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 40 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: Bus 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 18 or until the limit of 40 is reached. Refunds for cancellations will be issued until March 18, minus a $25.00 processing fee. Refunds will not be issued after March 18.

THE FINE PRINT: If an insufficient number of registrants sign up, field trips are subject to cancellation. If the trip is cancelled, you will receive a 100% refund.

Monday, April 18, 2016
7:30 AM  Group gathers in bus loading zone at Coral Springs Marriott [Conference Center Entrance]
7:45 AM  Board Bus
8:00 AM  Bus departs for Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge
9:00 AM  Stop at Visitor Center for Overview of Refuge and LILA
10:00 AM  Split into Two Groups
   a.  Half the Group à Walking Tour around LILA*
   b.  Half the Group à Canoe into the Refuge
Noon  Lunch, Tour Visitor Center; Walk into Cypress Swamp
1:30 PM  Groups Reverse
   c.  Canoe Group à Walking Tour around LILA*
   d.  LILA Group à Canoe into the Refuge
4:00 PM  Meet at Visitor Center to board bus
4:15 PM  Depart for Hotel
5:00 PM  Arrive at Coral Springs Marriott

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