

**Florida Native Plant Society
2008 Conference Field Trip**

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Thursday, May 15, 2008

Place: Emerson Point Preserve * 5801 17th Street West * Palmetto, FL 34221

Time: Leave at 8:30 am from Civic Center Parking area #4 or arrive on your own.

Degree of Difficulty: Easy

Length of Tour: 4 hours Hike would be 3 miles long.

Guide/Plant Expert: Karen Fraley

Field Trip Assistant: Mary Foster

Description: This 365 acre coastal county park is located at the tip of Snead Island in western Palmetto and offers some great easy hiking trails along Tampa Bay. Note: there are some areas with erosion and exposed roots to walk over. Gumbo Limbo, White stopper, Wild lime, Sea grape, Buttonwood and Mangroves can be seen. An observation tower offers spectacular views of Tampa Bay. It is also home to the Portevant Indian Mound - the largest remaining temple mound on Florida's west coast.

Notes:

DON'T FORGET: Water, sun screen, hat, binoculars & camera.

Rest rooms: Yes

Nearby gas station: 3 miles

Cell phone reception: good

Contact numbers for the day of the event: Mary Foster 727-542-9191 mobile

Directions from Holiday Inn Hotel (100 Riverfront Blvd. Bradenton): 9 miles

Turn right out of parking lot onto Riverfront Dr becoming 3rd St W

Turn right off of 3rd St onto 3rd Ave W

Turn right at 9th St W/US-41 Cross the Manatee River into Palmetto

Turn left at 10th St W by CVS and Checkers/Continue for 2.5 miles

Turn right at Tarpon Road - by the large Snead Island sign

Turn left at 17th St W - Continue for 2 mi

Directions from Manatee Convention Center (1 Haben Blvd. Palmetto): 8 miles

Turn right and Head north on US-301 N/US-41 N toward 7th St W

Remain in right lane and Take the US-301 N exit (Ellenton) BUT

Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Palmetto

Turn left at 10th St E/US-301 S - Continue for 3 mi

Turn right at Tarpon Road - by the large Snead Island sign

Turn left at 17th St W - Continue for 2 mi

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