



Hernando Audubon Society

Fun Day at Silver Springs State Park Wednesday, March 22, 2017 - 8 a.m.

Joint trip with Citrus County Audubon Society

Meet at the original (camping entrance) located on SR 35 at 1425 NE 58 Ave, Ocala. Go to the parking area at the end, near the Cracker Village and Museum. State park admission is \$8/car for 2-8 [or just \$5 single]. Hold on to your receipt-it is good for both entrances. After birding the trees in this area we will walk the trail to the river-about 1 mile round trip.

At about 11 a.m. we'll caravan to the main entrance. Turn north on SR 35 for a short distance to RT 40. Turn right- go about one block to large entrance at 5656 E. Silver Springs Blvd.

Here we are on our own to mingle, enjoy lunch, and take in the beauty and history of our Florida heritage. Take a glass bottom boat ride (\$11 p/person), walk the gardens and trails and notice the many giant, approximately 500 year-old Bald Cypress trees. Visit the display room with old photos, artifacts, and memorabilia of the many movies made here. Rent a kayak and paddle the 1 mile narrow river that was once the site of the Jungle Cruise, leading back to the main river and headsprings.

There are picnic tables and benches where you can bring your own lunch. Or eat at the cafe that offers salads, sandwiches, beer, ice cream and homemade fudge. Linger as long as you like: the park is open until sundown. This is a joint trip with Citrus County Audubon and a chance for everyone to become reacquainted.

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