



SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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# MEDIA ADVISORY

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**Stars Illuminate Conservation Lands for Astronomy Nights at DuPuis**  
*DuPuis Management Area at the Martin/Palm Beach county line hosts stargazing events*



**WHAT:** Not far from the bright lights of urban South Florida, the expansive DuPuis Management Area in western Martin and Palm Beach counties is an ideal spot for exploring the night sky.

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is partnering with Florida Atlantic University's Center for Environmental Studies (CES) to host another season of galactic tours of the winter constellations. The Treasure Coast Astronomical Society will be your guide to the sky.

Telescopes will be set up for observations at the free events. Visitors also may bring their own telescopes.

The DuPuis Management Area is a 22,000-acre natural area that was part of the historic Everglades and features an ecologically diverse and significant vegetative community.

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 27, 2016 – Celestial Wonders: Stars, nebulae, planets and neighboring galaxies.

**TIME:** 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.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. Call 800-432-2045 X3339 or email [kkanter@sfwmd.gov](mailto:kkanter@sfwmd.gov) for more information.

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*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional governmental agency that manages the water resources in the southern part of the state. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts.*

*Our mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving flood control, water supply, water quality and natural systems.*