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Nature Lecture Series Rises with Full Moon Walk

Walk under the stars at the DuPuis Management Area kicks off season of free talks



WHAT: Sharing s'mores around a bonfire with a presentation on nocturnal animals and a hike under the stars kick off another season of nature lectures and events on public land at the DuPuis Management Area on the border of Palm Beach and Martin counties.

The event is the first in this year's 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 series will feature a Native American history talk in December, an astronomy night in January and a geocache blast in February.

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 SFWMD 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: Saturday, November 20, 2010

TIME: 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

WHERE: DuPuis Management Area
23500 S.W. 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.

RSVP: Space is limited. Please call 1-800-432-2045, ext. 3339. Comfortable hiking shoes, water, insect repellent and a flashlight are recommended.

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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.