

FMSEA 2013 Field Trips:



1. Deep Sea Fishing

8:00am-1:00pm

\$60 per person, lunch included

The Fort Pierce Lady is a deep sea fishing party boat docked at Fisherman's Wharf Marina at the mouth of the Fort Pierce Inlet.

Enjoy complimentary fishing gear, tackle and bait on this spacious 70 foot vessel with enclosed salon, seating around the boat exterior and a large canopied upper deck. All participants must meet at the dock for check-in by 7:30am. Weather permitting. Lunch included.

2. Beachcombing Excursion (25 people)

9:00am-12:00pm

\$20 per person

Visit local beaches with Wrensong Science & Environment Education to discover a treasure trove of educational resources right at your toe-tips! Learn to identify and interpret the mysterious items that wash up on Florida shores, and how to use them in the classroom. This interactive excursion connects beachcombing with lessons in geography, oceanography, history, wildlife conservation, and botany. Participants will receive an educator packet complete with beach scavenger hunts, lesson plans, activity guides and more! Closed-toe shoes recommended. Optional discounted copies of beachcombing books available for purchase.

3. Pontoon Boat Tour and Marina Island Construction Project (35 people)

9:30am-11:30am

\$25 per person

Climb aboard the "Gator" sightseeing vessel for a morning excursion with Audubon Warden and local wildlife expert Captain "Chop" Legé. The tour will depart from the Fort Pierce City Marina, which is heading up a unique marina expansion project that includes the construction of a chain of spoil islands ranging from 1/10th of an acre to more than 14 acres in size. Marina Manager Dean Kubitschek will accompany the trip to detail the island construction project and highlight restoration work on the islands including oyster reefs and mangrove planting. Weather permitting.

4. Kayaking (25 people)

9:00am-11:00am

\$25 per person

Join local outfitter Lisa's Kayaks on a guided tour of inshore waters surrounding the Fort Pierce Inlet. Wildlife sightings may include osprey, dolphins, fishes and manatees. All gear is included. Weather permitting.

5. Stand-Up Paddleboard Trip (7 people)

9:00am-11:00am

\$35 per person

Join local outfitter Lisa's Kayaks on a guided tour of inshore waters surrounding the Fort Pierce Inlet. All equipment is provided. No paddleboard experience is necessary. Weather permitting.

6. Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center Tour and Snorkeling Trip

9:30am-4:00pm

\$40 per person, lunch included

Travel 30 minutes south of Fort Pierce to Stuart, home of the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center. Participants will enjoy activities at the Coastal Center including the interpretive stingray feeding program, sea turtle presentation and game fish feeding before heading on a five minute drive east to the famous Bathtub Beach. A Coastal Center guide will highlight the unique Sabellariid worm rock reef structure and local marine life at Bathtub before embarking on a shallow water snorkel to observe local marine organisms. Weather permitting. Lunch included. Participants must provide transportation and snorkel gear. A limited number of masks and snorkels will be available for check-out.

7. Marine Science Research in Fort Pierce

8:30am-4:00pm

\$45 per person, lunch included

Fort Pierce, Florida is home to a number of premiere scientific research institutions. Participants will enjoy a tour of three marine science facilities: The **Ocean Research and Conservation Association** (cofounded in 2004 by Dr. Edie Widder with a focus on developing innovative technologies to protect and restore our aquatic ecosystems and the species they sustain), the **Smithsonian Marine Station at Fort Pierce** (a field station of the National Museum of Natural History that has been serving Smithsonian scientists and the collaborators from around the world for over 40 years), and **Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute** (home to 160 scientists, engineers and support staff acting as leaders in ocean-related innovation, exploration, research, education and conservation). Due to the secure nature of these facilities, participants will be required to utilize provided transportation.