



# Broward Sierra News



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## Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary Hike, December 7, 2019

- Max Goldstein, Treasurer



For our last outing of the year, we had a fantastic walk through the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary. The naturalists Dick and Sharon Stilwell truly showed their passion and love for Corkscrew Swamp as they led us through the trail. We learned so much from them. Our take home was why preserving this beautiful place is so important! Many of us visited the gift shop afterwards and definitely made an impact! More pictures at:

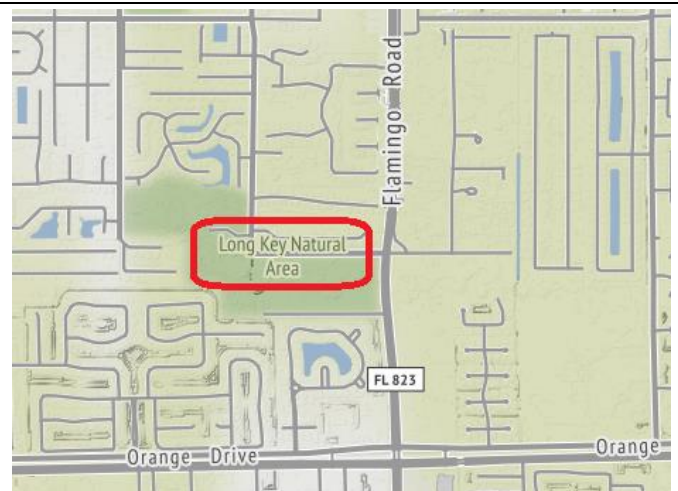
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### January 2020 meeting

We will not be having our usual monthly meeting in January at Fern Forest. Instead, we will be having our annual Sierra Club/Broward Audubon Society joint meeting on Thursday January 16, 2020 at Long Key Nature Center 3501 SW 130 Avenue, Davie, FL. Meeting starts at 6:00 PM.






### Happy New Year!

From all of us at the Broward Sierra Club Executive Committee, we wish you all a happy, safe, and environmentally-friendly new year!



# LOCAL SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS AND EVENTS

To preserve a place, you must believe in it. To believe in it, you must see it.

	<p><b>Fern Forest Beautification Days. 12/29/2019, 1/26/2020, 2/9/2020</b></p> <p>You know we have our monthly meetings at Fern Forest? Well, it's time to do something for them. During the cooler months, we would love for you to join us for our Fern Forest Beautification Days, helping them get rid of invasive plants and in general keep the place looking good for visitors. Please join us from 9:00 AM to noon and bring water and wear long pants and shoes that can get wet/muddy. The park will supply gloves but you may prefer to bring your own. Cost: Free. Rated: Moderate. No pre-registration is required, but let us know if you're coming by signing up at our Meet-up Page:</p> <p>12/29/19: <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/266266698/">https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/266266698/</a></p> <p>1/26/20: <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267118604/">https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267118604/</a></p> <p>2/9/20: <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267118638/">https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267118638/</a></p>
	<p><b>Everglades 101: January 4. 9:30 AM</b></p> <p>Meet at the Earnest Coe Visitor Center, 40001 State Highway 9336, Homestead, FL 33034. We will walk the Anhinga and Gumbo Limbo trails and picnic in the pinelands. Rating: easy to moderate. Suggested Donation: \$10. Kaatje Bernabei, <a href="mailto:kaatjebnabei@bellsouth.net">kaatjebnabei@bellsouth.net</a>, 305-298-0277</p>
	<p><b>Canoe/kayak Blue Cypress Lake west of Vero Beach</b> <b>Saturday, January 18, 10 AM</b></p> <p>Blue Cypress Lake is known for birding and spectacular cypress trees along the shoreline. See <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7N8UC0nVDIg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7N8UC0nVDIg</a> and <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5razAfDVvo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5razAfDVvo</a>. Sorry, no rentals available. Suggested donation: \$3 members, \$5 non-members. Moderate. Limit 10. Ron Haines, 561-315-0528, <a href="mailto:RonaldHaines@bellsouth.net">RonaldHaines@bellsouth.net</a></p>
	<p><b>Big Cypress Hike on the Florida Trail</b> <b>Saturday, January 18, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM</b></p> <p>Meet at the Oasis Visitor Center, 52105 Tamiami Trail E, Ochopee, for a three to four mile round trip hike to Robert Strand. Moderate to Strenuous. Suggested donation: \$10. Kaatje Bernabei, <a href="mailto:kaatjebnabei@bellsouth.net">kaatjebnabei@bellsouth.net</a>, 305-298-0277.</p>
	<p><b>Nature Walk at Wakodahatchee and hike at Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge</b> <b>February 22, 2020</b></p> <p>Palm Beach County offers us two opportunities, within 13 miles of each other, to learn the great diversity of wildlife that constructed wetlands and a bald cypress swamp support. We'll explore the 50 acre Wakodahatchee Wetlands by boardwalk in West Delray Beach. Then we will drive to the Loxahatchee Refuge in Boynton Beach where we will travel the Cypress Swamp Boardwalk, a 0.4-mile trail that loops through towering cypress trees, pond apple trees, ferns and other flora of the swamp, behind the Loxahatchee visitor's center. We will also take a short hike on a trail in the refuge. Each location provides accessible boardwalks, where we may see endangered Wood Storks, a Snail Kite, or any of 270 other species of birds in the refuge. While walking the trails, we will look for common tracks which include those of bobcats, otters, alligators, raccoons, armadillos and birds. We expect the trip to both parks and lunch to run from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 3:30 p.m. We ask that you bring your own lunch, which we'll break for, between traveling to our 2nd location. Rated: Easy. Participant limit is 20 people.</p> <p><a href="https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267136521/">https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/267136521/</a></p> <p>Suggested donation: \$12 members, \$15 non-members. Reserve your spot by contacting the Leader: Adriene Barmann, <a href="mailto:adrienesierraleader@gmail.com">adrienesierraleader@gmail.com</a> or 954-328-9447</p>