



# 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL WINTER L.A.R.E. FIELD TRIP

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SICILY ISLAND HILLS WMA



**BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** ZACH RODRIGUEZ, JOHN CARR, ROYAL TYLER, PHILIP VANBERGEN, BRAD 'BONES' GLORIOSO, SARA PILGRIM, JOSH PILGRIM **FRONT ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT):** WILL KUHS, ERIC VANBERGEN, ANNIE TYLER

## TRIP DETAILS

We met at the trailhead of St. Mary's Falls Nature Trail at 10:00 a.m. We saw only a cricket frog until we flipped a beautiful adult Marbled Salamander under a log. Soon after that we made it to the stream where the falls were. We found a couple larval salamanders and a couple frog species pretty quickly. We later found the Louisiana Slimy Salamander, a lifer for all but one of us. A few more frogs and an adult dusky salamander were had later. Most of us then proceeded to Big Creek Trail, which was more open and sunny. It was warm by then too, and the lizards were out. We also saw a couple of turtles basking in the big ponds near the start of the trail. They were likely Red-eared Sliders, though they were too far away for certain identification. Later, we found a few cricket frogs and flipped an adult Dwarf Salamander along the trail. We made it back to the trailhead and left at about 2:45 p.m. It was a beautiful day for a beautiful hike. The Louisiana Slimy Salamander was icing on the cake!



**MARbled SALAMANDER**



**LOUISIANA SLIMY SALAMANDER**

## AMPHIBIANS & REPTILES DETECTED

BLANCHARD'S CRICKET FROG	<i>ACRIS BLANCHARDI</i>	4
GREEN TREEFROG	<i>HYLA CINEREA</i>	2
GREEN FROG	<i>LITHOBATES CLAMITANS</i>	3
SOUTHERN LEOPARD FROG	<i>LITHOBATES SPHENOCEPHALUS</i>	1
GREEN ANOLE	<i>ANOLIS CAROLINENSIS</i>	4
LITTLE BROWN SKINK	<i>SCINCELLA LATERALIS</i>	2
MARbled SALAMANDER	<i>AMBYSTOMA OPACUM</i>	1
SPOTTED DUSKY SALAMANDER	<i>DESMOGNATHUS CONANTI</i>	1 LARVAE, 1 ADULT
DWARF SALAMANDER	<i>EURYCEA QUADRIDIGITATA</i>	1 LARVAE, 2 ADULTS
LOUISIANA SLIMY SALAMANDER	<i>PLETHODON KISATCHIE</i>	1