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of morning or late afternoon, and stops at some of Butcher's favorite photographic locations in the swamp. explorebigcypress.com

Swamp Tromps, canoe cruises and kids outings at Grassy Waters Preserve in West Palm Beach: This 23-square-mile wetland ecosystem serves as the water supply for the City of West Palm Beach and other towns, but it's also a tapestry of sawgrass, tree islands and hammocks that are home to bald eagles, snail kites, wood storks, deer, otter, bobcat and alligators.

The site offers an array of guided tours, including Swamp Tromps amid a soggy cypress forest, 1.5-hour canoe outings through the sawgrass shallows and kid-friendly birding and dip-netting excursions. Be sure to check their calendar for specific dates. wpb.org/government/public-utilities/grassy-waters-preserve

Paddling

Paddleboarding in Jones Lagoon, Biscayne National Park, Homestead/Key Largo: The 270 square miles of Biscayne National Park is mostly water, and one of the most charming waterscapes is Jones Lagoon, on Totten Key, just north of Key Largo. The only way to get there is by boat, and the Biscayne National Park Institute runs 3.5-hour paddleboarding tours of the lagoon daily out of the Dante Fascell Visitor Center in Homestead.

After a 30-minute motorboat ride, guides set you up with either a paddle board or kayak, teach you how to use it and set you loose to glide over a pristine backwater ecosystem rife with seagrass, turtles, crabs and various fish, including baby sharks graceful rays. The lagoon is also home to wading birds, including the rare roseate spoonbill. As you paddle and gaze, guides educate the group on how the ecosystem works, and what we need to do to protect it.

Space is limited to six guests, so the experience is intimate. Guests must be 12 years and older. To bring children between ages 8 and 12, you must book a private trip. biscaynenationalparkinstitute.org

Wild & Scenic Loxahatchee River tour, Jupiter: Wind-ing through the northern end of Palm Beach County, the Loxahatchee River was designated a



Paddlers explore the Everglades ecosystem on a sunset canoe outing at Grassy Waters Preserve in West Palm Beach. COURTESY PHOTOS

National Wild and Scenic River in 1985 (Florida's first), and portions are also designated as an aquatic preserve, Outstanding Florida Water and a state park.

Guided kayak and canoe tours of the river meander through shaded swamps of 200-year-old cypress and oak trees where the jungle-like forest is home to hundreds of types of plants and animals, including manatees, bass, otters, turtles, alligators, barred owls and herons. Guide tours take about two hours, depending on water conditions, and if there's a need to portage around a downed log, your guide will do all the heavy lifting. jupiteroutdoorcenter.com

End of the World cruise and paddle to Hobe Beach: This six-hour tour includes a mother ship journey, and easy paddle and a short hike to arguably the most remote beach in South Florida. The mother ship launches from Cove Road in Stuart and heads north past the Jupiter Lighthouse to the Hobe Sound Wildlife Refuge and the St. Lucie Inlet Preserve on the northernmost point of Jupiter Island. From there, guides lead you on a leisurely paddle along narrow mangrove creeks that eventually lead to a sandy path and the vast and empty beaches of Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge. It's so isolated that the only other way to get there is by boat or a four-mile hike up from Jupiter Island — thus the nickname "end of the world." lovestreetoutdoorcenter.com



Two hikers on a Clyde Butcher photography ecotour examine the lush plant growth in the Big Cypress swamp. Water levels fluctuate over the year, with higher water, such as this, occurring in summer. In winter months, hikers might be on dry land.

Biking

Cycling into the depths of the Fakahatchee Strand: TNT Explore Nature tour company offers three-hour guided cycling tours into the Everglades strand swamp.

The tours are paced casually,

for chatting and photography, and usually cover around 8 to 10 miles. Guides lead you beyond where cars can go, down tram roads that vary from easy gravel to two-track trails, all hemmed by Everglades wilderness.

Some areas offer mature

shaded forest, and you can often take a short walk down trails leading to rare orchids. Wildlife abunds, including deer, turkey and the occasional bear, and guides educate riders on Everglades geology and natural history. mntexplorenature.com

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST AND SECOND READINGS CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS/BOUNDARIES AND SCHOOL USAGE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL COMBINATION, ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS IN BROWARD COUNTY FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

ON

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2023

TO BE HELD AT CORAL SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
7201 W SAMPLE ROAD, CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA 33065 • 5:30 P.M.

AND

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023

TO BE HELD AT J. P. TARAVELLA HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
10600 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA 33071 • 5:30 P.M.

For both hearing dates, entrance doors open at 4:30 p.m. No bags or placards allowed and security wanding to take place upon entrance to the facility.

All school recommendations for the public hearings scheduled March 29, 2023 and April 12, 2023 are on the Demographics & Enrollment Planning website at: browardschools.com/bp

For all other schools in the District, attendance areas will be the same in the 2023-24 school year as they were in the 2022-23 school year.

Notice is hereby given that two Public Hearings for FIRST and SECOND Readings will be held by the School Board of Broward County, Florida, under its rule making authority F.S. 1001.41 and implementing F.S. 1001.42 on Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at Coral Springs High School, located at 7201 W Sample Road, Coral Springs, Florida 33065 and Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at J. P. Taravella High School, located at 10600 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs, Florida 33071, both at 5:30 P.M., on the SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS/BOUNDARIES for all combination, elementary, middle, and high schools in the District, for the 2023-24 school year, as discussed below:

A. HIGH SCHOOLS

SUMMARY OF INTENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that:

H-1: A portion of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School boundary be phased into Coral Glades High School.

Phase in a portion of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School boundary to Coral Glades High School such that all students living within the area described below, and who attended Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in the 2022-23 school year, will continue to be assigned to Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School through the twelfth grade. Any high school student living within this area not attending Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in the 2022-23 school year will be assigned to Coral Glades High School for the 2023-24 school year and all subsequent years thereafter.

Commence at the intersection of Wiles Road and University Drive, south along University Drive to Royal Palm Boulevard, west along Royal Palm Boulevard to Coral Springs Drive, north along Coral Springs Drive to Wiles Road, and east along Wiles Road to University Drive.

ANNUAL DISTRICT WIDE COSTS 2023-24 FROM RECOMMENDED BOUNDARY CHANGES

D. TRANSPORTATION		
i Recommendation H-1:		\$106K-\$212K
E. COST TO MOVE/HOOK-UP RELOCATABLES DISTRICTWIDE:		\$0
F. COST OF MODIFYING FACILITIES		\$0
G. COST FOR OTHER AGENCIES (NO IMPACT TO BCPS)		
– ADDITIONAL SAFETY FEATURES:		\$0

General Fund School Funding Impact for 2023-24 Boundary Changes – February 7, 2023

Estimated Financial Impact after 4 year Phase-In is completed for Boundary Changes to the Support Allocation (a)

Recommendation H-1	Before Change	After Change	Incr./(Decr.)
Marjory Stoneman Douglas High	2,224,863	2,165,541	(\$59,322)
Coral Glades High	1,947,383	1,947,383	\$0
Financial Impact			(\$59,322)

(a) Based on 2022-23 Budget Funding Allocations and Guidelines using 2022-23 standard salaries and fringe benefits rates.

(b) Does not include Student Transportation or Capital Outlay.

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