



**Celebrate
The Myakka Ranchlands**

Friday, December 3, 2010 at 10 a.m.
on the Walton Ranch

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the Myakka
Ranchlands***

*Connecting over 100,000 acres
of land protected for water
quality, habitat and future
generations.*

***You're Invited!
Please RSVP at
(941) 918-2100***

Friday, Dec. 3rd, 2010

10 a.m.

**Hayrides, Natural History &
Land Management Exhibits.**

1:30 p.m.

**Environmentally Sensitive
Lands Oversight Committee
Meeting 1:30 p.m.**

The Myakka Ranchlands is a Florida Forever priority project through joint land acquisition by the Southwest Florida Water Management District and Sarasota County's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Protection Program. The Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast submitted the application for Florida Forever funds

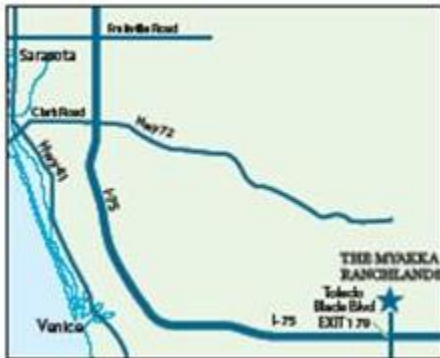
and negotiated the acquisitions with ranch owners. The ranchlands that were acquired and/or protected by conservation easements during this past year now complete links that connect over 100,000 acres of contiguous public land in DeSoto, Sarasota, Charlotte and Manatee counties. These protected ranchlands extend from the Peace River west to the Myakka River.

To recognize the partnership that achieved this significant conservation project, the public is invited to the Walton Ranch to explore ranch trails and take a hayride beginning at 10 a.m. on Friday, December 3rd. Sarasota County's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Oversight Committee will hold their December meeting on site starting at 1:30 p.m. Please RSVP if you plan to join us.

Driving Directions to the Southwest entrance to Walton Ranch

1. From I-75 take the Toledo Blade Blvd. exit, EXIT 179, toward CR-779
2. Turn North onto N. Toledo Blade Blvd.
3. At the termination of paved N. Toledo Blade Blvd, turn LEFT and look for event signs.

Map below—Allow 45 minutes travel time from downtown Sarasota:



This event is sponsored by:

- Sarasota County
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast