September 2020 Upcoming Programs

**Bike-About - Edgewater**  
September 2, 9:00 - 11:00 am Wednesday  
Ride the paved path from Edgewater, off Cow Creek Rd., north to the end and back. During this leisurely ride participants will learn about different habitats and the organisms that live within them. Bicycle and helmets are required. Meet at the parking lot ¼ south on Cow Creek Rd. The first road after the bike overpass heading east, approximately ¼ mile east of I-95.

**Snorkel/Swim Adventure- Lighthouse Point Park**  
September 3, 9:00 am–11:00 pm Thursday  
Bring your snorkeling gear and sense of adventure to learn about the wonders of this underwater ecosystem. Participants will learn about various marine species, while snorkeling the high slack tide near Ponce DeLeon Inlet. Participants must be able to swim, have their own equipment, and anyone under the age of 18 will be required to wear a Personal Floatation Device (PFD) and be accompanied by an adult guardian at all times. Meet at Light House Point Park 5000 S. Atlantic Ave., Ponce Inlet.

**Waterbody Paddle - Bethune Park**  
September 9, 9:00 - 11:00 am Wednesday  
Bring a canoe, kayak, or SUP for a leisurely paddling trip to view local wildlife and beautiful scenery. Leaving from Mary McLeod Bethune Park participants may encounter manatees and dolphins while exploring the waters of the Indian River Lagoon. Must have Kayak/Canoe/SUP, life preserver and whistle. Meet at 6656 S. Atlantic Ave., New Smyrna Beach (West side of road, heading south turn right on ladyfish Ave, first left and park in the dirt lot).

**Guided Hike -Longleaf Preserve**  
September 15, 9:00 - 10:30 am Tuesday  
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
Bike-About - Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve     September 16, 9:00 –11:30 am Wednesday  
Ride a segment of Martin Dairy Trails in Spruce Creek Preserve while learning about the local ecosystem. Moderate skill preferred due to rough terrain, up and down hills, and soft sand. Bicycle and helmets are required. Meet at the dirt parking lot on Martin Dairy Rd. New Smyrna Beach, 32168. (Turn north off of Turnbull Bay Rd. just off of Pioneer Trail)

International Coastal Cleanup     September 18, 19, 20  
Volusia County residents can participate in the Ocean Conservancy’s 35th annual International Coastal Cleanup anywhere along the beach, Halifax River or Indian River Lagoon on Sept. 18, 19 and 20. This year’s event will look a bit different, because volunteers will be “together apart” as they work toward a cleaner environment and Volusia County will not host large sites or encourage cleanups consisting of 10 or more people. Participants are encouraged to use the Ocean Conservancy’s Clean Swell App in place of a paper data card to track their trash collection. Learn more about the app at www.volusia.org/cleanup.

Waterbody Paddle – Menard May Park     September 22, 9:00 – 11:00 am Tuesday  
Leaving from Menard May Park’ paddle the Indian River Lagoon to the Gabordy Canal. Participants will learn about the history of the canal and the importance of the Indian River Lagoon. Participants will need to bring a kayak/canoe, or stand up paddle board, life preserver, whistle and wear closed toe water shoes. Meet at 413 S Riverside Dr., Edgewater, FL 32132

Eco Buggy Tour - Longleaf Preserve     September 30, 9:00–11:00am Wednesday  
Take a leisurely ride through Longleaf Pine Preserve’s flatwoods, cypress domes and swamps. Participants will learn about the plants and animals of the wetlands. Meet at the east entrance, 4551 Pioneer Trail, New Smyrna Beach.