



OPTIONAL POST-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP

Thursday, April 26, 2018 | 12:00 PM – 5:30 PM

COST TO PARTICIPATE: \$50.00 [Limited to 15 people]

Loxahatchee Impoundment Landscape Assessment (LILA)

[10216 Lee Road; Boynton, Beach FL 33437]

DESCRIPTION: The Loxahatchee Impoundment Landscape Assessment (LILA) is located on the grounds of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge in Boynton Beach, Florida. LILA is a working, 80-acre model of the Everglades ecosystem. This "living laboratory" gives experts an opportunity to research and apply restoration techniques on a small, controlled scale before taking them into the 1.7 million-acre Everglades ecosystem.



ATTENDANCE IS LIMITED: Because of the interactive nature of this field trip, attendance is *limited to the first 15 registrants* and advance registration is required. Indicate your interest in participating when completing online registration. Field trips are open exclusively to conference registrants. However, family members may sign up on-site at the conference if space is available.

WE PROVIDE: Transportation, lunch, refreshments and canoe rental with life jacket.

YOU BRING: Sunscreen, insect repellent, water bottle, old tennis shoes or water shoes that can get wet. Light clothing that dries quickly is ideal. Weather will be hot – dress accordingly. You may also want to bring a camera and binoculars. *LILA tours entail about a 1.5 mile walk and include a tour of two tree islands and a walk around two macrocosms. Comfortable shoes are a must.*

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 16 or until the limit of 15 is reached. Refunds for cancellations will be issued until March 16, minus a \$25.00 processing fee. *Refunds will not be issued after March 16.* **NOTE:** If an insufficient number of registrants sign up, field trip is subject to cancellation. If cancelled, you will receive a 100% refund.

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- 12:00 PM Immediately after closing plenary, go to the bus loading zone at Marriott [Conference Center Entrance]
- 12:15 PM Group Boards Bus and Departs for [Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge](#)
- 1:00 PM Stop at Visitor Center for Overview of Refuge and LILA
- 1:15 PM Welcome Introduction and Overview to the Refuge
- 1:30 PM Begin Walking Tour around LILA
- 2:45 PM Arrive at canoe outpost - sign out canoes and life jackets
- 3:00 PM Canoe into the Refuge
- 4:15 PM Bus picks group up at canoe outpost
Pit-stop at Visitor Center before departure
- 4:45 PM Depart for Hotel
- 5:30 PM Arrive at Coral Springs Marriott



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