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Land Management to take 8 participants on 'A Walk in the Park (in the Woods)' March 6

February 29, 2024 – Flagler County Land Management is hosting the ninth in its limited guided tour series (limited in the number of participants and frequency) called a "A Walk in the Park in the Woods."

This tour begins at 8:30 a.m. sharp on March 6 at Graham Swamp Conservation Area. It is limited to eight (8) registrants, and participants are asked to arrive a little early for the safety briefing, and additional details about the two-hour hike – which is described as "easy," on flat, level terrain with wide, well-maintained trails.

Participants who <u>register</u> (an account must be created) – and sign the two waivers: liability and photo/video release – will meet at 8:30 a.m. the park's east trailhead that is located at 5140 Colbert Lane, Palm Coast. Registration is open through March 5. The walk will be guided by Land Management Specialist Rauney Mitchell.

"The 3000-plus acres of the Graham Swamp Conservation Area are among the last intact areas of Atlantic coastal swamp forest in Florida. On its eastern edge it holds an equally rare local sandhill habitat remnant," Mitchell said. "Our Walk will focus on experiencing the broad variety of plants and animals found in these increasingly rare habitats. Wintering songbirds and early migrants will be of prominence, so bring a pair of binoculars. Also, some unusual plants will take center stage, the first blush of spring wildflowers."

Those who are participating should:

- Expect a two-hour hike that may have some areas of uneven ground
- Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes
- Bring water, sunscreen, and insect repellent
- Bring binoculars
- Dress for weather wear a hat and raincoat if necessary

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