



October 2020 Upcoming Programs

Waterbody Paddle - Blue Spring Area

October 1, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm Thursday

Bring a canoe, kayak, or SUP for a paddling trip near Blue Spring State Park to explore the while learning about local wildlife and the history of the area. Participants will paddle through history by taking old logging canals back through snake creek. Please be advised that this is a little over 7-mile paddle. Must have Kayak/Canoe/SUP, life preserver and whistle. **Meet at the end of W. French Avenue in Orange city. About 1 mile past Blue Spring State Park Entrance**

Bike-About - Deep Creek Preserve

October 3, 9:00 - 11:00 am Saturday

Take a ~6-8 mile ride around Volusia County's Deep Creek Preserve. Learn about the 8,000-acre site's forestry, agricultural history, and plant communities. Participants may also get the opportunity to see the Sherman's fox squirrel. Bike and helmet required, this is an unpaved road, larger tired bikes recommended. **Meet at 964 S. State Road 415, Samsula.**

Guided Hike -Longleaf Preserve

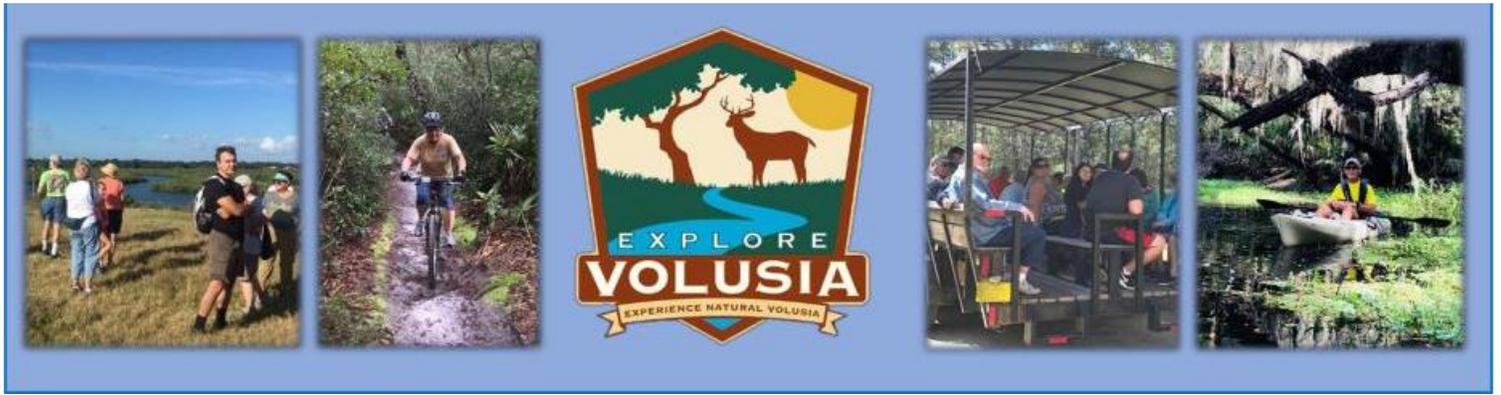
October 10, 9:00 - 10:30 am Saturday

Take a walk through Longleaf Pine Preserve's flatwoods, cypress domes and swamps. Participants will learn about the connections between soils and the plant and animal communities of the wetlands. **Meet at the west entrance, 3637 E. New York Ave, DeLand, FL 32724**

EcoBuggy Tour - Wiregrass Preserve

October 13, 9:00 - 11:00 am Tuesday

Take a ride through 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 riding through the diverse ecotones of the land. **Meet at 1751 Lopez Road, Osteen, FL 32764 (DO NOT USE A GPS TO GET TO THE LOCATION, actual meeting location may change, all registered participants will be notified before the program).**



Birding Field Study- Hickory Bluff Preserve

October 15, 8:00 - 10:00 am Thursday

Join us and your fellow bird brains on a hike paired with a morning of bird watching at the diverse habitat of Hickory Bluff Preserve. We will discuss what makes birds indicators of environmental sustainability and observe their presence in a variety of habitats. Learn about the roles of birds in our ecosystem, how to identify common species by sight, why birds sing and conservation measures you can do at home. Birds of a feather, flock together! **Meet at 598 Guise Rd, Osteen, FL 32764.**

Waterbody Paddle- Riverbreeze Park

October 20, 9:00 – 11:00 am Tuesday

Explore the northern end of the Indian River Lagoon while paddling from Riverbreeze Park to surrounding areas. Participants may have the opportunity to see a variety of organisms including manatees, dolphins, and different species of birds. Must have Kayak/Canoe/SUP, life preserver and whistle. **Meet 250 HH Burch Rd, Oak Hill. 32759.**

Guided hike- Hontoon Island State Park

October 21, 9:00 - 11:00 am Wednesday

Hike Hontoon Island State Park and learn about the wonderful 1650 acre habitat of the park. See evidence of Native American habitation over thousands of years. Take the 3-mile round trip on the Hammock hiking trail. **Meet at 2309 River Ridge Rd, DeLand, 32720.**

Eco Buggy Night Tour- Longleaf Preserve

October 28, 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.**