



Sustainability and Resilience



January 2024 Newsletter



Volunteers needed!

January 18th - Help wrap trees for giveaway - 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

January 20th - Help distribute trees at Fair Grounds - 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

January 27th - Help in our booth at the Manatee Festival at Blue Spring Park

Call Holly Giles at 386-736-5927 extension 12330

January 3rd 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.



Paddling Adventure



Paddle with Explore Volusia Education Specialist Tommy Nordmann and Environmental Specialist Holly Giles. We will be joined by Chad Murch, Marine Mammal Stranding Team Lead, and learn about the marine mammals native to our Volusia County waterways. Participants must provide their watercraft (kayaks, canoes, or SUPs), personal flotation devices, and whistles. This trip is for paddlers ages 12 and up. An adult must accompany children. Paddlers must wear PFD's during the program. **Reservations are required. Limited spots are available.**

Location: 3251 N. Dixie Fwy, New Smyrna Beach, 32168 - Sleepy Hollow Access

[Click here to register online](#) or call Tommy Nordmann at 386-736-5927 extension 12072

January 5th 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.



Ethnobotany Walk



Join Explore Volusia Education Specialist Tommy Nordmann and Environmental Specialist Holly Giles for a 1.5-mile hike through Deep Creek Preserve. Learn how humans have used native plants in Florida for food, medicine, shelter, and transportation. All ages are welcome. Participants must wear closed-toed shoes. **Reservations are required.**

Location: Deep Creek Preserve - 964 S SR-415, New Smyrna Beach, 32168

[Click here to register online](#) or call Tommy Nordmann at 386-736-5927 extension 12072

January 12th 9:00 - 12:00 p.m.



Tomoka Landfill Tour and Cleanup



Join Environmental Specialist Holly Giles at the Tomoka Landfill. Learn about the importance of proper trash disposal. See what happens to trash after it's brought to the landfill, and participate in the Adopt-a-Road program by doing a roadside cleanup. Meet at Tomoka Landfill-Park at the office building on the right. **Reservations are required. Limited spots are available.**

Location: 1990 Tomoka Farms Road, Port Orange, 32128

[Click here to register online](#) or call Holly Giles at 386-736-5927 extension 12330

Please arrive 15 minutes before the programs begin to sign in. Waivers must be signed for each outdoor program you attend. For questions, call 386-736-5927 extension 12330. Follow Green Volusia on www.eventbrite.com for online registrations.



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January 16th 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



Nature Walk and Cleanup

Join Environmental Specialist Holly Giles and Explore Volusia Education Specialist Tommy Nordmann at Riverbreeze Park as they share about Mosquito Lagoon, shore birds, mangroves, and invasive species. We will clean up trash items along the shore and boat ramp area. There may be sightings of dolphins and manatees. **Reservations are required.**

Location: 250 H. H. Birch Road, Oak Hill, 32759

[Click here to register online](#) or call Holly Giles at 386-736-5927 extension 12330



January 17th 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



Animal Signs Hike

Participants will join Explore Volusia Education Specialist Tommy Nordmann on the 4.4-mile yellow trail in Deep Creek Preserve. We'll search for animal tracks, bird calls, and other signs of animal presence. This hike is for the adventurous and is not for beginners or children. Wear close-toed shoes and bring plenty of water and snacks. **Reservations are required.**

Location: 964 S SR-415, New Smyrna Beach, 32168

[Click here to register online](#) or call Tommy Nordmann at 386-736-5927 extension 12072



January 17th 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.



Bicycle Ride

Join Environmental Specialist Holly Giles and the DeBary Hall Historic Site team for a nine-mile round trip from DeBary Hall Trailhead to Lake Monroe Park and back. Learn about the history and ecology of the area as we explore this beautiful spring-to-spring trail. Ages 12 and up are welcome. An adult must accompany children. Participants will provide their bicycles and helmets. **Reservations are required. Limited spots are available.**

Location: 198 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary, 32713

[Click here to register online](#) or call Holly Giles at 386-736-5927 extension 12330



January 20th 8:00 - 10:00 a.m.



Native Fruit Tree Giveaway

Volusia County Environmental Management will give away native fruit trees on January 20th—two trees per Volusia County resident. First come, first serve basis. Follow the signs on Prevatt Road for drive-through directions to pick up your trees.

Location: Volusia County Extension/ Fairgrounds parking lot 3150 E. New York Avenue, Deland 32724
Call Anna Copeland at 386-736-5927 extension 12728 for more information

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January 25th 9:30 - 12:00 p.m.



Forest Service Eco Buggy Tour



Florida Prescribed Fire Awareness Week. Florida Forest Service staff will discuss and demonstrate the use and benefits of prescribed fire in land management and wildland fuels reduction. Forest Rangers will demonstrate the use of equipment in the field on prescribed fire and answer questions. Foresters will be onsite. Burning demonstration is weather dependent. All ages are welcome. **Reservations are required. Limited space available.**

Location: Tiger Bay State Forest 2201 Rima Ridge Road, Ormond Beach, 32174

[Click here to register online](#) or call Melinda Avni at 386-985-7815



January 26th 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.



Birding Walk



Bring your binoculars and walk with Explore Volusia Education Specialist Tommy Nordmann in Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve. We'll search for native Florida birds and discuss the adaptations they must have to survive in an estuarine habitat. Participants must wear closed-toed shoes. Trails may be wet and muddy, so be prepared with appropriate footwear. Extra binoculars will be available. All ages are welcome. **Reservations are required.**

Location: 6250 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Port Orange, 32127

[Click here to register online](#) or call Tommy Nordmann at 386-736-5927 extension 12072

January 27th 9:00 - 3:00 p.m.



Manatee Festival



Environmental Specialist Holly Giles and Green Volusia Volunteers will have a booth at the Blue Spring Manatee Festival. See us to learn more about the Be Floridian Now and Green Volusia Volunteer programs. All ages are welcome. You don't need to register. Blue Spring State Park hosts this event and is open to the public.

Location: 2100 W. French Avenue, Orange City 32763

January 31st 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.



Eco Buggy Tour



Hop on the Eco Buggy with Explore Volusia Education Specialist Tommy Nordmann and Environmental Specialist Holly Giles, and learn about the importance of fire to the Flatwoods and scrub habitats in Florida. Land management practices, including prescribed burns, will be discussed. Participants will learn how plants and animals have adapted to survive fires in their habitat. Participants must wear closed-toed shoes. All ages are welcome. **Reservations are required. Limited space available.**

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Last Month's Programs



Caesar weed cleanup at
Beck Ranch



Carnivorous Plant Walk



Longleaf Preserve Eco
Buggy Tour



Bethune Beach sunset
cleanup



Paddle at Spruce Creek
Preserve



Sand Pine Removal at
Lyonia Preserve

Sustainability Team in the Field



Geno and Holly at
Beck Ranch



Geno and Tommy doing a
test run at Spruce Creek



Tommy and Holly at the
Spruce Creek Paddle



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Our team members from Sustainability and Resilience are available for presentations and workshops for groups, clubs, organizations, and HOAs. Presentations are available on weekdays, evenings, and weekends. For more information and topics we offer, call Holly Giles at 386-736-5927 extension 12330



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