



Wade Tract Preserve, Georgia-- Sunday, May 23, 2010

Meet at 8:00 a.m. Civic Center parking lot. Carpool caravan will depart promptly at **8:15 a.m.**

Or arrive on your own—

Start time at field trip location: 9:00am. Meet at entrance to Wade Tract off Metcalf road. See map below. Note: Wade Tract is private land and not ordinarily open to the public, except for specially arranged trips such as this one.

End Time: 1:30 PM.

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

Guide: Jim Cox, Tall Timbers Research Station, jim@ttrs.org.

Botanical Expert: Gil Nelson, botanist, naturalist, author, photographer

Description: The Wade Tract Preserve is one of only a handful of longleaf forests that has not been logged. Some individual trees are over 300 years old, and the forest structure exhibits a complex variation ranging from patches of young trees that have naturally seeded to towering flat-topped adults. Over 400 species of plants representing 80 families and 215 genera have been recorded on or near the preserve, including American chaffseed, wild coco, and 16 additional species that are considered to be species of special concern. The group also may attempt to net one of the charismatic bird species associated with longleaf forests: Bachman's sparrow.

DON'T FORGET: Water, sun screen, hat, binoculars, and camera. Insects generally are not a problem, though the ground cover may be wet if a heavy dew descends the night before.

Nearest Restrooms: none on the site; try to empty the bilges before leaving the hotel. There is a convenience store within 5 miles of the tract for those who need gas or sustenance at the end of the trip.

Cell phone reception: fair to cloudy

Contact number for the day of the event: 850-320-0452 (Jim Cox's cell)

Preserve Entrance: Take Thomasville Road (U.S. 319) north from Tallahassee toward Thomasville. Turn right on Metcalfe Road (CR 122--first stop light coming into Thomasville). Proceed approx. 4 miles down Metcalfe Road until you reach Fox Ridge Lane. Turn right onto dirt road opposite Fox Ridge Lane and proceed to field approximately 200 yards ahead.

GPS:

See attached map:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=fox+ridge+lane+and+metcalf+road,+thomasville,+georgia&sll=37.0625,-95.677068&sspn=50.02446,78.837891&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=Metcalf+Rd+%26+Fox+Ridge+Ln,+Thomasville,+Thomas,+Georgia+31792&ll=30.755223,-83.994608&spn=0.106951,0.15398&z=13

Directions to Wade Tract

