

Florida Native Plant Society
2008 Conference Field Trip

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Thursday, May 15, 2008

Place: Boyd Hill Nature Preserve

Start Time: Meet in Convention Center parking lot #2. Carpool caravan will leave at 8:30am **SHARP** or arrive on your own - Start time at field trip location: 9:00am. **Meet at Nature Center, Boyd Hill Nature Preserve . Please wear conference badges.**

End Time: 12:00pm

Degree of Difficulty: Easy

Guides: bio and contact info: **Candy Arnold** - Park Ranger and Florida Master Naturalist has worked at BHNP (Boyd Hill Nature Preserve) more than 20 years; **Greg Coston** - Park Ranger, Florida Master Naturalist and Certified Prescribed Burner with 18 years at BHNP; and **Anne Fidanzato** – Nature Park Supervisor, Florida Certified Horticulture Professional, and biologist who is overseeing the extensive restorations projects in the preserve.

Plant Experts : Candy Arnold, Greg Coston and Anne Fidanzato

Lunch Coordinator: Candy Arnold

Description of Field Trip: This blended fieldtrip is a combination of walking and riding on trams through the preserve. BHNP is a 245 acre preserve surrounded by urbanization. There are approximately 6 miles of trails that wind through an oak hammock, scrubby pine flatwoods, scrub, along the shore of Lake Maggiore, a boardwalk in a willow marsh, a birdscape and butterfly garden. Many natural areas are facing the same pressures of fragmentation, fire suppression, exotic plant encroachment, and water pollution that BHNP has experienced for the past 30 years. Restoring the native diversity is our number one mission.

Notes: Sunshine Skyway Bridge is a toll road (\$1.00)
DON'T FORGET: Water, sun screen, hat, binoculars & camera

Nearest Restrooms: Nature Center at entrance to the trails

Nearest gas station: 54th Ave S. and 31st Street

Cell phone reception: Good

Contact number for the day of the event: 727-893-7326

Handicap access: yes

Suitable for children 14 and over? yes

Maximum # of participants: 15

Map

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