



Exploration Day: Nature Walks, Talks, Exhibits, Refreshments

Saturday – February 8, 2025
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Lemon Bay Conservancy invites you to join us for a free, public "Exploration Day" at Lemon Creek Wildflower Preserve on Saturday, February 8th. 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, and enjoy hands-on environmental activities. All are welcome!

Guided Trail Walks with our knowledgeable guides leave at various times throughout the day

- 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 **Preserve Habitats, Choosing Plants for Restoration, Florida Butterflies at the Preserve, The Preserve Ecosystem, Introduction to Wildflower Preserve**

Visit the link shown below to view or print the scheduled walk start times.

Environmental Talks & Activities: Short presentation topics will include: **UF/IFAS Seagrass, Keep Charlotte Beautiful, Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, DEP Water Quality, Juvenile Tarpon Research, Mangrove Chapter Florida Native Plant Society.**

Activities: Gardening for Butterflies, Oyster Chain Gardens, Point of Interest Videos

Information Displays will be available from 8:30 am until 12:30 pm for visitors to learn more about **environmental and gardening organizations** in our area. Expected participants include: UF/IFAS Seagrass, DEP Water Quality, Wildlife Center of Venice, Mangrove Chapter Florida Native Plant Society, Keep Charlotte Beautiful, Peace River Wildlife Center, Englewood Orchid Society, Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center, LBC Baywatch Committee.

Special Golf Cart Tours will be offered leaving every half beginning at 08:45 for visitors who may have difficulty walking the trails. To sign-up for a tour time, visit the parking lot kiosk.

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/2025OpenHouse