildlife and allow extra driving time.

From Marco Island: Take SR951 (Collier Blvd.) north towards Naples. Turn LEFT onto Shell Island Road just after passing the main entrance to Fiddler's Creek development (on right side of road). Then follow Shell Island Road approximately 3.25 miles to a gravel parking area on the RIGHT in front of the Rookery Bay Field Station.

From Naples: Travel east on US41 (Tamiami Trail). Turn right onto SR951 (Collier Blvd.) and travel south towards Marco Island. Turn RIGHT after about 3 miles onto Shell Island Road. Then follow Shell Island Road approximately 3.25 miles to a gravel parking area on the RIGHT in front of the Rookery Bay Field Station..

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. for another 3 miles. Then turn RIGHT onto Shell Island Road (watch for the brown Rookery Bay Field Station sign) and continue approximately 3.25 miles to a gravel parking area on the RIGHT in front of the Rookery Bay Field Station.

Map:



Trip Leader: Rookery Bay Certified Interpreter

Field Trip Cost: \$10

Parking: A gravel parking area is located at Rookery Bay Field Station.

Additional Information: There are **NO** restroom facilities

What to Bring: Comfortable walking shoes, water, snacks, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. Cameras and binoculars can be helpful.

What to Wear: Comfortable clothing appropriate for the weather. If you are susceptible to the sun, a long sleeved shirt, long pants and a hat are advised. Wear **close-toed shoes** that are comfortable for walking and short hikes.

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

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