



## SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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### SFWMD Celebrates Earth Day with Community Events

*DuPuis Management Area event will promote getting outdoors for healthy living*



**EARTH DAY  
GET OUTDOORS**  
*Just for the Health of it!*

**Saturday, April 16th  
10 AM - 2 PM**

- First 300 Attendees get free boxed lunch from Subway
- First 100 Participants get a free t-shirt
- Hayride Tour on DuPuis
- Free Health Screenings
- Crafts
- Vendors
- Bicycle Raffles from Bicycle Exchange
- Guided hikes
- Live Florida Wildlife
- A bike ride through DuPuis- feel free to BYOB (bring your own bike) or borrow one of ours
- Native Plant Sale
- Self guided tours of the Butterfly Garden and Habitat Trail

Contact Kim Kanter at 800.432.2045 ext 3339 or [kkanter@sfwmd.gov](mailto:kkanter@sfwmd.gov) for more info

Free Transportation provided by MTM from Post Family Park in Indiantown to Dupuis Visitors Center from 9:45am to 2:00pm

Location: DuPuis Management Area on Highway 76, 2 mi. east of Fort Myers or 7 mi. west of the junction for 718. Entrance at Gate 5, Visitors Center.

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**WHAT:**

In celebration of Earth Day, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is partnering with local organizations across South Florida to participate in fun-filled events to inspire appreciation for the environment and awareness for water conservation.

For more than a decade, Florida has recognized Water Conservation Month in April. Water conservation is now essential year-round for addressing regional weather extremes and growing demands on a limited water supply that South Florida's 7.7 million residents, economy and unique environment all depend on.

The District's central Earth Day event will be held at the DuPuis Management Area along the border of Martin and Palm Beach counties. DuPuis is a 22,000-acre natural area that is part of the historic Everglades and is open to public recreation throughout the year.

The District's free "Get Outdoors: Just for the Health of It!" event will feature:

- Release of a rehabilitated bald eagle by Busch Wildlife Sanctuary
- Hayride tour and guided hikes
- Free health screenings
- Crafts and vendors
- Food and more

**WHEN:** Saturday, April 16, 2011

**TIME:** 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**WHERE:** DuPuis Management Area  
23500 S.W. Kanner Highway  
Canal Point, FL 33438

The Visitors' 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. Free transportation to the event is available to the public at Post Family Park in Indiantown from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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**MORE EVENTS:**

**Palm Beach:**

- April 16: Earth Day at Okeeheelee Park

**Orlando:**

- April 16: City of Orlando Earth Day Clean-up

**Broward:**

- April 19: Earth Day at Broward College (South Campus)

**Monroe:**

- April 16: Earth Day at Bahia Honda State Park on Bahia Honda Key

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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.*