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Florida Sportsmen, SFWMD Partner to Honor Veterans
Volunteers to lead a turkey hunt on the Kissimmee River for a group of disabled veterans from across the country



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WHAT: To honor the sacrifices of our nation's military personnel, volunteers from the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association, with support from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), will lead disabled veterans on a spring turkey hunt to enjoy the Florida outdoors on the restored Kissimmee River.

The six wounded veterans will be offered the opportunity to enjoy hunting, camping and air boating along the scenic Kissimmee River. The experience is the latest in a series of similar events hosted by the local community of outdoor enthusiasts with District support. The [Wounded Warrior Project](#) is also participating in the hunt.

The South Florida Water Management District is steadily increasing recreational access to public lands while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. At present, the District owns 621,000 acres of land that are open to the public. Many of these properties are in their natural state or have enhancements such as picnic tables, informational kiosks, campsites and hiking trails. For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the District's 16-county region, visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

WHEN: Friday, April 23, through Sunday, April 25

WHERE: Hickory Hammock Wildlife Management Area, Equestrian Center
[Click here for a map.](#)

RSVP: Members of the media are invited to report on the experience. Please contact Bryon Maharrey at bdmaharrey@yahoo.com or 561-313-6954.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.