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Lee County Parks & Recreation to host National Public Lands Day volunteer events

Fort Myers, FL, Sept. 11, 2025 – Lee County Parks & Recreation will host a series of free, family-friendly volunteer workdays at preserves throughout the county in celebration of National Public Lands Day on Saturday, Sept. 27.

The events begin at 9 a.m. and offer opportunities to give back to local public lands while enjoying the outdoors. Space is limited at each site and advance registration is required. Sign up by Sept. 24 at bit.ly/NPLD25.

Volunteers are required to wear closed-toed shoes and long pants and are encouraged to bring work gloves, sun protection and drinking water.

Volunteer projects will take place at the following sites:

- Oak Hammock Preserve (2200 Carter Lane, Alva): Volunteers will blaze a new hiking trail and remove invasive non-native vegetation. Volunteers are encouraged to bring loppers or hand saws. Limited to 25 participants.
- San Carlos Bay/Bunche Beach Preserve (18201 John Morris Road, Fort Myers): Volunteers will help with a coastal beach cleanup. Limited to 30 participants.
- Moody River Preserve (866 Moody Road, North Fort Myers): Volunteers will assist with fence removal and debris cleanup. Volunteers are encouraged to bring leather work gloves and hammers. Limited to 25 participants.
- **Wild Turkey Strand Preserve** (11901 Rod & Gun Club Road, Fort Myers): Volunteers will help with beautification efforts in the public use area. Limited to 25 participants.

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest single-day volunteer event for public lands, promoting environmental stewardship and encouraging communities to connect with nature.

For more information about the National Public Lands Day events, email Conservation2020@leegov.com.

For more information about Lee County Parks and Recreation locations, amenities and special events, visit www.leeparks.org, call 239-533-7275, email leeparks@leegov.com or visit leeparksandrecreation on Facebook and Instagram.

Residents and visitors can also explore more than 30 locations and earn rewards through Parks, Points & Perks, a free digital pass program available through May 2026. Learn more at www.visitfortmyers.com/ParksPass.

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