




**March 6, Sat.**  **9:30am - 4pm**  
Kick-off Save the Panther Month at the Naples Zoo. Spend a fun day at the zoo with educational exhibits, ask panther biologists questions & enjoy fun activities! Free admission for Collier County residents. **No reservations needed.** Visit [www.napleszoo.com](http://www.napleszoo.com) for more info.


**March 12, Fri.**  **6:00pm - 9:00pm**  
Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge "Cause for the Paws" at Rookery Bay. Wine and cheese reception, Silent Auction, Book signing, Panther Capture Team. For tickets & info call 239-353-8442 x 239 before March 5 or visit [www.floridapanther.org](http://www.floridapanther.org).

**March 13, Sat.**  **9am - 12pm**  
Photography Workshop led by Larry Richardson at the Florida Panther Refuge. Come explore the beauty of our wild spaces! Stations will teach various photography techniques. Optional swamp walk available. **RSVP required.** Call from March 9-12 at 239-353-8442 x 229.

**March 15, Mon.**  **1pm - 4pm**  
Swamp Walk at the Fakahatchee with Mike Owen. Explore the "Amazon of Southwest Florida" with the biologist as he shares his passion for the conservation of the Fakahatchee. **RSVP required.** Please call from March 9-14 at 239-353-8442 x 229.

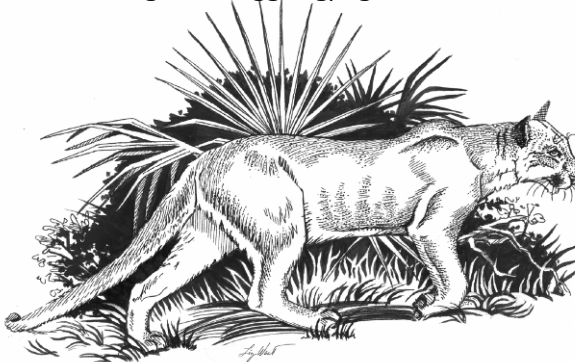
**March 16, Tues.**  **11am - 12:30pm**  
Naples Preserve hosts a Panther Presentation led by Lisa Hamilton. Conservation presentation followed by a free lunch at the Naples Preserve. **RSVP required.** To sign up call 239-261-4290 or email [PreserveCaptains@aol.com](mailto:PreserveCaptains@aol.com).

**March 17, Wed.**  **3:30pm - 5pm**  
Naples Preserve hosts "Discovery Club" led with the Rengers. An after-school program for kids ages 6-10. Enjoy a special "Panther Activity Day" on the Naples Preserve. **RSVP required.** To sign up call 239-261-4290 or email [PreserveCaptains@aol.com](mailto:PreserveCaptains@aol.com).

**March 17, Wed.**  **1pm - 10pm**  
"Party for the Panthers". Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at Cathy O'Clarke's Irish Pub on Marco Island! Advance tickets available for \$5. Proceeds will benefit the Friends. **For tickets** call 239-353-8442 x239 by March 10.

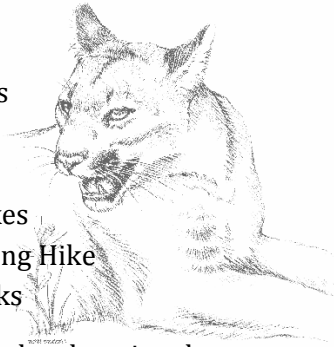
**March 18, Thurs.** **9am - 12pm**  
Biking Bear Island at Big Cypress National Preserve. Rangers from Big Cypress take visitors out to explore a nature trail and learn about plants, signs that animals leave behind, and more! **Reserve your spot!** Call Lisa Andrews at 239-695-1164 or email [lisa\\_andrews@nps.gov](mailto:lisa_andrews@nps.gov).

**March 20, Sat.** **8am - 12pm**  
Everglades Ride Benefit for River of Grass Greenway. Want to be more active? Challenge yourself with a trip from 8 miles up to 82 miles of cycling with support! Fundraiser for the Friends of the ROGG in Everglades City. **Registration details online** at [www.evergladesrogg.org/egladeride10.htm](http://www.evergladesrogg.org/egladeride10.htm).



**March 20, Sat.** **8am - 12pm**  
"Save the Panther Day"  
**Panther Refuge Open House**  
Share a fun day with your family, while exploring the Panther Refuge! Learn more about what YOU can do as an individual to help save the panther & its habitat!

- FREE!**
-  Swamp Buggy Rides
  -  Nature Talks
  -  Public Trail Walks
  -  Guided Plant ID Hikes
  -  Guided Bird Watching Hike
  -  Orchid Swamp Walks



We will offer a modest lunch, educational exhibits, guest speakers and fun kids activities! **Register between March 9<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>.** **Space is limited: Registration required!** **Sign up by calling 239-353-8442 x 229.**

**March 28, Sun.** **9:00am - 4pm**  
Panther Prowl Poker Run with Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge. Come prowl for the panthers! This 116 mile run kicks off between 9 & 10am at Cracklin' Jack's on CR951 in Naples. All bikes are welcome. Enjoy a great ride while supporting a great cause! **For more information** contact Lisa at 239-642-5472 or visit [www.floridapanther.org](http://www.floridapanther.org).

### Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge:

Provides habitat for a total of 126 bird species, 46 species of reptiles and amphibians, 22 species of mammals, and a large variety of fish.

Closed areas in the refuge protects habitat for 24 species of endangered, threatened or plant and animal species of special concern status.



**Events At-A-Glance**

Sat. 3/6	9:30am - 4pm Kick-off Save the Panther Month at Naples Zoo
Fri. 3/12	6pm - 9pm Friends of the Florida Panther Refuge "Cause for the Paws"
Sat. 3/13	9am - 12pm Photo Workshop at the Refuge
Mon. 3/15	1pm - 4pm Fakahatchee Swamp Walk
Tues. 3/16	11am - 12:30pm Panther Presentation at Naples Preserve
Wed. 3/17	3:30pm - 5pm Naples Preserve's "Discovery Club" (Ages 6-10)
	1pm - 10pm "Party for the Panthers" Fundraiser at an Irish Pub
Thurs. 3/18	9am - 12pm Biking Bear Island at Big Cypress National Preserve
Sat. 3/20	8am - 12pm Everglades Ride Cycling Benefit
	8am - 12pm Florida's Official "Save the Florida Panther Day"
Sun. 3/28	9am - 4pm Panther Prowl Poker Run



The Panther is an Umbrella Species; when we protect the Panther, we protect all our neighbors! Credit: Steve Carbol

**A Special Thanks to all of our partners!!!**

- Big Cypress National Preserve
- The Conservancy of Southwest Florida
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park
- Friends of the River of Grass Greenway
- J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge
- Naples Preserve
- Naples Zoo
- Picayune Strand State Forest
- Rookery Bay Nat'l Estuarine Research Reserve
- Save the Manatee Club
- Friends of the River of Grass Greenway

**YOU CAN HELP**

**Save the Florida Panther from Extinction**

- Don't be an "Island of Knowledge."**  
Teach others what you have learned and correct myths about the Florida Panther that are repeated all too often.
- Join the Friends Group, our Sponsor.**  
This group advocates for and enhances education about the Panther.
- Slow down when you're driving.**  
Watch out for all wildlife and know what to do if you encounter a panther.

Check Out These  
Free Events!

Save the Florida  
Panther Month



March 6-20, 2010



Celebrate the Florida Panther and its habitat by participating in events held in Southwest Florida's conserved public lands!



Visit [www.floridapanther.org](http://www.floridapanther.org)