

DATE and TIME: Friday, November 22 at 7:00am

ACTIVITY: Birding and Wildlife Viewing – Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive

RSVP REQUIRED: Please RSVP to Chris Sturm at rtdandcrs1969@gmail.com

DESCRIPTION: Today we'll be enjoying the beauty of the Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive. This lovely conservation area offers excellent wildlife viewing: we expect to see a multitude of birds, lots of alligators, turtles and possibly otters, raccoons and deer too. Lake Apopka is considered one of the top 3 birding areas in Florida with 362 species of birds having been seen on the property. We'll be driving through the conservation area in our cars, making multiple extended stops. Our trip leader will help us with bird identification and will share interesting info about the birds that we're seeing and a few tips on taking better wildlife photos.

LUNCH: You are welcome to join us for lunch afterwards at the Lake Harris Hideaway.

MEETING PLACE: Meet at the pickleball court parking lot between 7:00 and 7:10am. Departing promptly at 7:10. Carpooling may be available.

WILDLIFE DRIVE ENTRANCE: 2850 Lust Road, Apopka FL 32703

ITEMS TO BRING: Please bring water, snacks, a camera, binoculars, bird guides & checklists, jacket, hat and sunscreen. Please bring a lawn chair if you would like to sit at some of our longer birdwatching stops.

PETS: This is not a pet-friendly trip since this area has a large population of alligators.

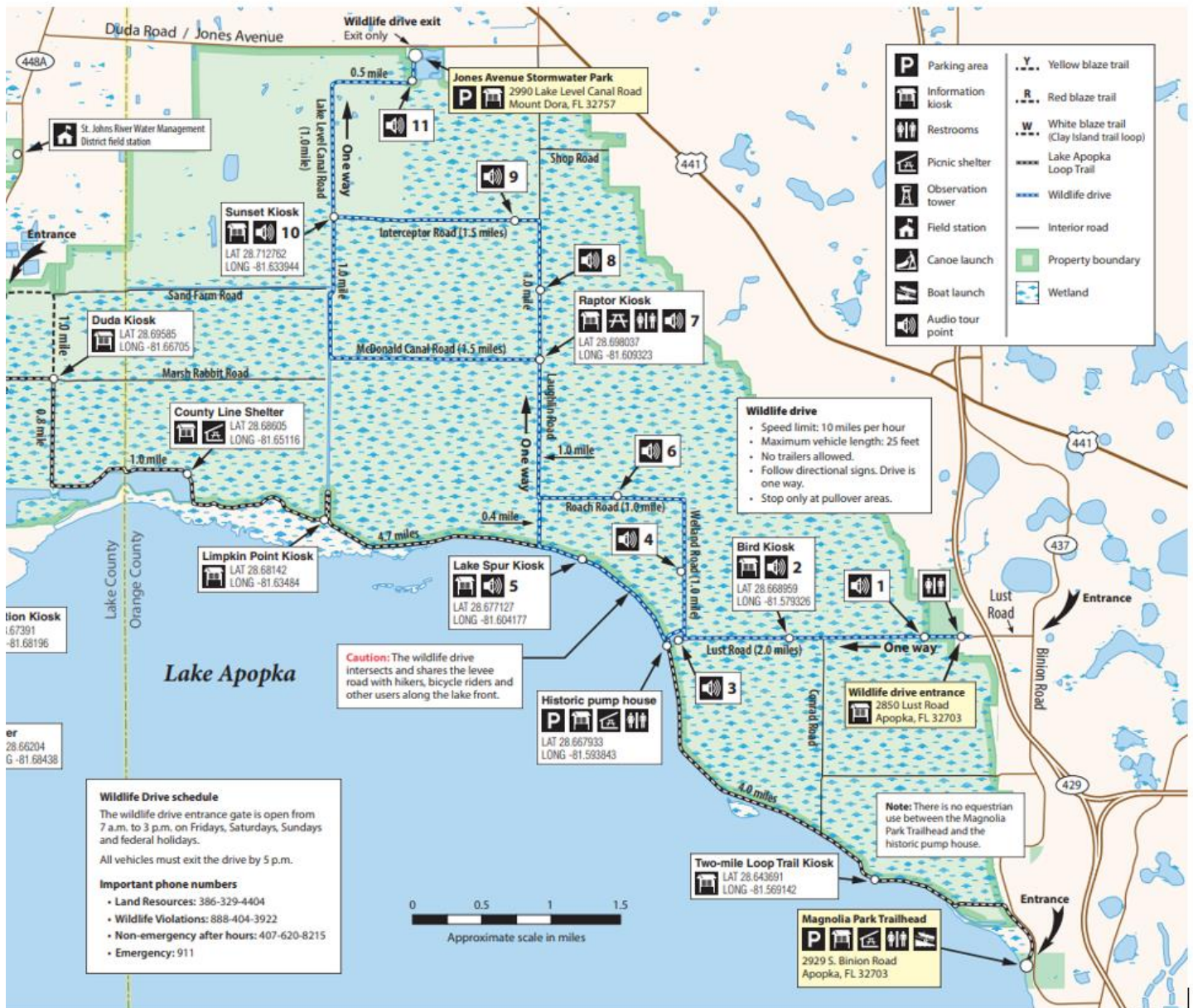
FEES: None for the park, but donations may be made at the website below. Everyone pays individually for lunch.

WEBSITE: <https://www.sjrwmd.com/lands/recreation/lake-apopka/wildlife-drive/>
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If you are interested, please go to the website to access their audio tour or to print a text of the audio tour. You may also want to print a copy of their birding and butterfly checklists.

See your doctor before swapping the TV remote control for hiking boots, bikes and kayaks. Then pick a hike, ride or other trip within your comfort zone and begin your adventure. Participants are personally responsible for all their decisions and risks associated with their participation in any Outdoor Adventure Club activity.

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Sometimes we'll be up close to alligators. They're more interested in basking in the sun than they are in us but always use caution around them. Bikers and pedestrians are also around so watch for them too.