November 2nd 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  Native Plant Walk

Join Holly Giles, Master Naturalist, and Tommy Nordmann, Education Specialist with Volusia County at DeBary Hall Historic Site, for a walk on the grounds and part of the trail. Discover native and non-native species in the area as well as invasives. We will pick some specimens to look at further under microscopes. Children over 12 are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Reservations recommended.

Location: 198 Sunrise Blvd. DeBary, 32713
Click here to register online or call Holly Giles 386-736-5937 extension 12330

November 4th 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.  Autumn in the Oaks Festival

Holly Giles and Kelly Young will be presenting information on Be Floridian Now and the septic tank grant program for DeLeon Springs. The event has music, arts and crafts, food trucks, and displays from the Volusia Sheriff’s Office and DeLeon Springs Fire crew. All ages are welcome.

Location: Spring Garden Park 5489 N. U.S. Hwy. 17 DeLeon Springs, 32130
No registration needed.

November 8th 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.  Bicycle Tour from Green Springs

Join Environmental Specialist Holly Giles, Education Specialist Tommy Nordmann, and DeBary Hall historians Tracy Mestre and Lisa Perez for a 15-mile bike ride from Green Springs to Guise Road. The tour begins with the history of Green Springs, the native plants of the area, and how the springs are affected by our water quality. There will be stops along the way, with one restroom break at the Osteen Civic Center. Come for the whole tour or as far as you want to ride. Reservations are required.

Location: 994 Enterprise Osteen Road, Deltona 32725
Click here to register online or call Holly Giles at 386-736-5927 extension 12330

November 15th 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.  Volunteer Walk and Weed

Join Environmental Specialist Holly Giles and faculty from Stetson University for a native plant tour. Volunteers will identify non-native and invasive species and learn how to remove them. After our weeding project, enjoy the grounds for a picnic and bird watching on Lake Beresford. Children ages 8 and up are welcome if accompanied by an adult. Reservations are recommended.

Location: Stetson Aquatic Center, 2636 Alhambra Avenue DeLand, 32720
Click here to register online or call Holly Giles 386-736-5927 extension 12330

Please arrive 10 minutes before the programs begin to sign in. Waivers must be signed for outdoor programs. For questions, call 386-736-5927 extension 12330. Follow Green Volusia on www.eventbrite.com for online registrations.
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IBIS Program at Spruce Creek Park

Holly Giles and Kelly Young assisted Louise Chapman, head of the Volusia County Schools IBIS program, to provide a hands-on bird observation experience, water quality experiments, and seine nettin in the estuary with New Smyrna High School students.
Amazon’s Caesar Busters

Lead Volunteer David Muffett and Corrine from Amazon spearheaded a test area at Gemini Springs County Park in DeBary for removing invasive Caesar weed. David and Corrine busted this invasive from the playground area! More Caesar weed projects are coming soon.

Guided Bike Tour from DeBary Hall to Lake Monroe Park

Lisa Perez from DeBary Hall and Holly Giles collaborated on this ride to share the area's history along with native and non-native species on the trails. There were 13 riders who came out and had a great time riding our beautiful trail system.

Plant Like a Floridian

Holly Giles provided a presentation on popular landscape plants. She demonstrated how to substitute one non-native from your landscape with a native. Holly shared why natives are essential to Florida's unique ecosystems and how simple changes in our yards make a big impact. The presentation included current information on the water quality of Gemini Springs and a hands-on demonstration of how to make Beautyberry bug repellent.
Welcome
Tommy Nordmann

Tommy Nordmann has joined our team as the new Explore Volusia Education Specialist. Tommy is a DeLand native and has a passion for the outdoors. He is excited to develop programming for the community in the coming year.

We are thrilled to have Tommy on our Sustainability and Resilience team. He will be joining in on some of the programs for November, so come out and give him a warm welcome!

Our team members from Sustainability and Resilience are available for presentations and workshops for groups, clubs, organizations, and HOAs. Presentations are available on weekdays, evenings, and weekends. For more information and topics we offer, call Holly Giles at 386-736-5927 extension 12330

Are you interested in becoming more involved in Volusia County's environmental programs? We are seeking Lead Volunteers to help with programs, events, and volunteer opportunities. For more information call Holly Giles at 386-736-5927 extension 12330

We are looking to secure volunteers to help with the Tree Giveaway in January. Possible dates are January 19th and 20th. Call Holly Giles at 386-736-5927 extension 12330

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