May 2021 Upcoming Programs

Bike About - Deep Creek Preserve
May 1, 9:00 - 11:00 am Saturday
Take a peddling tour of this 8,000-acre natural and agricultural land to learn about important plant communities. Participants may get the opportunity to see a close up view of carnivorous plants, and an uncommon sighting of the Sherman’s fox squirrel. Meet at 964 S. State Road 415, New Smyrna Beach.

Guided Hike - Doris Leeper Preserve
May 4, 9:00 – 11:00 am Tuesday
Learn about the importance of estuaries while hiking through beautiful scenery. Participants will have the opportunity to seine net [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seine_fishing](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seine_fishing). Fish, bird, and plant identification will be the focus of this adventure. Please wear closed toed shoes. Meet at 3251 N. Dixie Highway, NSB, FL 32168.

Waterbody Paddle - Bethune Park
May 5, 9:00 am - 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 McCloud 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).

Snorkel/Swim Adventure- Lighthouse Point Park
May 12, 9:00 am–11:00 pm Wednesday
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.
Eco Buggy Tour - Longleaf Preserve  
May 18, 9:00–11:00am Tuesday  
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.

Guided Hike – Ponce Preserve  
May 20, 9:00 – 10:30 am Thursday  
Enjoy a wonderful trip to view local wildlife and beautiful scenery. Hike from Ponce Preserve through the mangrove forest, dune system, to a beach overlook. Learn about the different ecosystems and their importance. Meet at 4401 South Peninsula Drive, Ponce Inlet, FL 32127.

Waterbody Paddle – Sanchez Park  
May 25, 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 Sanchez Park in Ormond Beach participants may encounter marine mammals while exploring the waters of the Halifax River. Must have Kayak/Canoe/SUP, life preserver and whistle. Meet at 329 Sanchez Ave, Ormond Beach, 32174.

Bike – About - Green Springs Park  
May 26, 9:00 - 11:00 am Tuesday  
Participants will ride the first segment of the East Central Regional Rail Trail from Green Springs to State Road 415 and back while experiencing the natural world along the way. All ages and abilities are welcome, please note this is an 11.4 mile round trip. Bicycle and helmets are required. Meet at Green Springs Park, 994 Enterprise-Osteen Road, Enterprise.