



The Friends of Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Inc. Present “Aquatic Preserves”



Monthly Nature Coast Lecture Series

The Friends of Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge announce the second presentation of their Nature Coast Lecture Series to be held once a month on the third Tuesday of each month.

This second presentation “Aquatic Preserves” will be on Tuesday, November 21, 2017, from 5:30 to 6:45 pm at the Crystal River Coastal Region Library, 8610 W. Crystal Street, Crystal River, FL, sponsored by the Friends

The Lecture Series, open to the public, will offer presentations on natural history and environmental topics on regionally special and unique resources.

Jamie Letendre, *Environmental Specialist II at the St. Martins Marsh & Big Bend Seagrasses Aquatic Preserves, Fl. Department of Environmental Protection, will be our guest speaker at this very informative program. Jamie will focus on 2 of Florida's 41 Aquatic Preserves. Aquatic preserves protect the living waters of Florida to ensure habitat for bird rookeries and fish nurseries through the management of freshwater springs, salt marshes, seagrass meadows and mangrove forests.*

Her presentation objective is to introduce the public to and educate about these areas through an interactive discussion. Focal area examples include background and history, habitat descriptions, current monitoring programs and trends, as well as additional "happenings" in these aquatic preserves.



Jamie with a favorite crustacean, stonecrab

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