



Hello!

We look forward to program on **Wednesday, March 27**, from **7:30AM to 10:30AM** at the **Jones Hammock/Platt's Creek Preserve** here in St. Lucie County.

Parking is at the **entrance** to Jones Hammock Preserve in Fort Pierce. The **location of Jones Hammock Preserve** is on Bell Avenue between Promenade Way and Wilderness Drive; it's the section of Bell Avenue between Sunrise Boulevard and South 25th Street.

Park vehicles on the grass by the wooden, brown signage. Please plan to carpool wherever possible and park vehicles "head in" only as efficiently as possible as space is limited.

GENERAL PREPARATION INFORMATION

- Each participant must carry sufficient drinking water, per county program policies
- Packing snacks which can be consumed while standing/walking is recommended
- Close-toed, durable footwear, preferably waterproof, is mandatory for participation in all hikes unless otherwise specified
- There is **no toilette facility** - please plan accordingly
- There are **no trash containers**, so plan to pack in/pack out any refuse from food/beverages
- Hats, sunglasses, SPF lotion/clothing, and insect repellent is recommended
- Dress for seasonal temperatures, including light rain showers
- Small children and pets to remain at home, this activity is designed for adults (ages 12+)

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC PREPARATION INFORMATION

Recommended equipment for use during this program:

- Spotting scopes
- Binoculars
- Field guides
- Local checklists
- Lightweight, easily portable seating to allow sitting for rest if required

SITE INFORMATION

The terrain in these two preserves is uneven, and mostly earthen paths, including stepping on and across concrete weirs. Our route is around 3 miles, and the selected route includes the pond area above the wetland. Please be advised that trails may have high vegetation in some areas.

Please contact me for questions and additional information.

Thank you,

Eva Ries, **Program Leader**