

# Information Bulletin

## *A.R.M. Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge*

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### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service cancels 2021 Everglades Day Due to Continuing COVID-19 Pandemic

**Boynton Beach, FL.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced today that the 2021 Everglades Day Festival scheduled for February 6, 2021 has been cancelled.

“The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in partnership with the Friends of the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge, must prioritize the health and safety of Festival visitors, exhibitors, presenters, volunteers, and staff above all else,” said Rolf Olson, Project Leader. “As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect us, it became clear that it would be impossible to host the event in a manner consistent with health and safety guidelines.”

This marks the first time in 21-year history of the event that Everglades Day has not been held. We will be using the time until the 2022 event, scheduled for Saturday, February 12, 2022, to take a fresh look at what Everglades Day can become in the future.

The refuge is located off U.S. 441/SR 7, two miles south of SR 804 (Boynton Beach Blvd.) and three miles north of SR 806 (Delray Beach’s Atlantic Avenue). The Headquarters Area (including the A, B, and C Impoundments), outdoor facilities, grounds, boat ramp, and trails are open daily from 5 am to 10 pm. Night use is strictly prohibited. The remainder of the refuge is open 24 hours. An entrance fee of \$10.00 per vehicle is charged. A variety of annual passes, including a \$25.00 refuge specific annual pass, are available. Due to COVID-19 the visitor center remains closed. Please visit the refuge website at [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/arm\\_loxahatchee](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/arm_loxahatchee) or call the Administration Office at (561) 732-3684 for further information.

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The Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge was established under a License Agreement with the South Florida Water Management District in 1951 as an inviolate sanctuary for migratory birds. The vision of the refuge is to serve as an outstanding showcase for ecosystem management that restores, protects, and enhances a portion of the unique north Everglades biological community. This public asset provides for the enjoyment and enhanced quality of life for present and future generations. To learn more about the refuge visit: [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/arm\\_loxahatchee/](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/arm_loxahatchee/). Connect with our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ARMLoxahatcheeNWR/>

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