

OPTIONAL PRE-CONFERENCE FIELD TRIP

Monday, April 18, 2016 | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

COST TO PARTICIPATE: \$50.00

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.

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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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