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Land Management to take 8 participants on 'A Walk in the Park (in the Woods)' January 17

January 4, 2024 – Flagler County Land Management is hosting the seventh 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 9 a.m. sharp on January 17 at River-to-Sea Preserve and is limited to eight (8) registrants, though 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 the park that is located at 9805 N. Oceanshore Boulevard off State Road A1A in Marineland. Registration is open January 3 through 16.

"We will experience the character of Florida's barrier island scrub/coastal scrub habitat during this hike, as well as the coastal hardwood hammock community found on the estuarine side of the barrier island," said Forestry Supervisor Ralph Risch. "Expect to see and hear many wintering migratory (and resident) birds, so binoculars will be useful for the best look at some cool birds. If we're lucky, we may get to see bottlenose dolphins in the Matanzas River."

Those with questions or concerns should contact Risch at rrisch@flaglercounty.gov, or 386-313-4269.

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 (mosquitoes are reportedly "bad")
- Bring binoculars
- Dress for weather wear a hat and raincoat if necessary

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