

Upcoming programs

October 2016

Call for Reservations: 386-736-5927

Please make sure to register for programs

Night Waterbody Paddle- Menard-May Park

October 5, 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm Wednesday

Explore the Indian River Lagoon at night and witness the natural beauty of bioluminescence (the emission of light produced by a chemical reaction within living organisms). Participants will have the opportunity to see and hear a variety of organisms including the extremely important horseshoe crab. Skilled paddlers only please! Please be sure to bring the required electric torch or lighted lantern showing a white light, life preserver and whistle. **Meet at 413 S Riverside Dr., Edgewater, FL 32132**

Guided Hike – Wiregrass Preserve

October 7, 9:00 - 11:00 am Friday

Take a hike of the wonderful 1,400-acre Wiregrass Prairie Preserve, which is situated almost entirely in the St. Johns River Valley. Explore upland and wetland natural communities that include wet flatwoods, cypress domes, and wet prairies. Learn about land management practices while hiking the diverse ecotones of the land. **Meet at 1751 Lopez Road, Osteen. (DO NOT USE A GPS TO GET TO THE LOCATION.)**

Bike-About – Edgewater

October 10, 9:00 – 11:00 am Monday

Ride the paved path from Edgewater, off of Cow Creek Rd., to Rotary Park and back. During this leisurely ride participants will learn about different habitats and the organisms that live within them. Bicycle and helmet required. **Meet at the parking lot ¼ mile south on Cow Creek Rd. The first road after the bike overpass heading east, approximately ¼ mile east of I-95.**

Water-body paddle - Deleon Springs

October 14, 9:00–11:00 am Friday

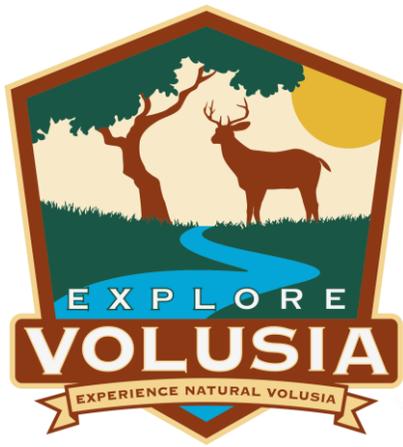
Bring a canoe, kayak, or SUP for a leisurely paddling trip to view local wildlife and beautiful scenery. Leaving from Deleon Springs State Park. **Meet at 601 Ponce de Leon Blvd. De Leon Springs, FL 32130. There is a fee to enter the park. If needed participants will have the opportunity to rent kayaks from the park.**

Waterbody Paddle- Hontoon Island State Park

October 18, 9:00 am– 2:00 pm Tuesday

Not for the beginner paddler, this is a ~10 mile paddle that leaves from Hontoon Island State Park and loops down Snake Creek and back up the St. Johns River Channel. The trip will take approximately 5 to 6 hours and participants are encouraged to bring their lunch to stop for a picnic along the paddle. Must have kayak/canoe, life preserver, and whistle for this adventure. **Meet at 2309 River Ridge Rd, DeLand. 32720.**





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Bike About-Gemini Springs

October 20, 9:00– 11:00 am Thursday

Bike this beautiful area around a small segments of Lake Monroe and around the Gemini Springs Park. All ages and abilities are welcome, please note that this is at least a 6 mile bike with a possibility of being longer. Bicycle helmets are required. **Meet at 37 Dirksen Drive, DeBary.**

Eco Buggy Night Tour- Long leaf Preserve

October 26, 7:30 – 9:00 pm Wednesday

Take a night ride through Longleaf Pine Preserve's flatwoods, cypress domes and swamps. Participants will get the opportunity to view the land nocturnally, while hoping to spot a variety of species. **Meet at the east entrance, 4551 Pioneer Trail, New Smyrna Beach.**

Guided Hike- Indian River Lagoon Park

October 28, 9:00–11:00 am Friday

Explore the Indian River Lagoon (IRL) while learning about the importance of estuaries, natural uplands, and wetlands. Participants will get the opportunity to test the water quality of the area and learn about some of the issues the IRL is facing. **Meet at 700 Sandpiper St. New Smyrna Beach.**

EcoBuggy/Hike- Longleaf Preserve (LEC Program)

October 29, 9:30-11:00 am Saturday

Take a riding trip through Longleaf Pine Preserve, which includes 12,000 acres of natural communities of flatwoods, cypress domes and swamps. In some areas there is an understory of saw palmetto, gallberry and seasonal wildflowers. Staff from the LEC and the county's Explore Volusia program will point out the preserve's highlights. Meet at the east entrance, 4551 Pioneer Trail, New Smyrna Beach. **THIS IS A LEC PROGRAM PLEASE REGISTER BY CALLING: 386-789-7207**

