

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is looking for volunteer(s) to assist with maintaining a butterfly garden at the Everglades Wildlife Management Area (WMA). I have attached a plant list provided by FWC. Please see details below and [contact Andrea Pereyra](#) if you have any questions or are interested in helping!

Location

Everglades WMA, East Recreational Site. After you exit from I-75 onto US27 North, the rec site is located ~6 miles north, on the east (right side) of US-27. [The closest cities are Weston and Sunrise.](#)

Background

The site was cleared of invasive vegetation in 2016 and planted with native species to provide habitat for butterflies and other wildlife. Stone walking trails were installed, as well as a bench, for the public to use. There is also, small informative signs along the walking trail.

Tasks description

Volunteers would help with the maintenance of the wildlife habitat and monitoring of butterflies utilizing the garden. Specifically, volunteers would assist with:

- Removing weeds from the mulched garden area, the stone path, and the “space junk” planter (hand-pulling weeds).
- Picking up pieces of mulch that have fallen into the stone path, and placing them back in the mulched area.
- Removing any small garbage that may be in the garden or stone path, and place in nearby trash can.
- Checking for presence of caterpillars and butterflies.
- Filling the datasheet and sending it to the Volunteer Coordinator, Andrea Pereyra.

Logistics

- We would prefer if the volunteer can commit to 2 visits per month but we can work around their availability. It can be any day of the week, any time during daytime.
- Estimate of time to complete this task would be 2 to 4 hours per volunteer.
- Materials, datasheets and butterflies ID sheets will be provided.

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