

FNPS 2008 Conference Field Trip



South Fork, Eastern Manatee County – Thursday, May 15, 2008

Location: Little Manatee River – Southfork Tract, 12 miles East of Parrish on SR 62, North side of the road.

Start Time: 8:30am at Convention Center. 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.**

End Time: 3:00pm

Degree of Difficulty: Strenuous

Guide: Tom Heitzman, theitzman5@aol.com

Plant Expert : Russell Owens

Description: Approx. 6-8 mile hike winds through a variety of beautiful habitats, including a sand pine/ rosemary bald, before heading down to the South Fork of the Little Manatee River. Much of the area is being improved for scrub jay habitat. Fringe tree, Southern Magnolia, Needle Palm, American Holly, Green Fly Orchid and Silk Bay are a few of the plants we will find.

Notes:

DON'T FORGET: Long pants are recommended. Water, sunscreen, hat, binoculars & camera.

Lunch needs to be carried, as we will eat lunch on the trail.

Nearest Restrooms: No facilities on site.

Nearest gas station: Parrish, FL., 12 miles to the West

Cell phone reception: Good

Contact number for the day of the event: Tom Heitzman, 941-737-3169

Directions from the Manatee Convention Center: 1. Start out going WEST on HABEN BLVD toward US-301 N/US-41 N/TAMIAMI TRL. (0.00 miles)

2. Turn RIGHT onto US-41 N/US-301 N/TAMIAMI TRL. (0.25 miles)

3. Merge onto US-301 N toward I-75/ELLENTON. (10.80 miles)

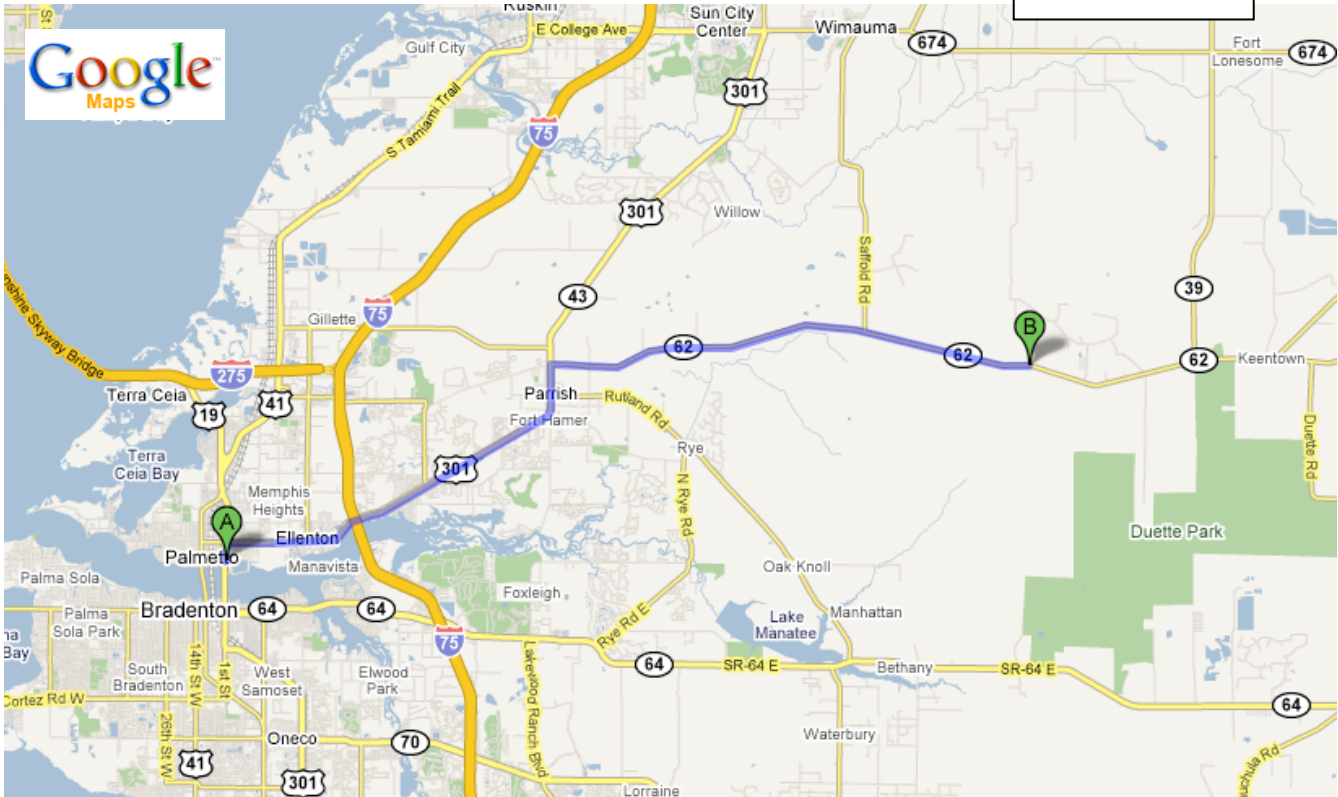
4. Turn RIGHT onto FL-62. (12.00 miles)

5. Entrance is on north just east of 29601 State Road 62 Duette, FL 33834-7925 US

Total Estimated Time: 29 minutes

Total Distance: 23.25 miles

FIELD TRIP I



From: 1 Haben Blvd
Palmetto, FL 34221

- Drive:** 23.7 mi – about 30 mins
1. Head north on **US-301 N/US-41 N** toward **7th St W** 0.3 mi
 2. Exit onto **SR-43 N/US-301 N** toward **Ellenton** 10.8 mi
 3. Turn **right** at **SR-62** 12.7 mi
 4. SWFWMD parking area. Entrance on north side just past Thundercloud Ranch, 29601 SR 62

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SOUTH FORK
THURSDAY MAY 15, 2008
Carpool 8:30am SHARP
at Convention Center
parking lot #2
Meet at 29601 SR 62 at 9 am