

Florida Diamondback Terrapin Working Group

Regional Meeting: Saturday, 9 February 2008

**Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
Senator George G. Kirkpatrick Marine Laboratory
11350 SW 153rd Court
Cedar Key, FL 32625**

Agenda

- 1:00 PM WELCOME
Dr. Kristen Hart (US Geological Survey)
Allan R. Woodward (Florida FWC/FWRI)
- 1:15 PM SEARCHING FOR DIAMONDBACK TERRAPINS IN NORTHWEST FLORIDA
Molly O'Connor (Roy Hyatt Environmental Center) and Rick O'Connor (Washington High School)
- 1:30 PM ORNATE DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN SURVEY IN THE BIG BEND REGION OF FLORIDA
Dr. Joseph A. Butler (University of North Florida) and George L. Heinrich (Heinrich Ecological Services)
- 1:45 PM NEW FOSSIL RECORDS OF THE DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN, *MALACLEMYS TERRAPIN*.
Dana J. Ehret and Benjamin K. Atkinson (Florida Museum of Natural History and University of Florida, Gainesville)
- 2:00 PM EAST CENTRAL FLORIDA DIAMONDBACK TERRAPIN ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT
Sharon Tyson (Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas, East Central Florida Aquatic Preserves)
- 2:15 PM UPDATES ON EVERGLADES AND CHINATOWN TERRAPINS
Dr. Kristen M. Hart (US Geological Survey)
- 2:30 PM UPDATE ON TERRAPIN FIELD WORK IN KEY WEST NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Dr. Roger Wood (Stockton College and the Wetlands Institute)
- 2:45 PM INCORPORATING BRDS IN CRAB TRAPS IN FLORIDA
William Turner (Florida FWC/FWRI)
- 3:00 PM BREAK
- 3:15 PM DISCUSSION
1) BRDs in Florida
2) Identification of group projects
3) National DTWG updates, annual goals for FL DTWG
4) Decision on 2009 FL DTWG meeting host, location, date
- 4:15 PM WRAP-UP
- 4:30 PM MEETING ADJOURNS

DIRECTIONS:

See attached pdf map of Cedar Key and www.mapquest.com for general directions to the Marine Laboratory (# 8 on the map). **NOTE:** The segment of CR 347 that goes by the facility, as indicated on Mapquest, no longer exists. It will be best to use the map of Cedar Key when you get to the bridge.

Cedar Key is about 50 miles southwest of Gainesville, Florida; 135 miles north of Tampa; and 130 miles southwest of Jacksonville, Florida. From Gainesville, take State Route #24 southwest for approximately 50 miles. You will cross-over State Highway 27/41 in Archer, Alternate Route 27 in Bronson, and US 19/98 in Otter Creek. Continue until you encounter a stop sign in the City of Cedar Key. Travel time from Gainesville to Cedar Key is about one hour.



AIRPORT INFORMATION:

Commercial air service is usually via Gainesville Regional Airport. The drive from Gainesville to Cedar Key takes about an hour. However, some visitors like to fly into one of the larger airports in the region. The best choices are Jacksonville International Airport, Orlando International Airport, or Tampa International Airport. Driving from any of the three will take about 3 hours. Car rentals are available at all these airports.

LODGING:

Here are the lodging options: <http://www.cedarkey.org/lodging.php>

Suggested lodging options that have had favorable comments from some FWC colleagues:

- The Island Place (upscale apartments – they typically give government discounts) <http://www.islandplace-ck.com/>
- Beach Front Motel - <http://www.beachfrontmotelcedarkey.com/>
- Dockside Hotel (next to the pier) <http://www.dockside-cedarkey.com/>
- Pirate’s Cove (cottages) <http://www.piratescovecottages.com/>

See also the Cedar Key Chamber of Commerce website (“Visitors” tab) for additional lodging suggestions: <http://www.cedarkey.org/>