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Public Conservation Lands Scare Up a Spooky Halloween Night
DuPuis Management Area at the Martin/Palm Beach county line offers creepy critters, haunted hayrides and not-too-frightening family fun



WHAT: Visit the DuPuis Management Area for ghostly family fun under the stars and in the wild at the annual Haunted Halloween Celebration – if you dare. The popular event features:

- Fun kids games and crafts
- Trick-Or-Treat Trail
- Hair-raising haunted house for ages 10 and older
- All-ages howling hayride through the woods
- Creepy critters from the Treasure Coast Wildlife Center such as bats, owls, snakes and spiders

Refreshments will be for sale. A \$10 fee per vehicle will go to support the Florida Center for Environmental Studies at DuPuis and the Indiantown Education Coalition.

The DuPuis Management Area 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.

Throughout South Florida, the District provides recreational access to its public lands while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. At present, the District owns approximately 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, primitive campsites and hiking trails.

For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the District's 16-county region, visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies is also sponsoring the event. For more information, contact Kim Kanter at 561-924-5310, ext. 3339, or kkanter@sfwmd.gov.

WHEN: Saturday, October 25, 2014

TIME: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WHERE: DuPuis Management Area
23500 S.W. Kanner Highway
Canal Point, FL 33438

The visitors' center entrance is located 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.