



Open House: Nature Walks, Talks, Displays and Habitat Restoration Plans

Saturday – February 10, 2018
8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Lemon Bay Conservancy invites you to a free "Open House" at Wildflower Preserve on Saturday, February 10! Wildflower is an 80-acre former golf course that is being restored as a wildlife preserve. Come explore nature and learn about the restoration project!

Guided Trail Walks with our knowledgeable guides will leave throughout the event. Our first walk of the day, **the "Early Bird" Birding Walk**, will depart at 8:00 am to observe some of the upland and wetland bird species that frequent the preserve. Other planned walks include **Butterflies**, a **Visit to Lemon Creek**, **Ecology of Wildflower** and **Restoration in Progress**. See the attached schedule for activity start times.

Environmental Talks: A variety of short presentations will cover interesting environmental topics. Planned topics include: **2017 Sea Turtles on Local Beaches**, **Birdwatching in Our Area** and updates on the **Wildflower Preserve Habitat Restoration Project Plans**.

Information Displays will be available from 8:30 am until 1:30 pm for visitors to learn more about environmental and gardening organizations in our area. Expected participants include: the **Family Garden Club of Englewood**, the **Coastal Wildlife Club**, the **Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society**, the **Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center**, **Venice Audubon**, **Peace River Audubon**, the **Sierra Club**, the **Florida Fish & Wildlife Charlotte Harbor Field Lab**, the **Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program** and the **Peace River Butterfly Society**. The butterfly society will have a display of Monarch butterflies in various stages of development.

Special Golf Cart Tours will be offered several times during the day for visitors who may have difficulty walking the trails. Space is limited. To sign-up for a tour time, visit the LBC booth.

Self-Guided Walks: Throughout the day, the nature trails, the butterfly habitat and the bird observation area will be open for guests to visit and enjoy.

Refreshments and Lunch: "J & K's Mobile Cafe" will be onsite all day, offering early morning breakfast, snacks and a variety of lunch items.

Visitors should wear shoes, hats and clothing appropriate for a nature hike over rough terrain.

Wildflower Preserve is located on the Cape Haze peninsula, at the southeast corner of the Gasparilla Pines Boulevard and Placida Road (Hwy 775) intersection. The parking lot address is 3120 Gasparilla Pines Boulevard, Englewood, FL 34224. For questions or additional information, call 941-830-8922.



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- Nature trails open for self-guided walks. (Trail maps available at Lemon Bay Conservancy booth.)
- Butterfly Habitat open for self-guided visits.
- Golf cart tours for visitors who may have trouble walking the trails can be scheduled at the Lemon Bay Conservancy (LBC) booth.
- Food available from "J & K's Mobile Cafe".

<u>Scheduled Activities:</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Leader</u>
8:00 "Early Bird" Birding Walk	1.0 hr	Susy d'Hont / Nancy Clayton
8:30 Exhibits Open		
Coastal Wildlife Club		Greater Charlotte Harbor Sierra Club
Venice Audubon		Mangrove Chapter Florida Native Plant Society
Family Garden Club of Englewood		Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center/Cedar Point
Peace River Audubon		Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program
Lemon Bay Conservancy		Florida Fish & Wildlife Charlotte Harbor Field Lab
8:30 Nature Walk: Introduction to Wildflower Habitats	1.0 hr	Charlie Woodruff
8:30 Talk: "Wildflower Preserve Restoration" Update	20 min.	Eva Furner
9:00 Nature Walk: A Visit to Lemon Creek	1.0 hr	Dave Clayton/ Fl. Fish & Wildlife
9:30 Talk: "Sea Turtles on Local Beaches"	20 min.	Carol Leonard
10:00 Nature Walk: Ecology of Wildflower	1.0 hr	Charlie Woodruff
10:30 Talk: "Butterfly Gardening"	20 min.	Rachel Nellis
11:00 Specialty Walk: Butterflies and Butterfly Gardening	1.0 hr	Maura Qualls
General Walk: Ecology of Wildflower	1.0 hr	Susy d'Hont
11:30 Talk: "Wildflower Preserve Restoration" Update	20 min.	Eva Furner
Noon Nature Walk: Restoration in Progress	1.0 hr	Dave Clayton
12:30 Talk: " Birdwatching in our Area"	15 min.	Bill Fairbank
1:00 Nature Walk: Introduction to Wildflower Habitats	1.0 hr	Charlie Woodruff
1:30 Exhibits Close		

Note: Schedule is subject to change.