

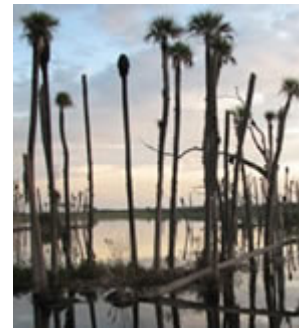
Field Trip Opportunities – Sunday, June 3, 2012

History and Habitat Tour – Fort Christmas Historical Park and the Orlando Easterly Wetlands
(Tour is limited to 25 people)

Itinerary:

8:00am	Bus departs Caribe Royale Hotel
9:00am	Arrive at FCHP and tour
11:30am	Leave for OEW
11:40am	Arrive at OEW and eat lunch
12:30pm	Tour OEW
2:00pm	Leave OEW
3:00pm	Bus arrives at Hotel

Orlando Easterly Wetlands visitors will tour the 1,650 acre wetland treatment system. Visitors will learn how the constructed wetlands are used to remove excess nitrogen and phosphorus from 15million gallons per day of wastewater effluent. At the same time the facility provides a home to numerous species of indigenous, threatened and endangered wildlife.



Description:

The tour will mix some of the human history of central Florida with examples of its plants and animals. The trip will start at Fort Christmas Historical Park, first built in 1837 during the Seminole Indian Wars. Participants will then travel to the Orlando Wetlands Park for lunch and a tour of the large treatment wetland that has some of the best birding and wildlife viewing opportunities in the area.

Fort Christmas Park has a full size replica Fort. Seven restored historical homes preserve the 'Cracker' architecture of East Orange County. The houses are interpreted to show pioneer life from the 1870s through the 1930s. Key themes are homesteading, cattle, citrus, hunting, fishing and trapping. Many interpretive displays are available.



What to wear and bring: Where comfortable clothes, bring a camera for great scenery and bug repellent if so desired.

Food Offered: Water and lunch will be provided.

Driving Distance: Is approximately 45 miles from hotel to Fort Christmas Historical Park.
Map: g.co/maps/jc5m4

Cost of Tour: \$75.00 per person
(Fees include lunch and transportation)

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