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Land Management to take 8 participants on special Earth Day 'A Walk in the Park in the Woods' April 22

April 15, 2024 – Flagler County Land Management is hosting the 11th in its limited guided tour series called a "A Walk in the Park in the Woods" in celebration of Earth Day, Monday, April 22.

This tour begins at 9 a.m. sharp on April 22 at Princess Place Preserve to view the only active American Bald Eagle nest known to be on Flagler County property. 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 2.5-hour event. The pathway is flat and unobstructed – an easy hike of 1.4 to 1.8 miles roundtrip depending on desired side trips.

Forestry Supervisor Ralph Risch will guide the walk.

"Along the way, we will experience a number of plants, birds, insects, and other cool flora and fauna found on the Princess place property," Risch said. "It will be a nice way to celebrate Earth Day."

Participants who <u>register</u> (an account must be created) – and sign the two waivers: liability and photo/video release – will meet at 9 a.m. at the designated parking area past the covered bridge on the left (2.1 miles from the entrance). Registration is open through April 21.

Those who are participating should:

- Wear long pants and closed-toe shoes
- Bring water that is easy to carry
- Bring sunscreen and insect repellent at personal discretion
- Bring binoculars for viewing eagles and other birds
- Dress for weather wear a hat and raincoat if necessary

Directions (please note that Old Kings Road is closed at U.S. 1)

- Take either Old Kings Road from the south, or the Matanzas Woods Parkway detour at U.S. 1 to Old Kings Road and head north
- At the Princess Place Preserve sign, turn east into the preserve

- Drive east through the open gate and across the covered bridge
- There is a long row of spaces along a wooden fence in an open field
- Park as close to the south end as possible
- Risch will be waiting there

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