

**Field Trip Opportunities – Sunday, June 3, 2012**

**Upper St. Johns River Basin – Bull Creek** (*Tour is Limited to 20 people*)

**Itinerary:**

8:00am	Leave Caribe Royale Hotel
9:00am	Stop at local business for restroom break (Sunoco, St. Cloud)
9:30am	Arrive Bull Creek WMA at the L-73 levee
11:45am	Arrive at Bull Creek WMA check-in station (restroom facilities)
12:00pm	Lunch at shaded picnic tables
12:30pm	Tour of Bull Creek along Loop Road
3:45pm	Back to Bull Creek WMA check-in station (restroom facilities)
4:00pm	Leave Bull Creek WMA for return travel
4:30pm	Stop at local business for restroom break (Sunoco, St. Cloud)
5:30pm	Arrive at Caribe Royale Hotel

**Description:**

Participants will experience the “real” Florida and will be able to see a wide variety of habitats. These vast wildlife management areas (Bull Creek = 23,470 ac; Triple N = 15,391 ac) will provide the opportunity to see many of Florida’s inland habitats ranging from sandy, scrubby areas to wet, peaty swamps and marshes. In Bull Creek WMA, trip leaders will present the hydrologic management challenges of managing an area of this size and then allow participants to foray into the swamp (wear shoes that can get wet!). Then we will head for higher ground and hear about the fire management and invasive plant management techniques that are used to manage this diverse resource.



Hardwood swamp - Bull Creek WMA

Trip participants will get to visit some of the finest examples of several Florida habitats including Scrub, Palmetto prairies, Hardwood Hammocks, Pine Flatwoods, Marshes, and Hardwood Swamps. All along the tour, our Guides will point out rare and

interesting plant species that occur in those areas (including hooded pitcher plant, bromeliads, butterfly orchids, sundews).



*Conradina grandiflora*  
in scrub habitat

**What to wear and bring:** Dress for walking – loose fitting clothing that can keep you cool but safe from sun exposure and bug bites. Bring your binoculars, hats, sunscreen, bug repellent and sturdy walking shoes.

**Food Offered:** Water and lunch will be provided.

**Driving Distance:** Is approximately 50 miles to the sites and 20 miles total within the WMA's. Map: [mapq.st/w8XAaO](http://mapq.st/w8XAaO)

**Cost of Tour: \$75.00 per person**

(Fees include lunch and transportation)

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