



Open House: Nature Walks, Talks, and Displays

Saturday – February 11, 2023
8:00 am – 1:30 pm

Lemon Bay Conservancy invites you to join us for a free, public "Open House" at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve on Saturday, February 11th. The Preserve is an 80-acre former golf course that has been restored as a nature preserve. Come explore the preserve with our nature guides, visit displays by local environmental groups, enjoy hands-on environmental activities, and participate in our labyrinth dedication. All are welcome!

Guided Trail Walks with our knowledgeable guides will leave at various times 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 in the Preserve, Ecology of Wildflower, Gardening for Butterflies, Introduction to Preserve Habitats**, and a **Juvenile Tarpon Area Walk**. Visit the link shown below to view or print the scheduled walk start times.

Environmental Talks & Activities: Short presentation topics will include: a **Preserve Restoration Update, Birdwatching in Our Area** and **Sea Turtles on Gasparilla Island**. Hands-on activities will include a **Freshwater Exploration** and **Oyster Garden Stringing**.

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 *Coastal Wildlife Club*, the *Mangrove Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society*, the *Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center*, *Peace River Audubon*, the *Sierra Club*, the *Boca Grande Sea Turtle Association*, the *Venice Audubon Society*, the *Peace River Butterfly Society* and the *Labyrinth Society*.

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: The nature trails, the butterfly habitat, the bird observation area, and the labyrinth will be open throughout the day for guests to visit and enjoy.

Visitors should wear shoes, hats and clothing appropriate for a nature hike over rough terrain. To protect our wildlife and habitats, pets and bikes are not permitted on the trails.

Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve is located at 3120 Gasparilla Pines Boulevard, Englewood, FL 34224. For questions or additional information, call 941-830-8922.

To view or print the Open House flyer or a detailed Schedule of Activities, visit:

LemonBayConservancy.org/2023OpenHouse



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- Nature trails open for self-guided walks. (Trail maps available at Lemon Bay Conservancy booth.)
- Butterfly Habitat, Bird Observation Area, and Labyrinth 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.

<u>Scheduled Activities:</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Leader</u>
8:00 "Early Bird" Birding Walk	1.0 hr	Mike Weisensee
8:30 Exhibits Open		
Coastal Wildlife Club		Greater Charlotte Harbor Sierra Club
Venice Audubon		Mangrove Chapter Florida Native Plant Society
Peace River Audubon		Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center
Peace River Butterfly Society		Boca Grande Sea Turtle Association
Labyrinth Society		Lemon Bay Conservancy
9:00 Nature Walk: Ecology of Wildflower	1.0 hr	Charlie Woodruff
9:30 Talk: "Preserve Restoration Update & Plans"	20 min.	Eva Furner
10:00 Nature Walk: Florida Butterflies in the Preserve	1.0 hr	Ann Risberg
Nature Activity: Oyster Garden Stringing	1.0 hr	Jane Collingwood
10:30 Nature Activity: Freshwater Exploration	30 min.	Bob Cooper
Special Event: Labyrinth Dedication	20 min.	Tonya Bramlage / Lary Stuhlmiller
11:00 Specialty Walk: Labyrinth Walks	1.0 hr	Anne Bonney
Nature Walk: Gardening for Butterflies	1.0 hr	Maura Qualls / Anne Weaver
11:30 Talk: "Birdwatching in Our Area"	20 min.	Bill Fairbanks
Noon Nature Walk: Introduction to Wildflower Habitats	1.0 hr	Susy d'Hont
12:30 Talk: " Sea Turtles on Gasparilla Island"	20 min.	Denise Jeurgens / Steve Bramlage
1:00 Nature Walk: Juvenile Tarpon Area Walk	1.0 hr	Steve Bramlage / Tonya Bramlage
1:30 Exhibits Close		

Note: Schedule is subject to change.