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Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve reopens

Fort Myers, FL, Aug. 24, 2015 — The Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve boardwalk trail has reopened thanks to the efforts of the crew and cooperative weather. The regular guided walks will resume at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, and continue every Wednesday through October.

The Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is a Lee County Parks & Recreation wetland preserve with a raised boardwalk open to the public seven days a week from dawn until dusk. The trail is fully accessible and consists of a three-quarter mile lower loop -- or the entire trail is 1.2 miles long. Visitors to this Lee County Parks & Recreation site will see examples of old Florida in the plants and animals that live there. This natural setting provides a backdrop for Florida wildlife such as wading birds, turtles, alligators, otters, squirrels, woodpeckers, butterflies, dragonflies and more. Pets are not allowed within the preserve. Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is located at 7751 Penzance Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33966. Call (239) 533-7550.

The Interpretive Center at the Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. This is the first public certified green building in Lee County with a Silver designation. It houses nature displays highlighting the plant and animals that live in the wetland preserve. Learn how to use your senses to find wildlife, view photo contest winners or relax in a rocking chair on the back deck as you explore this center. Entry is free with a paid parking fee of \$1 per hour per vehicle.

For more information, visit www.LeeParks.org

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Note to media: Photos are available upon request by contacting Kristie Valone at KValone@leegov.com