

The Center for Earth Jurisprudence announces:  
**AN OUTING TO THE FLORIDA  
EVERGLADES**

November 22, 2008

7am Departure----- Cost: \$10.



*Important: If you wish to join us for this trip, you must call Mr. David Fletcher's office at (305) 899-3146 by November 19<sup>th</sup> the latest. On the day of the trip you will be asked to sign a waiver form and pay a \$10. fee. Attendance is limited so register early. Any questions may be sent to: [dfletcher@mail.barry.edu](mailto:dfletcher@mail.barry.edu)*

About the hike: We will be following the Fire Prairie Trail in the Big Cypress National Preserve. You will traverse several different ecosystems typical for the everglades environment. The trail is an easy hike and should be completely dry this time of year. It is possible that we may encounter a snake or two (venomous and non-venomous) but we have never had any problems with them in the past. With any luck we will also see some birds and other critters. The hike takes about 3 hours or so, depending on how much we linger and the drive there and back is two hours each way (from Barry).

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You will be experiencing the only ecosystem of its kind in the entire world and you will see it as only a fraction of people ever do—up close and personal. You will see that the everglades really are a living ecosystem.

What to bring:

Footwear: Any good hiking boots or sneakers are fine. **Sandals or flip-flops are not suitable.**  
Short or long pants, depending on your personal preference.

- Long pants are better at protecting your legs from scrapes and scratches in the brush but they can get hot as well if the day is warm.
- Shirt—if you prefer short sleeve that's fine but then bring a light jacket in case the weather is cool or if the brush is too thick. Long sleeves will protect your arms from scrapes and scratches.
- Food: whatever you want for a trail lunch—snacks, trail mix, granola bars, fresh fruit, etc. I usually bring bagels (they don't get squished); apples or oranges; hard boiled eggs, granola bars; raisins. This is not a sit down fancy type of lunch but more like a picnic and "snack as you hike" type of eating.
- Water—at least 2 liters minimum—more if you are overweight or prone to drink a lot. **If you do not have a minimum of 2 liters of water you will NOT be allowed to go.**
- Rain coat—even just a cheap \$1 poncho is fine—just in case we get a unexpected shower.
- Toilet paper—just enough for your personal use. There are NO facilities anywhere once we are on the trail. If nature calls, the closest bush (or one an appropriate distance away) will have to do.
- Optional items:

Mosquito repellent (the mosquitoes are usually not bad at all).

Sunscreen—you will be out in the open most of the day and the sun can be intense

Hat for sun protection and Sunglasses

Camera or binoculars

Walking stick.

A backpack to carry it all (a small day pack is fine).

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