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Caption:

***The Forgotten Coast* documentary explores Florida's hidden treasures at 'Ding' airing**

The documentary film *The Forgotten Coast: Return to Wild Florida* continues the sixth annual free "Ding" Darling Wednesday Film Series on March 7, at 1 p.m. in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

Following in the footsteps of a wandering Florida black bear, three modern-day explorers leave civilization and enter a lost American wilderness on a rugged thousand-mile journey by foot, paddle, and bike. Traversing Florida's vast and seldom seen "Forgotten Coast," the expedition encounters stunning and rare wildlife in a fragile corridor stretching from the Everglades to the Florida-Alabama border.

Premiered in April 2017, the PBS documentary captures manatees, alligators, ancient river fish, and endangered woodpeckers. On the wind, in the waves, through the trees, and under the stars, *The Forgotten Coast* offers us a chance not just to look back in time but to look forward to a future filled with new hope.

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free seven-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season's remaining scheduled films. All films begin at 1 p.m. A short discussion will follow each film to allow visitors to gain more from their documentary-viewing experience by listening to other people's points of view and analyzing what they just watched.

For full descriptions of the films, please visit
dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.

March 7 – *The Forgotten Coast: Return to Wild Florida*

Mach 21 - *Mission Blue*

April 4 - *STRAWS*

ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge’s mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

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