



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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SFWMD, Audubon Expand Popular Bird Watching Tours to Palm Beach County

All are invited to the inaugural tour at Everglades Stormwater Treatment Area 1 East



Bird watcher Jay Paredes took this photo of white and glossy ibis and great white herons at Stormwater Treatment Area 1 East in Wellington.

(Click on the picture for a larger version.)

WHAT:

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has formed a new collaboration with the Audubon Society of the Everglades to offer public bird watching tours at Everglades Stormwater Treatment Area 1 East in Wellington.

The tour program is modeled after the popular partnership with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society, which has served more than 5,000 bird watchers from across the globe at Stormwater Treatment Area 5 in Hendry County.

Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs) are the water-cleaning workhorses of Everglades restoration. These expansive wetlands utilize plants to naturally remove phosphorus from water flowing into the Everglades. They have also become renowned havens for wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

WHEN: Saturday, January 7, 2012

TIME: 8 a.m.

WHERE: Meet at the entrance to STA-1 East on Flying Cow Road, just south of Southern Boulevard. [Click here for a map.](#)

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For more information, visit www.auduboneverglades.org.

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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.