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Haunt Halloween on Public Conservation Lands

DuPuis Management Area at the Martin/Palm Beach County line offers up creepy critters, hayrides, haunted hikes and more family fun



WHAT:

Visit DuPuis Management Area for an unforgettable night filled with free ghostly fun at DuPuis' Haunted Halloween Night. Enjoy a family-friendly atmosphere with fun games, crafts, candy and a costume parade. An allages hayride will depart from the visitors' center before sunset.

After sunset, ride at your own risk on the Haunted Hayride — guaranteed to spook its victims. Learn about creepy critters such as bats, snakes and spiders on the spine-tingling guided walk through the Haunted Trail. For more information contact Kim Kanter at (800) 432-2045, ext. 3339, or kkanter@sfwmd.gov.

The DuPuis Management Area is a 22,000-acre natural area open to public recreation throughout the year. The area was part of the historic Everglades and features an ecologically diverse and significant vegetative community.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is committed to increasing recreational access to public lands, while continuing to manage them effectively to meet environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. For more information on recreational opportunities, please visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation. Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies is also sponsoring the event.

WHEN: Saturday, October 24, 2009

TIME: 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WHERE: DuPuis Management Area

23500 SW Kanner Highway Canal Point, FL 33438

The Visitor Center entrance is located on State Road 76 in Martin County, two miles east of Port Mayaca or seven miles west of the intersection with

State Road 710. ####

About the South Florida Water Management District — Celebrating 60 Years (1949-2009)

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.