



# Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge Open House

## Saturday, March 21st, 2015



**8:00am – 1:00pm** (Gates open at 7:45am)

**Roger Roth Work Center**

13233 SR 29 South, Immokalee, FL 34142

**Free Lunch and Activities Provided**

Some Activities Require Reservations. Activities which require reservations are noted in **\*red** font.

Online Reservations for **\*red** activities begin on **March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9am.**

**WEBSITE FOR RESERVATIONS:** <http://floridapanther.eventbrite.com>

### SWAMP BUGGY RIDES (No Reservations Required)

15 minute swamp buggy rides will be available continuously throughout the day on a first come, first serve basis for all who are interested. Space and buggies are limited. One ride per attendee.

### **WALKING TOURS (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)**

**\*\*\*ONE RESERVED WALKING TOUR PER PERSON\*\*\***

**\*GUIDED BIRD WALK 7:30am – 10:00am** Spring migration is a great time to see birds! Take part in this guided birding tour on the Refuge Public Trails. (2.5hr)

**\*RESEARCH ON THE REFUGE 8:00-9:00am** Learn about ongoing research projects on the Refuge from a wildlife biologist. (1hr)

**\*FIRE IN THE LANDSCAPE 9:00-9:45am, 12:00-12:45pm** Learn about the importance of fire for maintaining wildlife habitat and explore an area of the refuge one year after a controlled burn. (45m)

**\*SWAMP WALK ORCHID TOUR 8:15-9:30am, 9:00-10:15am, 10:00-11:15am, 10:45-12:00pm** Tours take visitors through a beautiful swamp (up to 3' of water), so put on your messy gear and come check out the special and rare orchids that call the refuge home! (1hr15m)

**\*NATIVE PLANT WALK 9:30-10:30am, 11:30am-12:30pm** Walk with an accomplished botanist as he points out individual plant identifications and discusses forest communities and their relationship to wildlife communities. (1hr)

**\*WALK WITH A PANTHER BIOLOGIST 9:00-10:00am, 11:00-12:00pm** Learn about Florida panther monitoring and management from a panther biologist. (1hr)

### **ARCHERY & GUIDED HAY RIDES (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED)**

**\*ARCHERY LESSON (Ideal for Ages 10 & Up) 10:00-10:30am, 11:00-11:30am** Learn proper archery techniques from instructors and practice your new skills on an archery target (30m).

**\*GUIDED HAY RIDES 8:30-10:00am, 10:00am-11:30am** Enjoy a (1.5 hr) guided hayride and learn about habitat management on the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.

**OUTDOOR PRESENTATIONS 9:55-10:35, 11:00-11:40** Outdoor presentations about Florida panther recovery by wildlife biologists. (Approx. 40 min)

**FACEPAINTING, OUTREACH VENDORS, AND KID'S ACTIVITIES** Available throughout the day! Free lunch provided by the Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge.



**DIRECTIONS** (From Naples): I-75 East toward Miami. Take Exit 80 (State Road 29) and turn left (north). The **Roger Roth Work Center** is ½ mile north of I-75 on SR29 after the refuge trailhead.

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