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Upcoming events

- Max Goldstein, Treasurer

Instead of showing the usual pictures of our annual picnic (which went very well, thanks to all who attended and the volunteers who helped out), I'd like to announce some big upcoming events you can put on your calendar now.

1. Our next camping trip at Fisheating Creek, see page 2.
2. **December 5:** Our Annual Holiday party at Fern Forest. Suggested donation is \$5.00 if you bring a dish and \$10.00 without a dish. We will be raffling off prizes as well. At our meetings, we usually have little time for mingling before we have to clear the room by 9:00, but this evening will be all about socializing and discussing the environmental issues of the past year (the Trump administration rolling back emission standards, the Endangered Species Act, clean water protections; you know, unimportant stuff) and what we can look forward to (probably more of the same).
3. **December 29:** The King Mango Strut Parade (<http://www.kingmangostrut.org/>). This is an annual parade held on the last Sunday of the year in Coconut Grove. It satirizes government, politics, and local/national/global issues.
4. **February 29:** Sierra Club Earth Day. Yes, we know Earth Day is April 22 next year, but we want to get a jump on things (when we're not in the rainy season). It will be a huge event at Anne Kolb Nature Center where we'll have information booths, free boat rides, informative presentations, and giveaways.

We'll be adding all this to our Meet-up page: <https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/>
Please visit this page to see all our upcoming events.



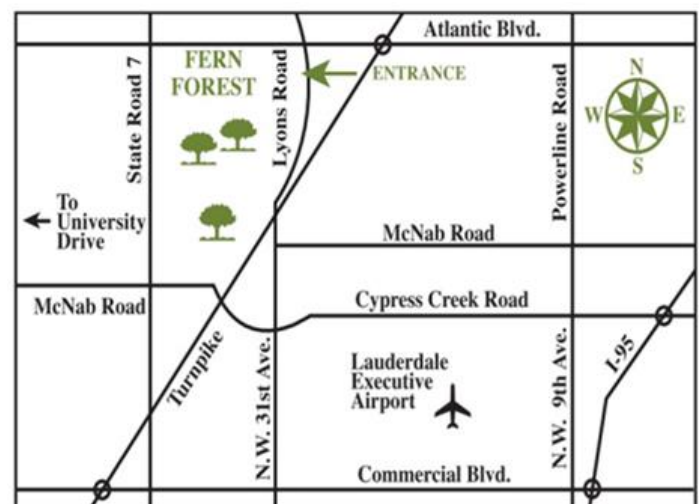
Broward Sierra Club's General Meetings - The first Thursday of each month we have committee reports and an educational program on conservation or environmental issues.

DIRECTIONS: Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lyons Road South, in Coconut Creek is just south of Atlantic Blvd. on the west side of the street. (From the south, NW 31 Ave. becomes NW 46 Ave., and then Lyons Rd. as you pass under the turnpike.) Committee reports begin at 7:30, and the program follows. The meeting is open to the public at no charge.

Broward Sierra Club's next General Meeting will be on October 3, 2019.

Rose Bechard-Butman of Broward Naturescape speaking about their Connectivity Grant which improves the tree canopy, connects habitats and enhances the east coast flyway here in Broward County, and the Broward Sierra's contribution to it. Food and drink will be served.

<https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/265117224/>



LOCAL SIERRA CLUB OUTINGS AND EVENTS

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



October 18 - 20: Camping at Fisheating Creek State Park.

Fisheating Creek Campground, 7555 US Highway 27 North, Palmdale, FL 33944.

The campground is located near US Highway 27 in Palmdale near Lake Okeechobee. This legendary river is near the campground and shows the beauty of wild Florida: An ancient cypress tree forest with a multitude of cypress knees protruding from the waterway, trees full of Spanish moss, and air plants surround the river and campground. A variety of birds and gators lounge around the waterway.

Start time: 1:00 PM Friday, October 18th, 2019 ending Sunday, October 20th at 3:00 PM.

Fisheating Creek Campground, 7555 US Highway 27 North, Palmdale, FL 33944.

Note: The boat trip is dependent upon adequate water level. Click [here](#) for details. The gauge height needs to be at least 2 feet for the creek to be navigable.

Cost:

- \$55/person (members).
- \$65/person (non-members) if you have two people in your boat.
- If you are renting a single kayak, the cost is \$65/person (members) and \$75/person (non-members).
- If you are bringing your own kayak, the cost is \$45/members, and \$50/non-members.
- There is a \$30 charge for those not paddling.

The costs include the campsite (both Friday and Saturday nights), 3 meals (Saturday lunch, Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast) and canoe/kayak rental, if applicable.

Itinerary: The weekend activities will include primitive tent camping (near your car), group meals and discussions around the campfire, Saturday a 6 mile canoe/kayak outing, Sunday hike at Fort Center at the Fisheating Creek wildlife management area. Once you sign up, details of the trip will be emailed to you.

Trip rating: Moderate. Primitive camping. Bathrooms are located at the campground. First time campers are welcome.

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Important: You must sign up on Meet-up and send one of us an email in order to attend this event!! <https://www.meetup.com/Broward-County-Sierra-Club-Group/events/264703695/>