

CREW

Land & Water Trust



Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed

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The CREW Land & Water Trust Mission

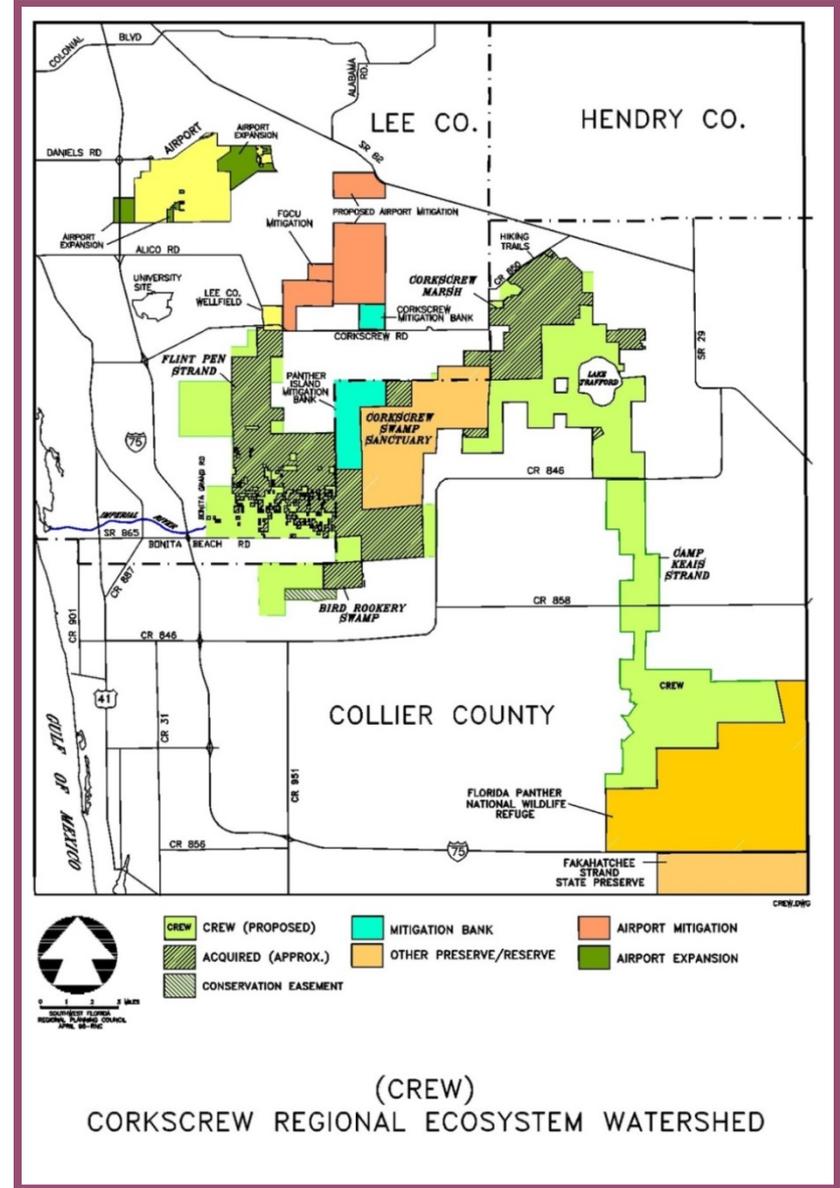
- We are a private, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the land and water resources in and around the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem Watershed.
- Established in 1989 as a public/private partnership to coordinate the land acquisition, management, and public outreach for this 60,000 acre project.



Connections



Map by Jason Lauritsen



Partnerships!

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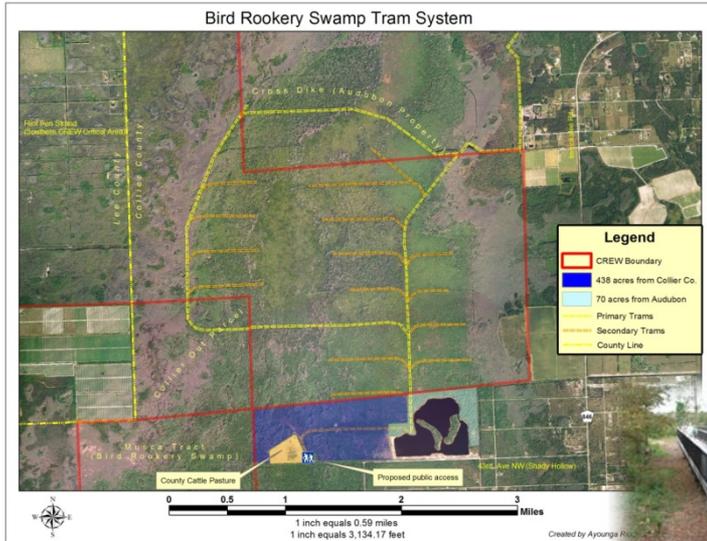
Lee County

Collier County



**Corkscrew Swamp
Sanctuary**

CREW consists of four major sections



Bird Rookery Swamp
(7,017 acres)

Flint Pen Strand
ONLY UNIT IN LEE CTY
(14,173 acres)



Corkscrew Marsh
(7,348 acres)



Camp Keais Strand
(16,622 acres)

Public Outreach & Environmental Education



3 Trail Systems + 1 in future

CREW Marsh Trails (1994) – 1,135 visitors (FY14)

Cypress Dome Trails (2008) – 1,246 visitors (FY14)

Bird Rookery Swamp (2011) – 38,607 visitors (FY14)



CREW Trust also helps with land management & land acquisition





Suzanne's Pavilion 2014 CREW Marsh Trails

20 x 40

4,633 students last year on field trips

Jim's Pavilion 2015 Cypress Dome Trails

20 x 40



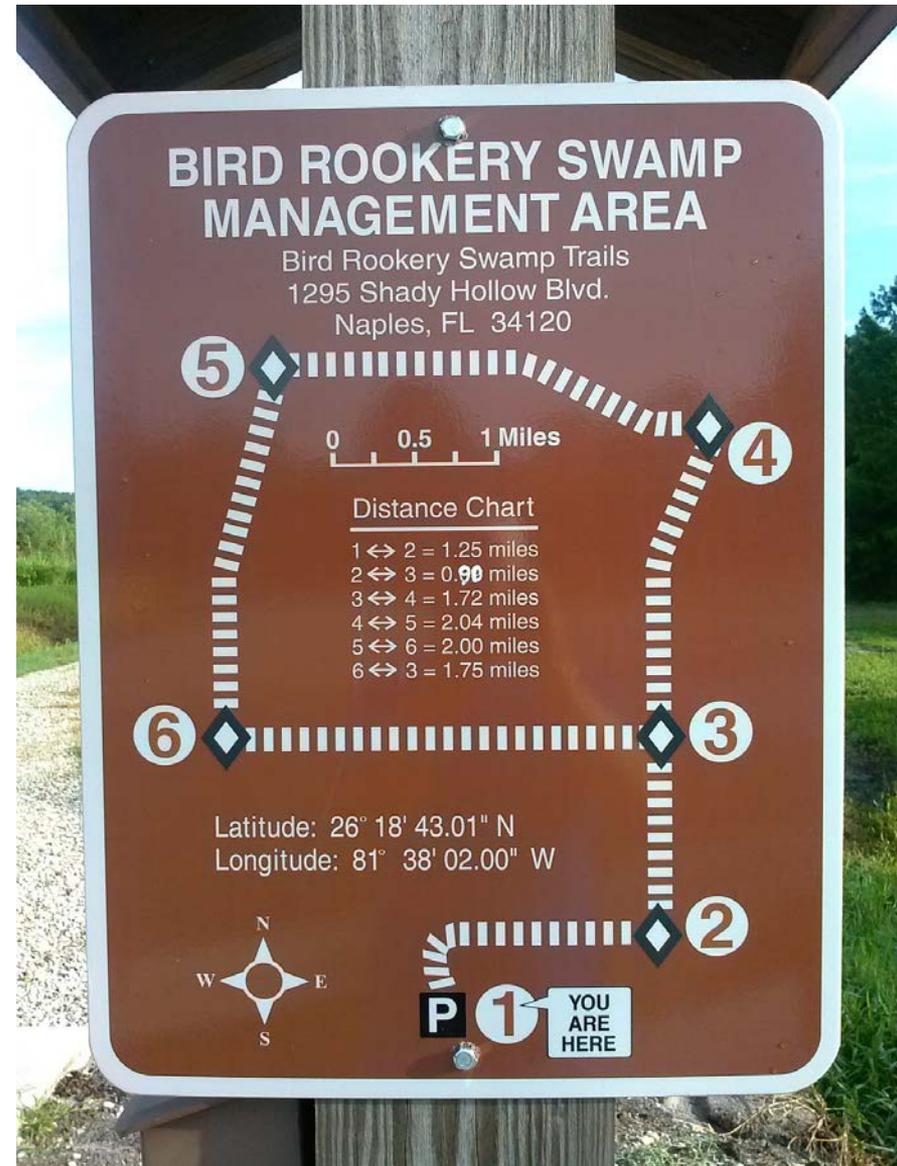
VISITOR KITS

- Loaned out to visitors visiting the trails
- Bag will include binoculars, field guides
- "Trail Stewards" will be identified by "volunteer" t-shirt

Bird Rookery Swamp

1295 Shady Hollow
Blvd., Naples, FL

George Luther
CREW Volunteer



12 mile loop trail

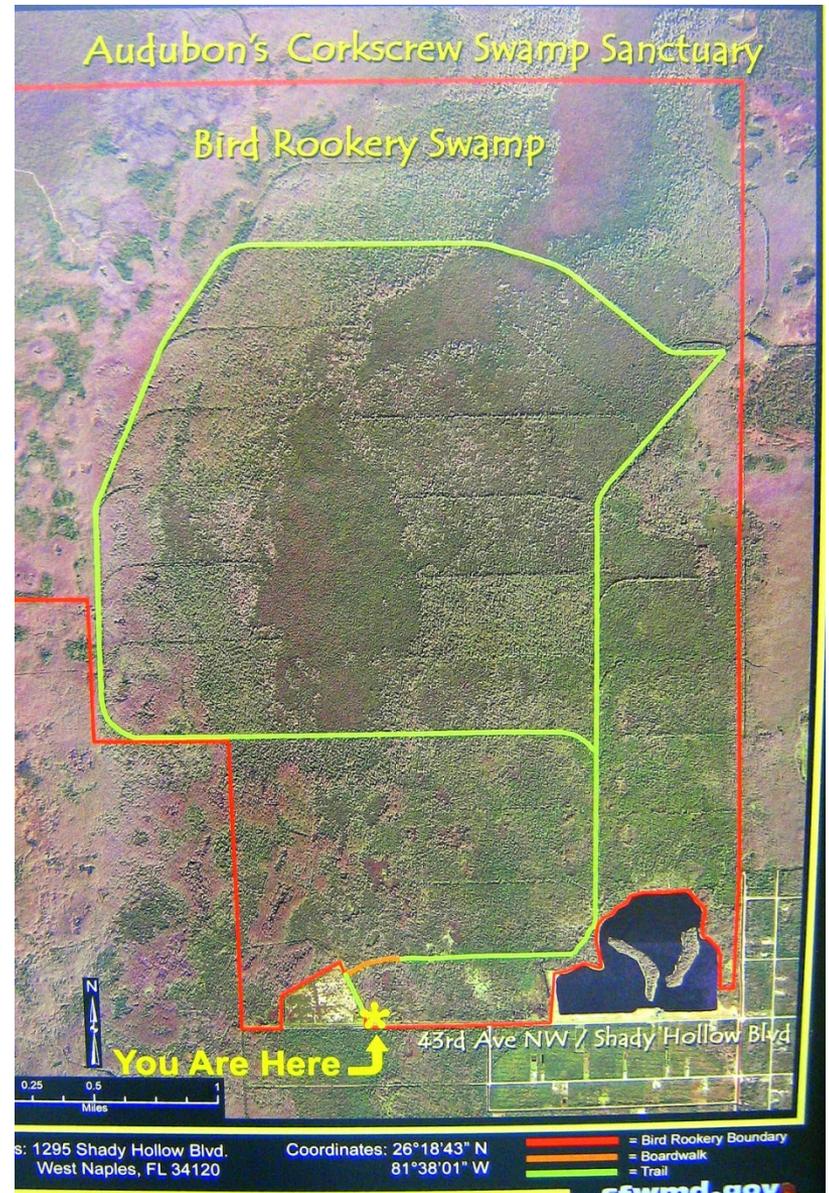
Hiking, Biking, Geocaching, Birding

Parking for 20 cars

Picnic tables on the trail

Benches along the trail

Portable toilets in the parking area





Sharing the Trail with Alligators

American Alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*)

If you come across this ancient species, enjoy the moment. Not everyone gets to see alligators in the wild. The alligator is a large carnivorous reptile related to crocodiles, caimans, and even dinosaurs. Alligators live in fresh and brackish water throughout Florida, including this swamp and its trail system. Consider yourself lucky if you see an alligator here at Bird Rookery Swamp and please remember to keep a safe distance and never try to interact with or feed one.

Keep You and the Alligators Safe

- Do NOT feed or provoke alligators or other wildlife.
- Alligators are a natural part of our environment and can be dangerous.
- A dead gator is a dead gator. If fed, alligators can lose their natural fear of humans. Once this happens, they must be trapped and destroyed.
- Observe and photograph alligators only from a safe distance.
- Respect their space as you would like yours to be respected.

Did you know?

1. Alligators are the largest reptiles in the world.

2. Alligators are found in the southern United States and northern South America.

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BIRD ROOKERY SWAMP MANAGEMENT AREA

Bird Rookery Swamp Trails
1295 Shady Hollow Blvd.
Naples, FL 34120

0 0.5 1 Miles

Distance Chart

1 ↔ 2	= 1.25 miles
2 ↔ 3	= 0.90 miles
3 ↔ 4	= 1.72 miles
4 ↔ 5	= 2.04 miles
5 ↔ 6	= 2.00 miles
6 ↔ 1	= 1.75 miles

Latitude: 26° 18' 43.01" N
Longitude: 81° 38' 02.00" W

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CREW sponsored programs Nov - Aug

up to 11 per month

highlighting: watershed,
flora, fauna, and swamp
history





Nature's Peace at CREW - monthly short walk for early stage Alzheimer's patients and their caregiver - touch, hear, smell, and see - tactile experience

“A View For All” at Bird Rookery Swamp

Steven Rapp,
Eagle Scout
Boy Scout Troop 214







The CREW Trust thanks Steven for his vision, dedication and completion of his Eagle Scout Project – “A View For All”



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Thanks for your continued support

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