



# Upcoming environmental programs

**October 2020**

- **“Let’s Go NUTS” Hike from 9:00-10:00 p.m. Saturday, October 3rd.** Enjoy nature under the sky as we explore the different oak tree species in Lyonia Preserve and the acorns they produce. On this guided hike, participants should dress appropriately for the weather, wear close toed shoes, bring water, and be prepared to hike on unpaved sugar sand trails.
- **“Native Plants for Florida Gardens” from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 10th.** You’re invited to join the Florida Wildflower Foundation (FWF) for this virtual program, featuring Stacey Matrazzo, FWF Program Manager and co-author of *“Native Plants for Florida Gardens”*. Florida is home to hundreds of native plants that make great additions to residential landscapes. In her presentation, Stacey will highlight a selection of species and discuss how to use them to transform your landscape into a living ecosystem with “real Florida” style. Participants can join us in our classroom or online from your computer, tablet or smartphone. Registration is required for this virtual program, an online link will be provided upon registration.
- **Creature Feature “Florida Black Bear” from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 13th.** Join us as we share some interesting bear facts, track and scat molds, and other educational items relating to this amazing animal. We will discuss their natural habitats, behaviors and important role they play in our ecosystem.





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- **“Saturday Soundwalk” from 10:00-11:00 a.m.**

**Saturday, October 17th.** Come along with us as we take a walk through Lyonia Preserve that’s focused on the different sounds of the environment. Join staff from the Atlantic Center for the Arts as we explore the sounds and rhythms of our urban and natural world that we’ll hear in and from Lyonia Preserve. Participating in a soundwalk can be beneficial for people of all ages to relieve stress, gain focus, and develop a deeper understanding of how we fit into our environment. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather, wear close toed shoes, bring water, and be prepared to hike on unpaved sugar sand trails.



- **“Feathered Friends” from 1:30- 2:30 p.m. Saturday, October 24th.**

All birds have feathers - in fact they are the only living animal that possess this unique feature! Feathers are good for flying, but they also help birds do much more than just soar through the sky. We’ll discuss various types and functions of feathers. We will also discuss some Citizen Science projects such as Cornell Lab of Ornithology’s Project Feederwatch and The Great Backyard Bird Count.



- **“Autumn Leaf Exploration” from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 28th.**

Fall foliage is in the spotlight for this program! We invite you to join us virtually as we unravel the magic of leaf structures and photosynthesis. As fall weather approaches, a seasonal change kicks off a chemical reaction within tree leaves, which is responsible for the array of autumn colors every year. To learn more about leaf structures, gather some backyard leaves, paper and crayons to follow along with us in a leaf rubbing activity. Join us online from your computer, tablet or smartphone. Registration is required for this virtual program, an online link will be provided upon registration.





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- **“Creepy, Crawling Creatures” Hike from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Saturday, October 31st.**

Halloween is here! Come along with us on this hike into Lyonia Preserve to discover what arthropod and insect species may be out and about. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather, wear close toed shoes, bring water, and be prepared to hike on unpaved sugar sand trails.



With social distancing in mind, space is limited to a total of 10 participants per program. Registration is required and can be done by calling (386) 789-7207 ext.# 21028. No walk-ins will be permitted. Please arrive 10 minutes before the program to sign in.

LEC staff has established public program procedures based on current guidelines. These procedures are subject to change based on guidance at the local, state and federal levels. Programs may be modified at any time as needed. For more information, all the center at 386-789-7207, ext. #21028.

Learn about other upcoming events at [lyoniapreserve.com](http://lyoniapreserve.com).

We are able to provide many of our programs free of charge thanks to the generous support of *The Friends of Lyonia Environmental Center*. To continue this support of our education programs, your donations are always appreciated. To learn more about the friends group and to donate please visit <http://www.lecfriends.com/>.

