

# Dames Caves Cleanup and Restoration Event for Groundwater Protection

You are invited to participate in a cave cleanup and restoration event to learn about and help do your part to protect Florida's precious karst groundwater resources!

Florida is entirely underlain by a unique landscape known as *karst*, which makes up our aquifer system and helps to create our beautiful springs.

Participants will engage in the following:

- Take a tour of the Dames Caves Complex
- Participate in cave cleanup and restoration activities
- Learn about human impacts on caves and groundwater

**When:** Saturday, November 19, 2011, 1:30–4:30 p.m.

**Where:** Dames Caves

Meet at Tillis Hill Recreation Area

Withlacoochee State Forest (Citrus Tract)

Turn north on Trail 13 from CR 480 (W. Stagecoach Trail)

Inverness, FL 34452

**RSVP:** Email [karstinfo@gmail.com](mailto:karstinfo@gmail.com) or call (270) 745-3252 to register

Visit [www.hoffmanworld.org/karstinfo](http://www.hoffmanworld.org/karstinfo) for detailed directions and to learn more.

## Cave Cleanup & Restoration

Following a “Karst Conversation” community discussion about groundwater, come participate in a cave cleanup and restoration. Be prepared to get dirty and to do some light walking. Bring a light and safety helmet if you have them!

### **Pollution Travels**

Trash, chemicals, human and animal waste, and other harmful pollutants travel with water from the surface into your groundwater.

### **Litter**

Do not dump trash in caves, since rainfall can carry the trash directly into the aquifer.

### **Get Involved**

Become actively involved in organizations and activities that help to protect and educate about groundwater resources.



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