September 2021 Upcoming Programs

Volunteer and Learn: Tom Renick Park  
September 7, 8:30 – 10:30 am Tuesday  
Join us to clean up the beach. After the Labor Day weekend with a high volume of visitors on the beach, there may be a lot of trash left behind. We will clean up the beach and learn about the impacts of trash on sea turtles and other wildlife. We will also learn about washback sea turtles and what to do if you find one.  
Meet at 1565 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond Beach.

Snorkel/Swim Adventure - Lighthouse Point Park  
September 9, 10:00 am–12:00 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.

Guided Hike - Hickory Bluff Preserve  
September 11, 9:00 - 11:00 am Saturday  
Explore the natural world on an upland and swamp hike of the St. Johns River watershed to compare habitat characteristics.  
Meet at 598 Guise Rd, Osteen, 32764.

Bike – About - Green Springs Park  
September 14, 9:00 - 11:00 am Tuesday  
Participants will ride part of the spring-to-spring trail from Green Springs to Gemini Springs and back while experiencing the natural world along the way. All ages and abilities are welcome. Bicycle and helmets are required.  
Meet at Green Springs Park, 994 Enterprise-Osteen Road, Enterprise.
Kayak Clean-up – Menard May Park  
September 17, 9:00 – 11:00 am Friday
Paddle around to the local islands helping to remove debris. Participants will be getting in and out of the vessels at different locations to cleanup. Participants will need a kayak/canoe, or stand up paddle board, life preserver, whistle and to wear closed toe water shoes. Meet at 413 S Riverside Dr., Edgewater, FL 32132

International Coastal Cleanup  
September 18, 9:00 – 11:30 am Saturday
Volusia County residents can participate in the Ocean Conservancy’s 36th annual International Coastal Cleanup anywhere along the beach, Halifax River or Indian River Lagoon on Sept. 18. 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 - Bethune Park  
September 28, 9:00 - 11:00 am Tuesday
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).

Bike-About - Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve  
September 30, 9:00 –11:30 am Thursday
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)