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Public Conservation Lands Scare Up a Spooky Halloween Night
DuPuis Management Area at the Martin/Palm Beach county line offers creepy critters, haunted hayrides and free family fun



WHAT: Visit the DuPuis Management Area for free ghostly fun on Haunted Halloween Night, a popular annual event complete with a family-friendly atmosphere, fun games, crafts and a hair-raising haunted house. An all-ages hayride through the woods will depart from the visitors' center before sunset.

Haunted Halloween Night at DuPuis will also feature creepy critters such as bats, owls, snakes and spiders and a spine-tingling night hike down the Dark Woods Trail. Boy Scout Troop #832 will be selling hot dogs, chips, apple cider and homemade donuts.

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) provides 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.

Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies is also sponsoring the event. For more information, contact Kim Kanter at (800) 432-2045, ext. 3339, or kkanter@sfwmd.gov.

WHEN: Saturday, October 22, 2011

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

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

The visitors' 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.

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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.