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Canaveral National Seashore Closes the Mosquito Lagoon Canoe Trail

Due to a coastal marshland restoration project, Canaveral National Seashore announces the closing of the Mosquito Lagoon Canoe Trail effective Tuesday, January 22, 2013. This is in an effort to afford our visitors safety while the equipment is moved to the site and is being used in the restoration efforts.

The current restoration effort is in collaboration with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, St. Johns Water Management District, Volusia County Mosquito Control and the public land owner/managers of impacted wetlands in Volusia County. These partners include Canaveral National Seashore, Mosquito Lagoon Aquatic Preserve, and several state parks. The majority of the funding comes from the National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grants Program.

Through early 2010, approximately 305 acres of impacted wetlands have been restored in Mosquito Lagoon, returning approximately 120 acres to wetland elevation. Restored wetlands provide more space for wading and shore birds and greater production of fishes, crabs and shrimps and the plants they depend upon. Restored wetlands can produce about 50 pounds of resident fish per acre per year.

Wetland plants recruit to the restored surface quickly. Early colonizers include black mangroves, sea purslane and glasswort. Plants left on site and from neighboring wetlands provide recruits to the restored areas within months or years.

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