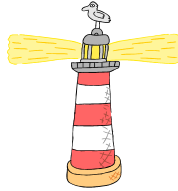


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DATE & MEETING 2005-06 CHANGES

The meetings will be held on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. The first meeting will be September 21, 2005.



The Palm Room at the Charlotte County Cultural Center located at 2280 Aaron Street, Port Charlotte FL will be the 2005-06 meeting place.

The first **Saturday AFTER** the monthly meeting is designated as Field Trip Saturday. Field Trip participants will meet at the following locations:

For trips designated as **NORTH**:

The parking lot near **McDonalds** at Peachland Mall

For trips designated as **SOUTH**:

The parking lot of **Sweetbay** at US 41 south of **Burnt Store** Road intersection

For trips designated as **EAST**:

The parking lot of **Winn-Dixi** - Hwy 17 east of **PG**

For trips designated as **WEST**:

The parking lot of the **Charlotte Stadium** on 776

RESCHEDULED POT-LUCK PICNIC

The Pot-Luck Picnic has been rescheduled to October 1, 2005, at CHEC (Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center)—mainly to have it during a cooler period and nearer to the end of hurricane season.

FIRST ACTIVITY OF 2005-06 YEAR

The first activity (besides the meeting mentioned above) is Walk-about at Audubon Pennington Park on Tuesday, September 6, 2005.

CURRENT AUDUBON PENNINGTON PARK INFO

Pennington Park (the 8 acre-nature park PRAS leases from the County) was hit hard by Hurricane Charley...our September 6 trip to the Park will be to see how well Mother Nature repairs and replaces what was lost on August 13, 2004.

Although almost all the big trees were affected—many are sprouting from their current positions and/or providing shelter in a different way. Most trails have been rerouted where trees fell.

The parking lot has been redone by the County, however, there are no trees to provide shade as before; so Larry Linn is working with the County to replace some of the trees.

The birds, and specifically the owl, have returned to the park.

Please join us on this trip on September 6.

Also remember that Larry and others meet at 8 am on Wednesday mornings to clear trails. The park is on Alton Road in Port Charlotte, between Midway and Peachland, about a mile or so west of King's Highway.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2005-06 SCHEDULE

The **first Tuesday** of the month is scheduled for a traditional local PRAS 'walk-about'. Meet as noted at **7:00 a.m.** unless otherwise noted.

*A walk-about noted with an asterisk is an event that is a joint venture with the Charlotte County Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department; and, a naturalist with the Parks Department will be a co-leader. **The walks begin at 8:00 a.m. at the park entrance.**



**PEACE RIVER AUDUBON SOCIETY
2005-2006 CALENDAR**

(This is a tentative schedule—dates and events may change)

SEPTEMBER, 2005

Tuesday, September 6th – Walk-about
Pennington Park
North

Wednesday, September 21st – Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Cultural Center, Palm Room
James Beall – Peace River Experiences

Saturday, September 24th – Field Trip
DeSoto Park – Fall Migration
north

OCTOBER, 2005

Saturday, October 1—Pot-Luck Picnic at CHEC

Tuesday, October 4th – Walk-about
Laurel Landfill/Celery Fields
NORTH (Youso & Mac Dougall)

Wednesday, October 19th – Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Cultural Center, Palm Room
John Reynolds –Wild plants for food and medicine

Saturday, October 22 – Field Trip
John Reynolds Preserve
north

Wednesday, October 26th – Coffee
National Estuary Days Program
Location
Time
Speaker

NOVEMBER, 2005

Tuesday, November 1st – Walk-about
*Ollies Pond
Naturalist-Charlotte County Parks
Location

Saturday, November 12th
Phosphate Mine – Field Trip

Wednesday, November 16th – Meeting
7:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.
Cultural Center – Palm Room
Bill Byle – Phosphate Mining Overview

Saturday, November 19th – Field Trip
Omni Waste Landfill – new site
Field trip and Barbeque lunch South

DECEMBER, 2005

Tuesday, December 6th – Walk-about
*Tippecanoe Park 8:00 a.m.
Naturalist – Charlotte County Parks
WEST (Dave Smith)

Wednesday, December 21st – Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Cultural Center, Palm Room
Holiday Party
Jeff Bouton, Speaker

Saturday, December 17th – Field Trip
Christmas Bird Count
Tony Licata

JANUARY, 2006

Tuesday, January 3rd – Walk-about
*Flatwoods Park
Naturalist – Charlotte County Parks
Location

Wednesday, January 18th – Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Cultural Center, Palm Room
Christmas Bird Count Presentation
Members ‘Summer Sightings’

Saturday, January 21st – Field Trip
Sanibel/Bunche Beach
South

NATURE FESTIVAL – Charlotte Sports Stadium

FEBRUARY, 2006

Tuesday, February 7th – Walk-about
*Amberjack Park
Naturalist – Charlotte County Parks
WEST (Dave Smith)

Wednesday, February 15th – Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Cultural Center, Palm Room
Dave Mathewson – Birds/Art/Eco-tourism

Saturday, February 18th – Field Trip
Corkscrew Swamp – Swamp Buggy Tours
Note: Only 19 people for swamp buggy tours
south

BANQUET AND SILENT AUCTION Tbd – Operation Migration (?)

PRAS 2005-06 CALENDAR (CONTD)

MARCH, 2006

Tuesday, March 7th – Walk-about
Webb
South

Wednesday, March 15th – Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Cultural Center, Palm Room
Betty Godacre – Estero Bay Foundation

Saturday, March 18th – Field Trip
DeSoto Park – Spring Migration

Sunday, March 26th
Charlotte Harbor 100/Birdaton

APRIL, 2006

Tuesday, April 4th – Walk-about
Peace River Water Plant
North

Saturday, April 15 – Field Trip
CREW Land Trust – Naples
South

Wednesday, April 19th – Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Cultural Center, Palm Room
Charlotte County Parks Department – birding

Saturday, 22nd – Boat trip
CHEC boat to Peace River Rookery
Potluck Picnic
North

MAY, 2006

Tuesday, May 2nd – Walk-about

Yucca Pens - trails
South

Wednesday, May 17th – Meeting
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Cultural Center, Palm Room
Elections

Saturday, May 20th – Field Trip
Longiono Ranch
Location

JUNE, 2006

Fisherman's Village Wildlife Festival tbd

WHAT YOUR BOARD'S BEEN DOING...

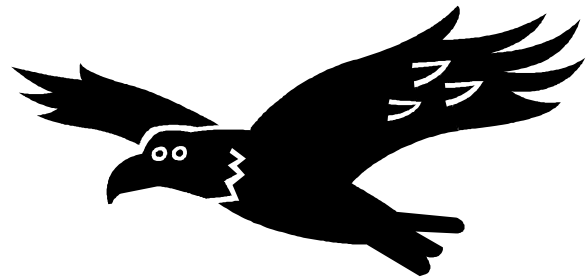
- Several Planning Sessions have been held to prepare for meetings, field trips, etc.;
- Assignment of committee chairpersons;
- Coordinating with Parks and Recreation Department as well as the Visitor's Bureau;
- Development of public flyers and schedules of activities;
- Website page planning.

LAND FILL AND BIRDING.....

Recently, Paul Holmes has been talking to the President of the Omni Waste Landfill Company. The Company is opening a new landfill in South East Charlotte County.

Through Paul, the Peace River Audubon Society and Omni Waste Landfill Company have agreed to work together to make the new dump both Bird and Birder friendly. The plan is to join Omni's President to walk the 1,300 acres of the site, in order to exchange ideas as to what Omni might do to make it as good as the Laurel landfill.

There will be a field trip of the Omni Waste Landfill site on Saturday, November 19. A barbeque lunch will follow the tour of the Landfill.



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Please direct all membership changes, etc. to Chairman Betty Talburt at 766-0354.

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