

Diversity of life and Marine Biology CAMPING Trip

MEETING PLACE: Oleta River State PARK (see map) **ALL FEES waived (entrance and camping)

TIME: 1 PM Saturday till 9AM Sunday ATTIRE: WET and WILD with spare dry clothes, footwear

DATE: April 19-20, 2008

BRING: CAMPING gear, cooking gear, coolers, Sun block, snorkeling gear (if swimming), friends and family, picnic FOOD and drinks, camera, fishing gear, kayaking, flashlight, etc.

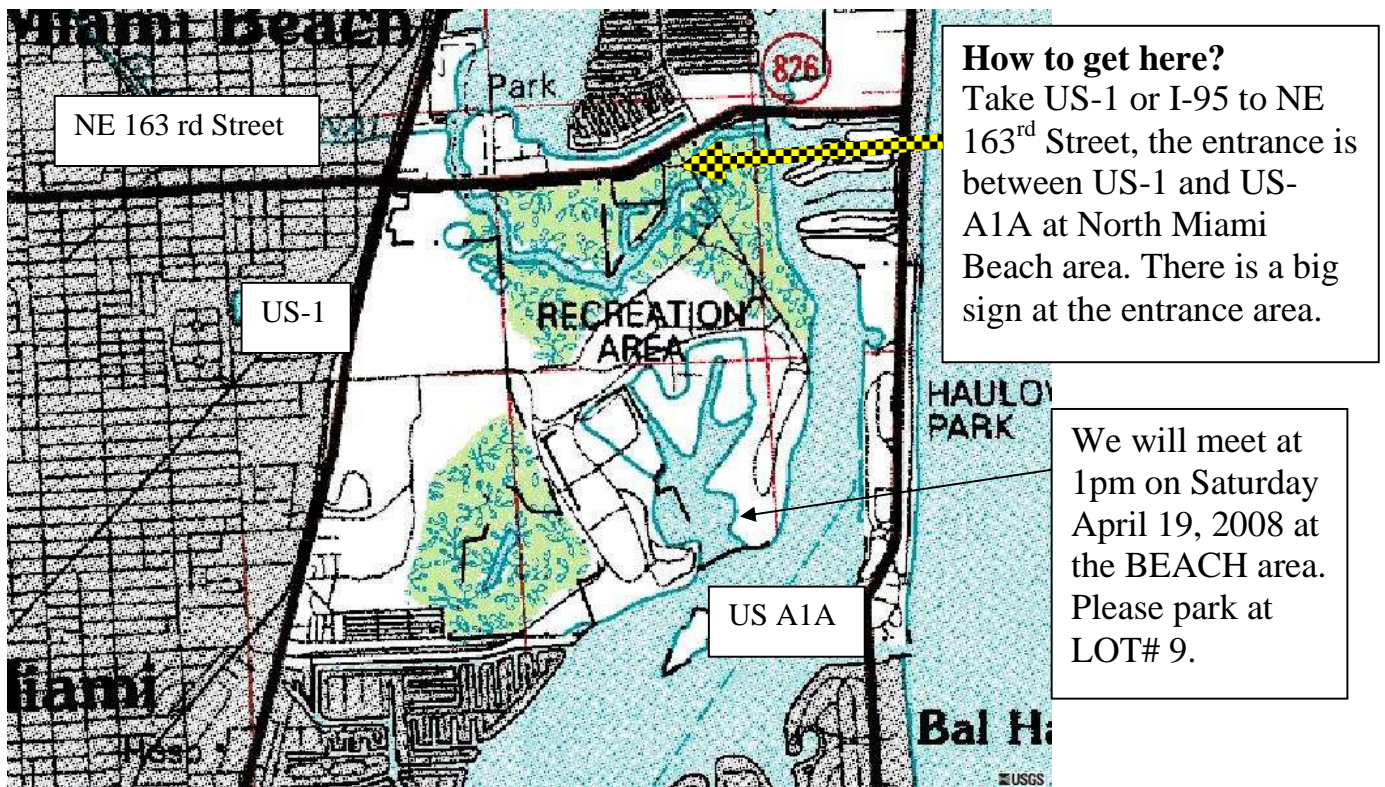
PURPOSE/ GOALS:

- 1) To enable the student to experience the beauty and complexity of an inshore/ intercoastal waterway MODIFIED beach habitat.
- 2) Help the student become aware of the variety of living things found in this MODIFIED inshore beach area by collecting representative samples and comparing these to the organisms seen in FIELDTRIP# 1.
- 3) To experience BIOLUMINESCENSE and time-induced patterns of creatures in their habitat

Day time activity involves exploring the different areas of the beach and the ocean, collect living things for identification and ecological discussion, plus dissection of certain species. All other collected items will be returned to their natural environment.

OVERNIGHT activity involves meeting at the beach area and observing bioluminescence and how creatures move in and out of their habitats as the day progresses and night falls.

Next morning is to have a reflection of the past day and night activities. After which, camp ends and everyone can go home. **We need to pack up tents and gear by 9am on Sunday.**



Camping Instructions:

Oleta River State Park offers numerous activities like Bicycling, kayaking, snorkeling, beach combing, fishing and sun bathing. Please enjoy yourself as you spend the weekend with us at this nature preserve in North Miami.

WE are camping at the PRIMITIVE YOUTH CAMPGROUNDS (see map). We can set up tents and other camping stuff **AFTER 3PM** when our scientific exploration activity is over on Saturday. We need to pack up and leave by Sunday Morning at 9AM.

The Camping area is PRIMITIVE camping with simple showers and toilet facilities. PLEASE set up your own tents and cooking facilities. Sharing with group mates is best to maximize the time and effectiveness of the trip. Coolers and other food items should be store effectively as raccoons and other wildlife are very clever at “taking” things from camp.

NO open fires, NO alcohol, NO fireworks, SAFETY first!!!

