

EXPLORE and RESTORE



Environmentally Endangered Lands (EEL) Program

Friday | 2026
October 02

**World Habitat
Awareness Month**

**Dolphin Center
Addition Preserve**
Adjacent to 1640 NW 195 St.,
Miami, FL 33169

Saturday | 2026
October 10

**World Migratory
Bird Day**

A.D. Barnes Preserve
3401 SW 72 Ave.,
Miami, FL 33155

Saturday | 2026
November 14

**Pine Rockland
Conservation Week**

**Bill Sadowski
Pineland Preserve**
17555 SW 79 Ave.,
Palmetto Bay, FL 33157

Friday | 2026
December 04

**Wildlife
Conservation Day**

**Hattie Bauer
Hammock Preserve**
26715 SW 157 Ave.,
Homestead, FL 33031

Sunday | 2027
January 24

**TuBishvat
(Jewish Tree Care Day)**

**Greynolds Park
and Preserve**
6 Greynolds Park,
North Miami Beach, FL 33160

Saturday | 2027
March 13

**In honor of International
Day of Forests**

**Ned Glenn
Pineland Preserve**
18929 SW 89 Ct.,
Cutler Bay, FL 33157

Earn Community Service Hours

Space is limited. Most events take place from 9 a.m. to Noon.

To register or for questions about EEL's Explore & Restore events, please call us at **305-372-6687** or e-mail us at **eel@miamidade.gov**.

Saturday | 2027
May 01

National Arbor Day

**Little George
Hammock Preserve**
SW 150 Ave. & Country Walk Dr.,
Miami, FL 33196

ATTENTION Volunteers!

We need your help to restore environmentally sensitive lands in Miami-Dade County! The EEL Program manages over 29,000 acres all over the county, including critically imperiled pine rocklands. It's demanding, but also fun! Together, we will help protect and restore our rare native habitats by removing invasive plants, enhancing trails, restoring native vegetation, and conducting cleanup activities. You can get involved by joining one of our events scheduled from October through May. Event participants are taught to identify various invasive non-native plants while gaining a greater understanding of the local habitats and rare ecosystems unique to South Florida.

Environmentally sensitive lands are the hammocks, pinelands, scrubby flatwoods, freshwater wetlands and mangrove forests that once covered all of Miami-Dade County, but now remain only in undeveloped or protected areas. These habitats, and the plants and animals that live there, are all a part of Miami-Dade County's natural heritage, and are resources to be treasured for generations to come. Non-native plants, introduced from around the world, have invaded these unique environmentally sensitive lands. They crowd out native plants, including rare species, seriously disrupting important natural processes such as native seedling recruitment and natural fire cycles. The control of invasive plants is considered one of the most important elements in the management of all environmentally sensitive lands. Through these EEL Explore & Restore events, participants contribute toward the restoration of these unique plant communities.

GET INVOLVED!

Event Participant Guidelines

➤ **All events start at 9 a.m. and end at noon.**

➤ Registration starts 15 minutes before the event begins.

➤ **Closed-toe shoes and long pants are required** and long-sleeved shirts are highly recommended.

➤ Be prepared to work outside. **Please bring a refillable water bottle.** Drink plenty of fluids during the day!

➤ A hat, sunblock and insect repellent are recommended.

➤ Listen to the orientation given at the beginning of the event. Pay attention to instructions.

➤ **Do not bring pets** to Explore & Restore events.

➤ Inform staff about concerns, unusual findings, strange debris or occurrences.

➤ Children 15 or under must be accompanied by an adult.

Save the Dates
OCTOBER 2026 – MAY 2027



miamidade.gov/environment/endangered-lands.asp

To request materials in accessible format, sign language interpreters, CART (Communication Access Realtime Translation) services and/or any accommodation to participate in EEL Restore & Explore event, please contact Alain Donderiz at 305-372-6779 five days in advance to initiate your request, or send an email to Alain.Donderiz@miamidade.gov. Persons who are deaf or hard of hearing may also call 711 (Florida Relay Service).