

## DESCRIPTION



# SCCF

SANIBEL-CAPTIVA CONSERVATION FOUNDATION

Join SCCF on an Oxbow and Riverlore Cruise to experience the historic Caloosahatchee. These guided trips provide a relaxing opportunity to gain a personal perspective on the river, its history, folklore, issues and solutions, as we explore the meanders of the historic upriver Caloosahatchee. We follow the river back to a time when a waterfall served as the headwaters of the Caloosahatchee and settlers braved living amongst the wilderness.

Cruises are offered monthly from November through Mother's Day. Private group trips can be arranged by contacting Rae Ann Wessel, [rawessel@sccf.org](mailto:rawessel@sccf.org). The 2.5 hour adventure begins by locking through the W.P. Franklin Lock in Olga. Heading east toward Alva, we enter the historic bends of the river and revisit the activities of the pioneers who traveled the same river to find paradise. Stories of the settlements and their adventures are blended with an understanding of the river's oxbows, the wild creatures that call it home and the challenges the river faces.

Tours are guided by Rae Ann Wessel, a river researcher, long-time river advocate, historian and SCCF (Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation) Natural Resource Policy Director. All seats have a great view for photographs and wildlife viewing.

**Boat Information:** The boat is a very stable 41 passenger pontoon boat with canopy shade over the majority of the seats. The boat is handicap accessible. The access to the dock is a down a steep ramp. There is a bathroom on the boat, which is not handicap accessible. No dogs are allowed except service dogs that have on their official vest & may be restricted if boat limit is exceeded as determined by the boat captain. For space purposes, we must be informed if a service dog will be on the trip.

**What to Bring:** Sunglasses, camera, binoculars, hat, sunscreen, water, snack and a sense of adventure! Arrive 15 minutes before departure.

**\*Important:** The Coast Guard requires each passenger's name – No Mr/Mrs