



Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners  
Environmental Resources Management



# Northeast Everglades Natural Area *Places*



## Blowing Rocks Preserve

Managed by The Nature Conservancy, the [Blowing Rocks Preserve](#) is a magnificent barrier island sanctuary located on Jupiter Island between the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian River Lagoon. The **Hawley Education Center** provides information about the variety of natural habitats in the preserve.



## Busch Wildlife Sanctuary

[Busch Wildlife Sanctuary](#) is managed by the Peter W. Busch Family Foundation. This unique refuge offers visitors a one-of-a-kind opportunity to learn about Florida's wildlife and natural environments. A combined nature center and wildlife hospital with nature trails and boardwalks leading visitors through wildlife habitats exhibiting a variety of native animals from eagles to panthers, crocodiles, foxes, otters, bears, and more.



## Cypress Creek Management Area

The Cypress Creek Management Area is one of the newest additions of conservation lands in NENA. Presently, the area has no public use facilities, but one of the [Cypress Creek Interim Management Plan](#) goals is to provide passive recreational opportunities. This management area lies directly across the County line from Palm Beach County's [Cypress Creek Natural Area](#). The [Historic Jupiter-Indiantown Trail](#) includes public use facilities for hikers, bikers and equestrians.



## DuPuis Management Area

The [DuPuis Management Area](#), managed by the South Florida Water Management District and the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, is a 21,875 acre area of remnant Everglades marsh and pine flatwoods interspersed with numerous ponds, wet prairies and cypress domes. The area provides miles of hiking and horseback trails, an equestrian center, graded vehicle roads, backpack and group campsites and seasonal hunting.



## J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area

The [J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area](#), managed by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, contains over 60,000 acres of natural lands including sawgrass marsh, wet prairies, cypress dunes, pine flatwoods and tropical hammocks. The [Everglades Youth Conservation Camp](#), an on-site youth camp, is managed by [Florida Atlantic University's Pine Jog Environmental Education Center](#).



## Grass Waters Preserve

Historically part of the Florida Everglades system, the [Grassy Waters Preserve](#) functions as the City of West Palm Beach Water Catchment Area. This 20-square-mile preserve includes the **Charles W. Bingham Wilderness Pavilion** and **Everglades Pavilion**, meandering boardwalk trails, hiking, canoeing and offers unique educational and recreational opportunities. For more information on programs and events at the nature center, [click here](#).



## Hobe Sound Nature Center

The [Hobe Sound Nature Center, Inc.](#) is located within the 1,035-acre [Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge](#), 2 miles south of Bridge Road in Martin County. The center offers a variety of environmental education presentations to schools and organizations as well as supplementary activities for the public, including turtle walks, summer camps, evening forums, scrub tours and more.



## John D. MacArthur Beach State Park

A visit to the 325-acre [John D. MacArthur Beach State Park](#) is no ordinary day at the beach. The park offers snorkeling, kayaking, nature walks, the **William T. Kirby Nature Center** and gift shop and daily guided programs. It is located on the north end of Singer Island, bordering the [Lake Worth Lagoon](#).

The [Friends of MacArthur Beach State Park](#) (check out the calendar) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and enhancing the park.



## Jonathan Dickinson State Park

[Jonathan Dickinson State Park](#) includes 11,500 acres of sand pine scrub, pine flatwoods, mangroves, and river swamp. The Loxahatchee River, which was designated a National Wild and Scenic River in 1985 (the first in Florida), runs through the park. This historic site is located in between Hobe Sound and Tequesta.

The [Elsa Kimbell Environmental Education Center](#) has exhibits on wildlife, natural communities, and the history of this unique and beautiful part of Florida.



## John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland WEA

The [John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland Wildlife and Environmental Area](#) is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the [South Florida Water Management District](#). The 12,415-acre area includes some of the highest quality pine flatwoods remaining in south Florida. Here you can camp, hike, or bike along the Historic Jupiter-Indiantown Trail, hunt for deer, hog, and small game, and fish for largemouth bass, bluegill, and warmouth.



## Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum

[Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum](#) offers climbing tours of the landmark 1860 lighthouse, other historic buildings and outdoor exhibits. The waterfront Museum in the restored WWII building exhibits Five Thousand Years on the Loxahatchee. Also available are the museum gift shop, Sweet Shop,

educational programs for children and adults, sunset tours, moonrise tours, weddings & proposals, and special events. The Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is part of the 120 acre federally designated, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse Outstanding Natural Area (JILONA.)



## Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail

Designated as part of the Florida National Scenic Trail in 1993, the [Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail \(LOST\)](#) is a 110-mile trail encircling the lake on top of the 35-foot-high Herbert Hoover Dike. Visitors can enjoy miles of trails for walking, hiking, rollerblading, bicycling and horseback riding. More than half of the trail is paved; the remainder consists of a two-track gravel roadway.



## Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center

[Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center](#) is a not-for-profit education and conservation facility located on the ocean in northern Palm Beach County. The facility houses a variety of exhibits, live sea turtles and other coastal creatures. Exhibits include a giant leatherback sea turtle, salt water aquaria and displays of local wildlife, as well as educational displays about South Florida's marine environment.



## Loxahatchee River Center

The [Loxahatchee River Environmental Center](#) offers a combination of displays, interactive exhibits and live tanks that allow visitors to learn about Florida's first federally-designated Wild and Scenic River. The Center emphasizes the history of the river and its watershed, including modifications to the ecosystem and associated problems, and provides information on programs and projects underway to help restore this unique system.



## Martin County Ecosystem Restoration/Management

The mission of the [Martin County's Ecosystem Restoration and Management Division](#) is to preserve, enhance, and maintain the natural resources of the County's environmentally sensitive lands. The department provides an active volunteer and community outreach program.



## PBC ERM Natural Areas

The Palm Beach County [Department of Environmental Resources Management](#) manages more than 31,000 acres of the County's last wild places. The [natural areas](#) are open for passive recreational activities such as hiking, bird watching, nature study, photography, environmental education, and scientific research. Twelve natural areas have public use facilities including accessible nature and hiking trails, parking areas, bike racks, and informational kiosks.



## Palm Beach Maritime Museum

[Palm Beach Maritime Museum](#) operates the former U.S. Coast Guard Station and President John F. Kennedy's bomb shelter located on the 80-acre [Peanut Island Park](#). One of the premier boating destinations in Southeast Florida, the park includes a fishing pier, campgrounds, boat slips, picnic and snorkeling areas, an observation deck and a boardwalk.



## Riverbend Park, the NENA hub

[Riverbend Park](#), located off Indiantown Road in Jupiter, is considered a jewel in Palm Beach County's park system. Five miles of waterways and 15 miles of access roads and trails have been carved into over 680 acres of diverse marsh and subtropical terrain. Self-guided trails are open for hiking, bicycling, horseback riding, canoeing and kayaking.



## SWA Greenway Trail System

The [Solid Waste Authority](#) provides a solid waste management and recycling system for Palm Beach County residents. A 300-acre conservation area at the north county landfill contains a greenway multi-use trail system and provides habitat for thousands of Florida wading birds and two endangered species, the Snail Kite and the Wood Stork.



## **Karen T. Marcus Sandhill Crane Access Park**

The City of Palm Beach Garden's [Sandhill Crane Access Park](#) is a passive park allowing its visitors to enjoy the quiet, natural beauty of the area. Amenities including a fishing pier, renovated boat ramp, picnic facilities, restrooms, observation deck, interpretive educational displays, and trailer parking. The park is a major component and destination point along the City's PGA Boulevard Parkway system, a State recognized parkway that extends from the Intracoastal Waterway to the Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area.