



Apalachee Wildlife Management Area and Three Rivers State Park - Thursday, May 20, 2010

Meet at 7:15 a.m. in Civic Center parking lot. Carpool caravan will depart for the State Park promptly at **7:30 a.m.**

Or arrive on your own--

Start time at field trip location: 8:45 a.m.. Meet at **Three Rivers State Park.** State Park is located on River Road (CR 271) just north of Sneads. Phone: **(see map below)**

End Time: 3:00 pm eastern daylight time.

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

Guide:, Pete Diamond, staff biologist, Florida Natural Areas Inventory. Contact info: pdiamond@fnai.org

Local Expert: Tom Greene, botanist.

Description: Apalachee WMA consists of nearly 8,000 acres along the Chattahoochee River and Lake Seminole in Jackson County. The WMA includes 3,700 acres of longleaf pine/wiregrass habitat, including sandhill and upland pine, interspersed with upland hardwood forest, upland mixed woodland, marshes, swamps, lakes, bottomland forest, and agricultural fields. One of the largest known populations of federally endangered gentian pinkroot (*Spigelia gentianoides*) occurs within upland mixed woodland at Apalachee WMA. Other rare species include state endangered incised groove-bur (*Agrimonia incisa*), leopard's bane (*Arnica acaulis*), and trailing bindweed (*Calystegia catesbeiana*). We will make a restroom stop at Three Rivers Park and then head on to Apalachee Wildlife Management Area, returning to Three Rivers for lunch and a short tour of the Park.

Park entrance fee: \$3.00 per vehicle

DON'T FORGET: Water, sun screen, hat. Light, long-sleeved shirt and pants are recommended to protect against biting insects. Wear appropriate footwear for hiking through and over moderate to dense vegetation and along trails and unimproved roads.

Nearest Restrooms: Restrooms are available at Three Rivers State Park.

Nearest gas station if remote: in Sneads, FL, approximately 2 miles south of Three Rivers State Park.

Cell phone reception: fair

Contact number for the day of the event: 704/213-7601 (Pete Diamond's cell phone).

Park Entrance: From Interstate 10, take exit 158. Go north 7 miles on CR 286 to U.S. Hwy. 90 in the city of Sneads, FL. Go west (left) on Hwy. 90 and travel 1/4 mile to the flashing caution light. Turn right (north) onto River Road (SR 271). The main entrance to Three Rivers State Park is two miles ahead on the right. See attached map

Map:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=three+Rivers+State+park,+fl&sl=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=50.02446,78.837891&ie=UTF8&hq=Three+Rivers+State+Park&hnear=Three+Rivers+State+Park,+Sneads,+FL+32460&ll=30.742394,-84.927118&spn=0.21393,0.307961&z=12