

# News Release

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

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### **Public Review and Comment Requested for A.R.M. Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Draft Visitor Services Plan and Environmental Assessment**

**DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS: OCTOBER 9, 2018**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that the Draft Visitor Services Plan (VSP) and Environmental Assessment (EA) will be available for the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) on September 10, 2018 for a 30-day comment period ending October 9, 2018. The VSP 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.

A copy of the VSP may be obtained:

- Online by visiting: [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/arm\\_loxahatchee](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.

A public meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2018 at the Wellington Community High School Theater, 2101 Greenview Shores Boulevard, Wellington, FL 33414 from 5:30PM to 8:30PM with a presentation starting at 6:00PM. Verbal and written comments will be taken.

#### **How to submit comments?**

- Email comments to us at: [armloxvsp@fws.gov](mailto:armloxvsp@fws.gov).
- Mail your comments to Draft VSP, P.O. Box 924, Freeport, FL 32429.
- At public meeting.

#### **Questions?**

- 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 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to this meeting for all participants. Please direct all requests for sign language interpreting services, close captioning, or other accommodation needs to Ms. Laura Housh at 912/816-8113 or [laura\\_housh@fws.gov](mailto:laura_housh@fws.gov) by close of business September 14, 2018.

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/)

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