

FNPS 2008 Conference Field Trip

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Fort Desoto County Park Hiking Trip – Sunday, May 18, 2008

Start Time: 8:30am at Convention Center. Meet in Convention Center parking lot #2. Carpool caravan will leave at 8:30am

– or arrive on your own – Start time **at field trip location: 9:15am.** Meet at Kayak Outfitter in the park. Turn right at the entry intersection (a dead end at the large flag pole). The outfitter is on the right hand side of the road.

End Time: 12:00pm

Degree of Difficulty: Moderate **Handicap access:** no

Guide: Bruce Turley, Wilcox Nursery and Florist, past Pinellas Chapter FNPS president, and member of the Association of Florida Native Nurseries. 727-595-2073 or wnursery@tampabay.rr.com

Description of Field Trip: Coastal wetlands and uplands including dunes and scrub on a diverse, dynamic, and historical barrier island at the mouth of Tampa Bay. See species like Beach creeper (*Ernodea littoralis*), Florida Mayten (*Maytenus phyllanthoides*), Varnishleaf (*Dodonea viscosum*), Seaside Gentian (*Eustoma exaltatum*), Snowberry (*Chiococca alba*), White stopper (*Eugenia axillaries*), Saffron plum (*Sideroxylon celestrina*), and many, many more. Stay on your own to view the historical museum and Fort, one of two piers, bicycle on the bike trails, or enjoy one of the worlds top rated beaches without the condominiums and hotels.

Notes: Sunshine Skyway bridge is a toll road (\$1.00)

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

Nearest Restrooms: There are restrooms available within Fort DeSoto park at the ranger station (entry point at the flag pole) and at the concession building (right turn at the T inter- section where the flag pole is located

Nearest gas station if remote: No gas stations after the turn onto the Bayway.

Cell phone reception: yes

Contact number for the day of the event: 727-235-5419

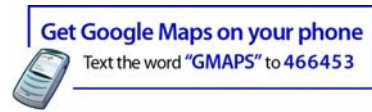
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Palmetto, FL 34221**
End **Pinellas Bayway S
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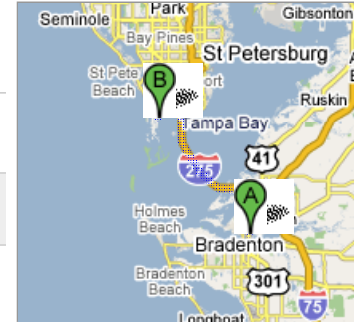
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| 1. Head north on US-301 N/US-41 N toward 7th St W
Continue to follow US-41 N | 2.5 mi
4 mins |
| ← 2. Slight left at US-19 N (signs for US-19 N/St Petersburg) | 2.4 mi
3 mins |
| 3. Take the ramp onto I-275 N/SR-55/US-19 N
Partial toll road | 12.8 mi
12 mins |
| ← 4. Take exit 17 on the left for SR-682 W/US-19 N toward St Petersburg Beach/Pinellas Bayway | 0.4 mi
2 mins |
| ← 5. Turn left at 54th Ave S
Partial toll road | 1.2 mi
2 mins |
| 6. Continue on Pinellas Bayway S | 1.1 mi
2 mins |
| ← 7. Turn left to stay on Pinellas Bayway S | 1.6 mi
4 mins |
| 8. Make a U-turn at 1st St E | 256 ft |

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St Petersburg, FL 33715**

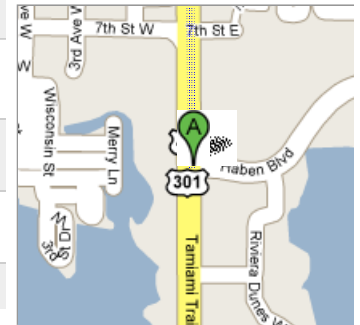
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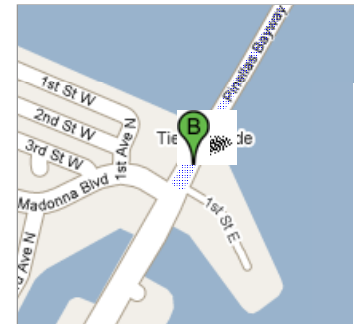
Overview



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