

Volunteer Workday



- Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM)
- Park and Recreation Department

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Get INVOLVED!

09/27/2008 **Sat.** **COUNTY LINE SCRUB** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon NE 215 St. & NE 4 Ave. (Grape vine control)

10/04/2008 **Sat.** **CHERNOFF HAMMOCK** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon SW 216 St. & SW 154 Ave.
(Exotic removal, planting)

10/18/2008 **Sat.** **OLETA RIVER - TRACT C** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon 16700 Biscayne Blvd. Meet at East Greynolds
(Cleanup by canoe) "Space limited-RSVP required"

10/24/2008 **Fri.** **GOULDS PINELAND PRESERVE** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon SW 224 St. & SW 120 Ave.
(Cleanup/Nature walk)

11/22/2008 **Sat.** **NIXON SMILEY PINELAND** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon 13200 SW 124 St.
(Native planting and butterfly walk)

12/13/2008 **Sat.** **LUDLAM PINELAND** 🐦
7am - 10am SW 224 St. & SW 120 Ave.
(Birding, cleanup and exotic removal)

01/10/2009 **Sat.** **KENDALL INDIAN HAMMOCKS** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon 11345 SW 79 St. (Air-potato removal)

01/16/2009 **Fri.** **CAMP MATECUMBE PINELAND** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon 11400 SW 137 Ave. (Exotic removal)

01/24/2009 **Sat.** **SEMINOLE WAYSIDE** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon 29901 US Hwy 1 (Exotic removal and cleanup)

01/31/2009 **Sat.** **DEERING ESTATE - NORTH** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon 16701 SW 72 Ave.
(Coastal cleanup - estate tour)

02/06/2009 **Fri.** **LARRY AND PENNY PINELAND** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon 12451 SW 184 St. (Cleanup and nature hike)

02/07/2009 **Sat.** **HAULOVER BEACH** 🐦
8am - 11am 10800 Collins Ave. Miami Beach
(Exotic removal and dune restoration)

03/07/2009 **Sat.** **FLORIDA CITY PINELAND PRESERVE** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon SW 345 St. & 184 Ave. (Cleanup)

03/14/2009 **Sat.** **KENDALL INDIAN HAMMOCKS** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon 11345 SW 79 St. (Air-potato removal)

03/27/2009 **Fri.** **NED GLENN PINELAND PRESERVE** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon SW 188 St. & 87 Ave. (Nature walk, cleanup)

04/18/2009 **Sat.** **BAYNANZA** (Various sites 305-372-6784)
9am - 12 Noon (Cleanup)

04/25/2009 **Sat.** **KENDALL INDIAN HAMMOCKS** 🐦
9am - 12 Noon 11345 SW 79 St. (Air-potato removal)

🐦 Parks site 🐦 EEL site: Not regularly open to the general public

ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

We need **your** help to restore Natural Areas in Miami-Dade County! You can get involved by joining one of our workdays scheduled from September through April. Together, we will help protect and restore our rare native habitats by removing exotic vegetation, enhancing trails, restoring native vegetation, and conducting clean-up activities. Volunteers are taught to identify various invasive non-native plants while gaining a greater understanding of the local habitats and rare ecosystems unique to South Florida. Now more than ever, the Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program and the Park and Recreation Natural Areas Management Division need your support to restore and maintain our natural areas. With your help we can accomplish this important task! **Come join us!**



Additional background information:

Natural areas are the hammocks, pinelands, scrubby flatwoods, freshwater wetlands, and mangrove forests that once covered all of Miami-Dade County, but now remain only in undeveloped or protected areas. These habitats, and the plants and animals that live there, are all a part of Miami-Dade County's natural heritage, and a resource to be treasured for generations to come. Non-native plants, introduced from around the world, have invaded these unique natural areas. They crowd out native plants, including rare species, seriously disrupting important natural processes such as storm recovery and natural fire cycles. The control of non-native plants is considered one of the most important elements in the management of all natural habitats. Through these workdays, volunteers contribute toward the restoration of these unique plant communities.



Volunteer Workday GUIDELINES

- » Registration starts 15 minutes before workday begins.
- » Be prepared to work outside. Drink plenty of fluids during the day!
- » Closed-toe shoes are required and long sleeve shirts and long pants are highly recommended.
- » A hat, sun block, and insect repellent are also recommended.
- » Listen to the orientation given at the beginning of the workday. Pay attention to instructions and warnings (such as how to avoid poison ivy and poison wood).
- » Please, do not bring small children or pets along on workdays.
- » Do not bring machetes, chain saws, line trimmers, or other motorized equipment.
- » Smoking and littering are not permitted.
- » Inform staff about concerns, unusual findings, strange debris or occurrences.

Natural Areas...
The way nature intended



All participants are required to complete a release form prior to participation. Volunteers under the age of 18 must have the form signed by a parent or guardian. No children under 15 may be left unattended. Please pre-register by calling (305) 257-0933 ext 227 or by email at eel@miamidade.gov. Please visit our website at www.miamidade.gov/derm/endangered_land.asp for further information. Miami-Dade Parks provides quality and diverse recreational experiences for persons with disabilities. Call Miami-Dade Parks Leisure Access at (305) 755-7848 (V/TDD) to request materials in accessible format, a sign language interpreter and for information on access for persons with disabilities.