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Biophilia Center to open to public June 3

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FREEPORT — The E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center has been open for nearly two years, but visitors have been limited mostly to students and teachers.

That will change June 3 when the center opens its doors to the general public with a grand opening

celebration from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The event will include tours of the center. Admission is free, but a barbecue lunch will cost \$5.

“We see this as a good opportunity to further develop ecotourism offerings for visitors to Walton County,” County Commissioner Scott Brannon, chairman of the county’s Tourist Development Council, said in a news release. “This opportunity

is in line with goals of the TDC to enhance the visitor experience and offer more beyond the beach activities, as well as the county’s long-term goal to support and encourage conservation and preservation.”

The Biophilia Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays through Aug. 31. From Sept. 1 through May 31, it

will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays.

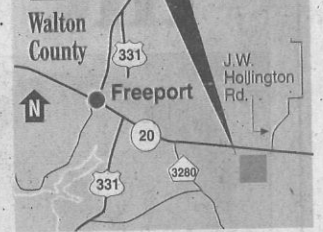
Admission will be \$5 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6 to 12. There will be no charge for children 5 and under.

“We encourage everyone in the tourism industry to come out and see this great new asset for visitors to the region,” Dawn Moliterno, executive director of the TDC, said in the

news release. “This one-of-a-kind facility offers a fun, entertaining and educational experience for families to reconnect with each other as well as the world around us.”

The Biophilia Center, named after world-renowned scientist and two-time Pulitzer Prize winner E.O. Wilson, is located on the 49,000-acre Nokuse Plantation east of Freeport.

**Site of E.O. Wilson
Biophilia Center
at Nokuse Plantation**



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