

News Release

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Extension of Comment Period for A.R.M. Loxahatchee NWR Draft Visitor Services Plan Comment Deadline November 8, 2018

In response to numerous requests from the public, the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) has decided to extend the comment deadline to November 8, 2018 for public review of the Draft Visitor Services Plan and Environmental Assessment (Draft VSP/EA). The Draft VSP/EA outlines goals, objectives, and strategies for implementing and managing existing, new, and expanded wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities to meet the purpose of the refuge and the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System as a whole. Interested parties can submit written comments by email to armloxvsp@fws.gov or by mail to Natural Resources Planner, P.O. Box 924, Freeport, FL 32439.

A copy of the VSP may be obtained:

- Online by visiting: https://www.fws.gov/refuge/arm_loxahatchee.
- In person at the front desk of the Loxahatchee Visitor Center located at 10216 Lee Road, Boynton Beach, FL 33473.
- At the Main Library (West Palm Beach), Hagen Ranch, Wellington, West Boynton, or West Boca Branch of the Palm Beach County Library System.

If you have any questions concerning the Draft VSP, please contact Laura Housh, Natural Resource Planner, at 912/816-8113. For general inquiries, please contact the Refuge at: 561/732-3684

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/

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