

## FIELD TRIPS

### **White Oak Conservation Center tour**

**Leader:** TBD

**Meeting Time & Length:** 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Group Size:** The tour is limited to 25 people

**Cost:** White Oak Conservation Center is offering the tour to us for only \$20 per person (normally the cost for this tour is \$100)

**Meeting Location:** Registered participants will meet in Lobby at 12:00 p.m. White Oak is located about 1 hour north of the hotel along the St. Marys River.

**Registration and Payment:** Will be done on the SBDN website when you register for the meeting.

**Description:** This tour of the nationally recognized White Oak Conservation Center will last approximately 2 hours, and will be tailored to the interests of our group. The mission of White Oak Conservation center is to save endangered wildlife and habitats through sustainable conservation breeding, education, and responsible land stewardship. White Oak works actively on natural resource conservation in Florida, including work on the Florida panther and Florida grasshopper sparrow, and management of 16,750 acres of land, including several miles along the St. Marys River. White Oak also has a global impact through active participation in conservation activities for some of the most endangered species in the world, including white rhinos, okapi, roan antelope, kudu, and cheetah. Since they are a functioning conservation center, access to or interaction with a specific species is not guaranteed. The tour vehicles are open-air, so wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing. Closed toe shoes are recommended and women should not wear high heel shoes. Cameras are welcome and pictures are encouraged. Additional information about White Oak is available at this link

<https://www.whiteoakwildlife.org/>

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### **Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens tour**

**Leader:** TBD

**Meeting Time & Length:** 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (\*can be longer if you choose to do that on your own)

**Group Size:** The tour is limited to 20 people

**Cost:** The Jacksonville Zoo is offering the tour to us for only \$17.95 per person (normally the cost for this tour is \$40)

**Meeting Location:** Registered participants will meet in Lobby at 10:00 a.m. The Zoo is located about ½ hour east of the hotel along the St. Johns River.

**Registration and Payment:** Will be done on the SBDN website when you register for the meeting.

**Description:** This tour of the Jacksonville Zoo will last approximately 3 hours, and will be tailored to the interests of our group. The Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens is a premier regional conservation facility and valued community resource creating educational and inspirational experiences that connect people to the world of plants and animals. The cost of the trip includes a 2-hour behind-the-scenes tour, access to all public areas in the zoo, and unlimited train rides to make it possible to move between exhibits quickly. The behind the scenes tour includes meeting the penguins (a small group may be able to feed the penguins), meeting the aardvarks, and feeding the giraffes; a tour of the manatee facility may be possible if time allows. This is a walking tour, so wear comfortable shoes and appropriate clothing for outdoor activities. Guests are invited to stay after the tour and visit the rest of the zoo's public exhibits, which include a brand new primate facility, but will need to arrange their own transportation. Cameras are welcome. Additional information about the Jacksonville Zoo is available at this link

<http://www.jacksonvillezoo.org/>

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**Active acoustic monitoring for bats - Walking; – A Joint SonoBatLIVE/AnaBat Walkabout ‘Walkabout’**

**Leaders:** Chris Corben, John Chenger, Kim Livengood, and Joe Szewczak

**Meeting Time & Length:** 6:30 p.m. - ???

**Group Size:** Number of participants is not a limited.

**Cost:** No cost for this field trip

**Meeting Location:** TBD – The location will be either within walking distance or a short driving distance from the Lexington Hotel. Participants will meet at the site.

**Registration:** Register via the [www.batmanagement.com](http://www.batmanagement.com) website under “workshops”.

**Description:** Join Chris Corben, John Chenger, Kim Livengood, and Joe Szewczak for an adventure filled evening of active bat monitoring Wednesday evening near Jacksonville. They will have a number of SonoBatLIVE and AnaBat Walkabout recording devices to demonstrate and have available for use. You may also bring your own Windows 10 device for a free trial of SonoBatLIVE and borrow a compatible Pettersson or Binary Acoustic Technology microphone. We will also demonstrate the AcroBat microphone from Binary Acoustic Technology; the only commercially available microphone capable of tracking and separating multiple bats simultaneously. Additional details and registration at [www.batmanagement.com](http://www.batmanagement.com) under “workshops”.