

News Release

Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge

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Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge Entrance Fees to Change Beginning October 1, 2019

Boynton Beach, FL: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that on October 1, 2019, the Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) will implement changes to the Refuge's recreational fee structure. The Refuge daily pass price will increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00. The Refuge annual pass, valid for one year from the date of purchase, will increase in price from \$12.00 to \$25.00. The \$1.00 daily entrance fee for bicyclists and pedestrians will be eliminated.

Refuge entrance fees have not changed in over 20 years despite increasing costs and the expansion in recreational opportunities. The Refuge currently retains nearly 100% of fees collected, which are used for recreation program improvements including educational programming, road and parking lot maintenance, brochures, passes and envelopes, trail improvements, interpretive signage and maintenance of visitor facilities.

Refuge passes may be purchased at the Refuge visitor center from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm daily. Daily passes may also be purchased from self-serve kiosks at various locations around the Refuge. For more information contact the visitor center at 561-734-8303. The Refuge is located off U.S. 441/SR 7, 2.5 miles south of SR 804 (Boynton Beach Blvd.) and three miles north of SR 806 (Delray Beach's Atlantic Avenue).

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/ Connect with our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ARMLoxahatcheeNWR/>

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