

FNPS 2008 Conference Field Trip

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Edward W. Chance, Coker Prairie Tract – **Sunday – May 18, 2008**

Start Time: Leave at 8:30 am from Convention Center Parking area #4.

Start time at Coker Prairie: at 9 am

Length of Tour: 4 hours approx.

Degree of Difficulty: Easy to Moderate

Guide: Brooks Armstrong

Plant Expert / Field Trip Assistant: Jean Evoy

Description: This SWFWMD property in eastern Manatee County contains relatively unaltered natural land. The dominant natural communities are pine flatwoods, freshwater marsh, hardwood hammocks and scrub. A high diversity of understory species exists on the property. The marsh retains surface water after rains, which slowly releases to the Myakka River through Coker Creek. There are six miles of trails on the upland portions of the property which are excellent for hiking. Parts of this area are being managed for scrub jay habitat. Scrub jays have been sighted and likely will be encountered on the hike.

Notes:

DON'T FORGET: Water, sunscreen, hat, binoculars & camera

Rest rooms: None available, primitive wilderness.

Nearby gas station: Nearest approximately 15 miles west in Bradenton.

Cell phone reception: poor to none

Contact numbers for the day of the event: Brooks at 863-558-1588 or early at 863-993-3966.

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

2. Turn LEFT onto US-301 S/US-41 S/TAMIAMI TRL. (1.40 miles)

3. Turn LEFT onto 6TH AVE E/FL-64 E. Continue to follow FL-64 E. (24.14 miles)

4. Entrance will be on south side just west of Falkner Farms, which is at 35100 State Road 64 E Myakka City, FL 34251-9228 US. Look for "Field Trip" sign

Total Estimated Time: 33 minutes

Total Distance: 25.56 miles