

Florida Native Plant Society  
2008 Conference Field Trip

# FIELD TRIP K

## Sunday, May 18, 2008

**Place:** Weedon Island Preserve

**Start Time:** Meet in Convention Center parking lot #2. Carpool caravan will leave at **8:45am SHARP** or arrive on your own - Start time at field trip location: **9:30am**. **Meet in parking lot. Please wear conference badges.**

**End Time:** 1:00pm

**Degree of Difficulty:** Moderate

**Guide:** David Spencer is currently the preserve naturalist at the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center. David has worked as a naturalist in the Tampa Bay area for over thirty years. Starting at Hillsborough Community College's Environmental Studies Center at Cockroach Bay, and then as an educator at various sites along the Hillsborough River with the Hillsborough County School District. His current position is as a Senior Environmental Specialist with the Pinellas County Environmental Lands Division.  
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**Description of Field Trip:** Beginning in the classroom of the education center, there will be a brief introduction to the Weedon Island Preserve and its diverse resources. The hike will focus on the native plants making up the various ecosystems of the preserve by examining the limiting factors of this intraestuarine island. Examples of land restoration and land management practices will be seen. The cultural history of the island, both recent and prehistoric, will be interwoven throughout the hike through an examination of the location and ethnobotany of various native plants.

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

Nearest Restrooms: At education center.

Nearest gas station: not remote

Cell phone reception: Partial

Contact number for the day of the event:

Handicap access: only ½ of hike

Suitable for children 14 and over

Maximum # of participants: 30

Map

<http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&hl=en&geocode=&time=&date=&ttype=&saddr=1+haben+blvd,+palmetto,+fl+&daddr=1800+weedon+drive+northeast,+st.+petersburg,+fl&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=59.772783,80.507812&ie=UTF8&z=10&om=0>

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