



Free Nature Walks & Open House

December 2013 – April 2014

Lemon Bay Conservancy invites you to join us for our upcoming free activities at Wildflower Preserve. Wildflower is an 80-acre former golf course that is being restored as a wildlife preserve. All activities are open to the public.

The **Wildflower Preserve Open House** on January 25 will include a variety of special nature walks and information booths sponsored by local environmental groups. Activities will begin at 8:30 am.

Tarpon Research Walks offer an opportunity to observe juvenile tarpon research underway in Lemon Creek and to talk with the research team. These walks are scheduled for 8:30 – 10:30 am on:

- December 14,
- January 25 (as part of the Open House)
- February 8
- March 15

South of the Border Hikes are longer, more strenuous walks that begin in Wildflower Preserve and continue south into the county's Amberjack Park. Habitat variations and ecology in the two areas are discussed. These hikes are scheduled for 9:00 am – noon on:

- December 28
- February 21

General Nature Walks (Ecology of Wildflower) are leisurely walks thru the habitats at Wildflower during which the guides will discuss plants and animals observed along the trails. These walks are scheduled for 9:00 – 11:00 am on:

- January 11
- March 1
- April 5

Environmental Safari Walks are not just one walk, but a series of three different walks, that encourage participants to find common species in three different habitats at Wildflower: **uplands, freshwater, and estuarine**. Leaders will add information on the species found and discuss key elements that are influencing species seen in each habitat. The safari walks will be offered beginning at 9:00 am on:

- January 25 (as part of the Wildflower Open House event)
- March 15

For all walks, come prepared for a hike in the woods. Water and bug spray are suggested. Wildflower Preserve is located at the southeast corner of Gasparilla Pines Blvd. and Placida Road (Hwy 775). The parking lot is at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Blvd., Englewood, FL 34224.

For additional information, contact Lemon Bay Conservancy at 941-830-8922 or by e-mail at lbconservancy@comcast.net.