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BIRDSONG NATURE CENTER - Sunday, May 23, 2010

Meet at 8:30 a.m. in Civic Center parking lot. Carpool caravan will depart for the Nature Center promptly at **8:45 a.m.**

Or arrive on your own--

Start time at field trip location: 9:30 a.m. Meet at **Birdsong parking lot.** Birdsong Nature Center is located at 2106 Meridian Rd, Grady County Georgia, 4 miles north of the Georgia/Florida Border. Phone: 229/377-4408 (**see map below**)

End Time: 12 p.m.

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

Guide: Chris Bittle, Naturalist, Birdsong Nature Center. Contact info: cbittle@mac.com

Co-leader: [to be determined]

Description: Birdsong is a non-profit nature preserve and education center founded in 1986. The preserve offers 565 acres of varied ecological habitats, including 12 miles of maintained trails for birding and hiking. The varied woodland, wetland, and old-field habitats support a diversity of wildlife, and the Bird Window offers an opportunity for up-close observation of a wide array of resident and migratory bird species. The annually burned Gin House Field is one of Birdsong's premier settings for a variety of seasonal wildflowers. Big Bay Swamp is home to wood ducks, wood storks, alligators, turtles, snakes, frogs, and various mammals. A small bog area is being restored. It has a several species of pitcher plants and sundews. We will start with a brief visit to our Butterfly Garden, take a walk (less than 3 miles) along various trails and finish with a visit to the Bird Window.

Entrance fee is waived.

DON'T FORGET: Water, sun screen, hat. Light, long-sleeved shirt and pants are recommended to protect against biting insects. Wear shoes appropriate for hiking on mowed trails.

Nearest Restrooms: There are restrooms available at the Nature Center.

Cell phone reception: adequate

Contact number for the day of the event: 229/377-4408

Birdsong Nature Center Entrance: Take US319 (Thomasville Road) north from Tallahassee for about 21 miles to SR 93 in Georgia. Turn left on SR 93 to first intersection --Meridian Rd (ca 1 mile) --and turn left on Meridian for about 4 miles. At the bottom of a hill you will see a small white sign for Birdsong Nature Center on left. **GPS:**

See attached map

Map:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=birdsong+nature+center,+GA&sll=30.590349,-

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