



**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Guided Nature Walk Showcases Recreation on SFWMD Public Land *DuPuis Management Area at the Martin/Palm Beach County line hosts hike***



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**WHAT:** Enjoy a beautiful morning trek amid the flora and fauna of the pine flatwoods and the cypress swamp in the pristine DuPuis Management Area. DuPuis contains a portion of the Florida Trail, a network of more than 1,500 miles of foot paths for the public to enjoy the state's natural habitats.

The guided walk is another in a free Nature Lecture Series sponsored by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies at DuPuis.

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 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 actively manages 621,000 acres of public land. 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](http://www.sfwmd.gov/recreation).

For more information on the Florida Trail, please visit [www.floridatrail.org](http://www.floridatrail.org).

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 27, 2010

**TIME:** 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**WHERE:** DuPuis Management Area  
23500 SW Kanner Highway  
Canal Point, FL 33438

The Visitor Center entrance is located at Gate 5 on State Road 76 in Martin County, two miles east of Port Mayaca or seven miles west of the intersection with State Road 710.

**CONTACT:** Please call (800) 432-2045, ext. 3339, to RSVP.

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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.*