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Popular GPS Sport Finds Way to SFWMD Public Lands

DuPuis Management Area at the Martin/Palm Beach county line hosts Geocache Blast



(Click on the picture for a larger version.)

WHAT:

Come out and join the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) for a Geocaching treasure hunt. Geocaching is a high-tech game of hide and seek that is gaining popularity as a recreational sport across the globe. A community of geocachers hides caches of entertaining, rewarding or valuable information and items to be found by others using Global Positioning Systems (GPS). The seekers must leave something of equal or greater value in the registered caches.

At DuPuis, participants can search the property for one-day hidden caches filled with free give-a-ways. Go to the visitor center to get cache coordinates and caching tips. Please bring your own GPS to participate.

DuPuis is a 22,000-acre natural area open to public recreation throughout the year. The area was part of the historic Everglades and features an

ecologically diverse and significant vegetative community.

The District is steadily increasing recreational access to public lands while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. At present, the District owns 621,000 acres of land that are open to the public. Many of these properties are in their natural state or have enhancements such as picnic tables, informational kiosks, campsites and hiking trails. For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the District's 16-county region, visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

WHEN: Saturday, February 26, 2011

TIME: 11 a.m.

WHERE: DuPuis Management Area

23500 S.W. Kanner Highway

Canal Point, FL 33438

The Visitor Center entrance is located at Gate 5 on State Road 76 in Martin

County, two miles east of Port Mayaca or seven miles west of the

intersection with State Road 710.

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.