

SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE GUIDE

PARKS AND RECREATION · GREENWAYS AND NATURAL LANDS · SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY · EXTENSION SERVICES

WINTER- SPRING 2024



Participants collected wild mushrooms at UF/IFAS Extension's "Spores & More Mushroom ID Hike." Find more environmental and wellness programs on page 10!



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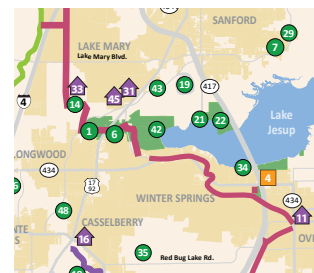
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ENVIRONMENTAL



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WELLNESS

OUR MISSION
Enriching lives through outstanding cultural, educational, environmental and recreational experiences

OUR VISION
To be a nationally recognized agency for delivering excellence in leisure services

OUR VALUES
Achievement - A sense of community - Conservation of our natural treasures - Good health - Ties to our heritage - A connection to nature - Economic development - Seminole County's future

CONTACT SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

PARKS AND RECREATION

Main Office.....	(407) 665-2001
Greenways and Natural Lands.....	(407) 665-2001
UF/IFAS Extension - Seminole County.....	(407) 665-5560
Museum of Seminole County History.....	(407) 665-2489

SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Central Branch Library.....	(407) 665-1500
East Branch Library.....	(407) 665-1560
North Branch Library.....	(407) 665-1620
Northwest Branch Library.....	(407) 665-1640
West Branch Library.....	(407) 665-1670

ACTIVE PARKS

Red Bug Lake Park.....	(407) 665-2190
Sanlando Park.....	(407) 665-2100
Seminole County Softball Complex.....	(407) 665-1990
Boombah Soldiers Creek Park.....	(407) 665-2199
Boombah Seminole County Sports Complex.....	(407) 665-2050
Sylvan Lake Park.....	(407) 665-2180

Find disaster preparedness information and sign up for emergency alerts at PrepareSeminole.org

ACCESSIBILITY



Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any program, event, or service should contact the Seminole County ADA Coordinator (at least 48 hours in advance) at 407-665-7940.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



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MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY

The Museum is open Tuesday–Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for students, seniors, and military, plus tax.
Children under 4 years get in for free.

EVENTS

Battle at Camp Monroe

Visit the Museum for a living history day commemorating the battle of Lake Monroe in Sanford. Black powder musket and rifle firings will occur daily, along with other demonstrations throughout the day.

On February 2, students and classes can reserve a timeslot and rotate around the encampment, examining different aspects of life on Florida's wartime frontier with experienced educators.

On February 3, the public is welcome to tour the camps of U.S. soldiers and Seminoles and learn why they fought over the rivers, swamps, and savannahs of Florida during the longest and most costly "Indian War" in U.S. history.

Dates: School Day: Friday, February 2, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Public Day: Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Cost: General Admission

Timeline of Women's History

What was daily life like for women during Florida's pioneer and industrial periods? How was it different for families depending on whether they were rich or poor? Black or white?

Yesterday's women made great strides to create a better world for their daughters in present and future generations. Join living historians dressed in the fashions of earlier times and witness the struggles of settlement, suffrage, warfare, civil rights, and more through the eyes and voices of the women of Seminole County.

Date: School Day: Friday, March 15, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Public Day: Saturday, March 16, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Cost: Free



Ask an Archaeologist

March is Florida Archaeology Month! Every year, the Museum partners with the Florida Public Archaeology Network, the Central Florida Anthropological Society, and Rollins College to answer your questions about Florida Archaeology.

This year, enjoy a feature presentation on the historical and archaeological evidence behind the Mayaca culture, the native group present in what is now Seminole County during the 16th century and before. After the presentation, join a Q & A session with local archaeologists and historians!

Date: Saturday, March 30, 10:00 a.m.

Cost: Free



EXHIBITS

Treasured Talent 2024

Celebrate Arts and Culture in Seminole County in 2024! Enjoy works by local artists from communities around Seminole County as we kick off the new year.

Dates: Tuesday, January 16–Saturday, February 24

Cost: General Admission



Dollars and Duchesses – Nobility in Seminole County

We may not often pair the swamps of rural Central Florida with the aristocracy of the Old World, but members of the nobility in Europe were drawn here in the 19th and early 20th centuries. The trappings of elite society tugged at the fashions and infatuations of Central Floridians throughout the Victorian and Gilded ages. Discover these high-class courtly connections at the Museum from March to May.

Dates: Tuesday, March 12–Saturday, May 18

Cost: General Admission



MUSEUM RESOURCES

Tours and Programs

Free guided tours of the Museum are available with a reservation.

The Museum has curriculum-based special programs for schools, homeschool groups, and other organizations, from pottery workshops highlighting native cultures to Industrial Period cattle branding. School groups can take a field trip to the Museum or host programming in-school. Call the Museum at least two weeks in advance of your requested date to schedule a program.

Research

The Museum has an extensive collection of reference materials freely available to the public during regular scheduled Museum hours. Reference materials include local newspapers from 1908 forward, assorted City directories, reference books and some Seminole family histories.

Call to make a research appointment. Admission is waived for researchers with an appointment.

PARKS AND RECREATION

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Tennis

Junior Development Program

The Junior Development Program helps beginner players learn the sport! Players will develop a foundation in all tennis strokes as well as athletic skills, coordination, and footwork. Certified tennis professionals will use United States Tennis Association (USTA) teaching methodology and concepts and create a fun-focused learning environment.

Age Groups:

- 3 & 4 year olds (36' court, foam balls, 19" & 21" rackets)
- 5 & 6 year olds (36' court, red compression ball)
- 7 & 8 year olds (60' court, red and orange balls)
- 9 & 10 year olds (60' court, orange and green dot balls)
- 11+ year olds (full court, regular balls and rackets)

Locations: Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, and Sylvan Lake Park

Cost: Weekday Group Classes 4 or 5 week sessions \$36 or \$45

\$36 (Saturday group lessons held one hour per week for 4 weeks)

\$72 (Saturday group lessons held one hour per week for 8 weeks)

ADULT PROGRAMS

Tennis

Tennis is the sport of a lifetime and you are never too old to start. Get some cardiovascular exercise while learning skills and meeting other players. Certified professionals make tennis lessons fun for players of all abilities, from beginners to those looking for strategic competition.

Levels:

- **Beginner:** Grips, footwork, forehand and backhand groundstroke's, volleys, and serve will be introduced.
- **Intermediate:** Participants will focus on coordinating movement and balance, hitting the ball with purpose and



Youth tennis programs take place year-round at Red Bug Lake Park.

Junior Training Program

The Junior Training Program is for intermediate-level youth players ready to develop skills for playing on a school team or in tournaments. The daily format combines instruction with practice, structured drills, and match play, and follows USTA techniques. Participation is based on ability and may be subject to the tennis pro's approval.

Locations: Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, and Sylvan Lake Park

Cost: \$52 Month (two hours per week for 4 weeks)

10 & Under Junior Training Program

This program serves as a transition for intermediate players from Junior Development to the competitive Junior Training Program. Tennis pro approval required.

Location: Red Bug Lake Park

Dates: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 4:30–6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$52 Month

direction, and improvement of their skill level through strengthening of the fundamentals learned in the beginner level.

- **Advanced:** Emphasis will be on incorporating skills into playing situations. Top spin and slice will be introduced. Drills and playing situations to include ball movement and control of varying ball speeds with shot anticipation.

- **Strategy:** Singles and Doubles. Improve your match results and competitive tennis experience. Doubles to include serve and volley, poaching moving as a team, return strategy and different

formations. Learn the different styles of play and find out what type of game you want to perfect!

Locations: Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Sylvan Lake Park

Cost: \$72 for 8 weeks, one hour per week

Softball

Seminole County Softball Complex

Spring League: Registration opens for returning teams on February 1; new teams on February 15. League play begins April 1.

Red Bug Lake Park

Spring League: Registration opens on February 5. League play begins April 8.



GREENWAYS AND NATURAL LANDS

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Register online at recreation.seminolecountyfl.gov or by phone at 407-665-2211. All classes and events take place at the Ed Yarborough Nature Center, 3485 N CR-426, Geneva.

CLASSES & EVENTS

Learn & Burn: Prescribed Fire Informational Class and Demonstration

Join Natural Lands Program Manager Allegra Buyer to learn what it takes to be a “Burn Boss”! Gain insight into the process of planning and running a prescribed burn and discover why burning is so important for healthy ecosystems and people in Seminole County. Meet some of the creatures who live in fire-dependent ecosystems, see the tools land managers use while burning, and check out a previously burned area within the wilderness area. If conditions permit, watch a live burn demonstration!

Date/Time: Saturday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8 per person

Ages: 10+ (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Nature Lovers: Valentine’s Day Program

Human courtship can be complicated, but it’s nothing compared to some of our local wild creatures! “Nature Lovers” is designed for those seeking a unique and humorous way to wrap up Valentine’s week. Learn about the intriguing and downright bizarre courtship rituals of some of our wild neighbors. After the class and animal meet-and-greet, end the program with a guided evening stroll down scenic trails.

Date/Time: Saturday, February 17, 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8 per person

Ages: 18+ (Adults Only)

Bug Bash

Come party with bugs! This fun and educational class will show off the wide array of small, crawly critters with which we share our wilderness areas, yards, and even homes. Meet insects, arachnids, and mollusks in the Nature Center, then end the program with a hike searching for wild bugs!

Date/Time: Saturday, March 9, 9:00 a.m.–



Meet real snakes during the Snakes of Florida program.

12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8 per person

Ages: 5+ (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Nature Center Open House – Backyard Birds

The Ed Yarborough Nature Center and Seminole Audubon Society are teaming up for a special Open House this spring! Meet-and-greet with our animal residents and explore the exhibits and displays. Enjoy bird-inspired crafts, games, guided hikes, and informational talks with master birders.

Date: Saturday, March 30, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center, 3485 N CR-426, Geneva

Cost: Free; no registration required

Ages: All ages welcome

Tracks & Scat Class (NEW!)

Learn to read the clues animals leave behind! Practice identifying bones, tracks, scat, and more. Enjoy an informative class in the Nature Center and create a plaster track of your own. Test your new tracking skills with a hike in the wilderness in search of animal signs.

Date/Time: Saturday, April 13, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8 per person

Ages: 5+ (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Snakes of Florida

Join a local expert as she introduces and

dispels some of the myths about these often-misunderstood cold-blooded residents! Visit live snakes in the Nature Center, then end with a hike on the trails in search of wild snakes.

Date/Time: Saturday, May 18, 9:00–11:00 a.m.

Cost: \$8 per person

Ages: 7+ (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Family Fun Campout

This event is tailored for families with children ages 4 and up who want a crash course in camping. Meals are included! Enjoy tent pitching assistance, a live animal program in the Nature Center, fishing, hiking, and cooking s’mores over a campfire. Families must bring their own tent. Families must have at least one child (4+) to register.

Dates/Times: Saturday, January 27 at 2:00 p.m. through Sunday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, May 11 at 2:00 p.m. through Sunday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$20 per person

Ages: 4+

Spring Break Eco Camp

Campers will have fun hiking, setting live traps, fishing, handling animals in the Nature Center, arts and crafts, and many other nature-based activities! Scholarships are available – call 407-665-2211 for more information.

Date/Time: Monday–Friday, March 18–22, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$132 (Extended day available for 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. for \$15)

Ages: 7–12



Make treats over a campfire during the Family Fun Campout.

GUIDED HIKES

Seminole County is Florida’s Natural Choice for a reason! Knowledgeable guides will lead you through a variety of beautiful ecosystems and highlight the special plants and creatures who live there. If you’re lucky, you might even get to meet a few of them! Make sure to bring water and bug repellent and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes.

Cost: \$5 per person. Registration required.

Ages: 7+ (Children must be accompanied by an adult)

Friday, January 19: Florida Tree Trek

9:00–11:00 a.m. at Spring Hammock Preserve Celebrate Florida Arbor Day by hiking through mixed forests of pine, oak, and cypress.

Hike Rating: Easy

Saturday, March 2: Morning Birding Hike

7:30–9:30 a.m. at Lake Harney Wilderness Area

Join an expert birder as you search for feathered friends. Learn how to spot birds by sight and sound. End your hike high above on the observation deck overlooking the floodplain.

Hike Rating: Easy

Monday, March 25: Flower Moon Hike

7:00–9:00 p.m. at Econ River Wilderness Area Take a break on a Monday night to enjoy the

splendor of this month’s full moon and search for hidden night creatures.

Hike Rating: Easy

Saturday, April 6: Spring Foraging Hike

8:00–10:00 a.m. at Geneva Wilderness Area Hike in search of edible and useful wild plants. Learn to identify common edibles in your community.

Hike Rating: Easy

Saturday, April 13: Owl Prowl

7:00–9:00 p.m. at Spring Hammock Preserve Explore the park after dark in search of owls! Learn how to identify owls by sight and hoots.

Hike Rating: Easy

Saturday, April 27: Frog Hop Night Hike

7:30–9:30 p.m. at Geneva Wilderness Area Learn to identify frogs by sight and sound during this frog-tastic night hike! Explore the fascinating science behind amplexus and discover why these croaking creatures are essential to a balanced ecosystem.

Hike Rating: Moderate

Saturday, May 4: Butterflies & Blooms

9:00–11:00 a.m. at Geneva Wilderness Area Join a local expert in search of fragrant colorful flowers, and the many pollinators

that visit them.

Hike Rating: Easy

Saturday, May 11: Spring Migration Birding Hike

7:30–9:30 a.m. at Econ River Wilderness Area Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day exploring the Econ River Wilderness Area and its diverse ecosystems. Join an expert birder to spy migrating birds.

Hike Rating: Easy

Saturday, May 18: Nocturnal Animals Hike

7:00–9:00 p.m. at Lake Proctor Wilderness Area Explore the park after dark! Search for night creatures as you walk through diverse ecosystems.

Hike Rating: Easy



Search for birds on Seminole County trails during a hike.

ONGOING SERVICES

Birthday Parties

Create a birthday party experience your child will never forget! A trained staff member will welcome your party guests, present an exciting live animal program and take the group for a hike on our 180-acre property. You will have time in the center for exploration and to enjoy your refreshments. Email Natalie at nswanson@seminolecountyfl.gov to coordinate times and availability.

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center, 3485 CR-426, Geneva

Cost: \$170 includes 3-hour facility rental and Natural Lands host.

Special Events and Hikes

Groups from school-aged scouts to adult social or neighborhood associations can book a guided private hike in the Geneva Wilderness

Area (or other Seminole County Wilderness Area) with a knowledgeable Natural Lands staff member. Hike takes approximately 2 hours. \$5 per person, 15–25 guests.

Bring Natural Lands to a special event, school night or other celebration. Staff and volunteers will bring an event booth full of fun and exciting items including skulls, pelts, educational materials, and of course, live animals!



Enjoy special events and programs at the Ed Yarborough Nature Center.

Pavilions and Campsite Rentals

Save yourself the trouble of party prep and cleanup and reserve a pavilion at a Seminole County Park. Covered pavilions are available to rent at eight different locations. With restrooms and playgrounds close by and a pretty park setting, pavilions are perfect for your next group get-together, family party, or BBQ.

Or, spend a night under the stars camping at one of four Seminole County Parks. Hike in to a tucked-away campsite on the Black Bear Wilderness Area trail loop, or bring the comforts of home to a drive-in site at Lake Mills Park.

Plan a group camping trip with your scout troop or organization at Geneva Wilderness Area, which also includes a large pavilion. See details on page 17.



SEMINOLE COUNTY LIBRARY

All programs and events listed here are FREE! Register and view the full calendar at seminolelibrary.org.



Library Youth Programs feature crafts, stories, dances, and more!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Bilingual Storytime / Cuentos Bilingües (Ages 2-5 with Caregiver)

Featuring stories, rhymes, and songs in both English and Spanish! We'll practice letters, numbers, and colors in both languages in ways that incorporate music, movement, and lots of fun!

¡Presentando cuentos, rimas y canciones en ambos Inglés y Español! ¡Practicaremos letras, números y colores en ambos idiomas, incorporando música, movimiento y mucha diversión!

Central Branch (Casselberry)
One Monday per month, 10:00–10:30 a.m.

3D Printing & Modeling (Ages 9 -12)

Learn to use TinkerCAD to build a 3D model, which can later be printed on the Library's 3D printer. No TinkerCAD account is required. Sessions are scheduled at all five branches during February and March.

Registration is required.

Shimmy, Shake, and Dance (Toddlers & Preschoolers)

Practice rhythm, coordination, spatial awareness, and motor skills with your little one. Caregivers participate fully with their children by stretching, breathing, making noise, moving, singing, and dancing together!

West Branch (Longwood)
First & Third Fridays, 10:00–10:30 a.m.
One Saturday per month, 11:00–11:30 a.m.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover: Winter Pajama Party (Ages 3-7 with Caregiver)

Kids will wear their pajamas and bring a stuffed animal friend to the Winter Pajama Party to enjoy winter-themed stories, dancing, crafts, and activities. Then, they'll tuck their friend in and leave them overnight for a sleepover. Families can return after 12:00 noon the next day to pick up the stuffed animals, along with a photo collage of their overnight adventures at the Library!

North Branch (Sanford)
Wednesday, January 31, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Registration is required.

"Sunny Day" Storytime & Craft – Elmo's Birthday! (Ages 2-5 with Caregiver)

It's Elmo's birthday! Celebrate with a special Sesame Street storytime, followed by party games and a craft. This program promotes early literacy development, motor skills practice, and pre-kindergarten readiness.

Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)
Friday, February 2, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

We ♥ Our Hearts! (Ages 5+)

February is American Heart Month! This program features heart-themed stories, dances to get you pumped up, hands-on science activities, and more.

Central Branch (Casselberry)
Saturday, February 17, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Celebrate Women's History Month (Ages 5+ and Families)

Kids and families can participate in crafts, games, and activities centered on celebrating the accomplishments of trailblazing American women..

Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)
Saturday, March 2, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

The Science Behind a Solar Eclipse (Ages 8 to Adult)

On April 8th, a total solar eclipse will occur across parts of the United States, Mexico, and Canada. Most of the US will be able to see a partial eclipse. Join Derek Demeter, astronomer and director of the Emil Buehler Planetarium at Seminole State College, as

we explore the science behind what makes eclipses happen and what to expect on the day of the eclipse. These programs are offered in partnership with the Emil Buehler Planetarium, Seminole State College of Florida.

Eclipse glasses will be distributed to attendees at the end of each program (maximum of 2 pairs of glasses per household).

East Branch (Oviedo)
Monday, March 4, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)
Wednesday, March 27, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

We ♥ Art Presents: Yayoi Kusama's 95th Birthday Art Party (Families)

Yayoi Kusama is a groundbreaking visual

artist known for her enormous installations involving vast numbers of polka dots, colorful flowers, and lots of audience participation! Learn more about Kusama's art and try out some of her stunning techniques at this very special party during Spring Break.

West Branch (Longwood)
Friday, March 22, 3:00–4:30 p.m.

Art Starts (Ages 0-4 and Families)

For the littlest artists! This program features free play with art materials after a short storytime that practices early literacy skills.

East Branch (Oviedo)
Monday, April 15, 10:15–11:00 a.m.

Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)
One Saturday per month, 11:00–11:45 a.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Writer's Block

Gain tips to improve your writing. Participate in "group" writing exercises, share written work, and receive feedback. Bring a short (3 to 5 minute) written piece to read aloud.

East Branch (Oviedo)
First & Third Mondays, 3:00–5:00 p.m.

Getting Started with Libby & Hoopla

Have an Apple or Android device and a Seminole County Public Library Card? We'll show you how to download and access eBooks and audiobooks on your device.

Northwest Branch
Wednesday, January 3, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 10, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Historical Reenacting 101

Bennett Lloyd, Coordinator of the Museum of Seminole County History, will tell us about this fun, interactive way to bring textbook history to life.

East Branch (Oviedo)
Thursday, January 18, 6:30–7:30 p.m.

Ending the Silence: For Parents & Caregivers

Learn about mental health conditions that affect middle and high school aged children and how to get help. This presentation by the

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will help you understand warning signs, facts, and statistics, and provide some useful resources.

Central Branch (Casselberry)
Thursday, January 25, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

African Hair Wraps

Celebrate African American culture AND add style to your wardrobe! Learn various hair wrapping techniques for a beautiful way to express yourself.

North Branch (Sanford)
Saturday, February 3, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Saturday, February 24, 2:00–3:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

DIY Macrame Feathers – Macrame Your Way!

Weave and knot your way to make beautiful macrame feathers! Participants will leave with three completed feathers of various sizes. All supplies will be provided.

Central Branch (Casselberry)
Tuesday, February 20, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Registration is required.

Introduction to Hygge

Learn how this Danish concept of coziness and comfort can boost social-emotional health and make you feel happier.

Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)
Thursday, February 29, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Attract Native Pollinators to Your Garden

Get expert gardening tips on how to select, plant, and care for Florida native plants that will bring different types of pollinators to your yard.

West Branch (Longwood)
Saturday, March 23, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

North Branch (Sanford)
Saturday, April 6, 10:00–11:00 a.m.

Downton Abbey Tea Party & Trivia (Adults and Teens)

Join us for afternoon tea and test your knowledge of this popular PBS television series.

West Branch (Longwood)
Saturday, April 20, 2:30–4:00 p.m.

Mixed Media Poetry Painting

Unlock your inner poet and artist! Come create your masterpiece inspired by your original poetry! Our instructor will teach you step-by-step, and all painting materials will be provided.

North Branch (Sanford)
Tuesday, April 23, 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Registration is required.



UF/IFAS EXTENSION SERVICES

Registration is required for all workshops and events.
Register at seminole-extension.eventbrite.com.

WORKSHOPS/EVENTS

Final Fridays from the Garden



In this free monthly webinar from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., learn about how to grow your own food in Florida and attract the right kind of wildlife to your yard.

Dates:

January 26: Peach and Nectarine Care in Florida
February 23: Start Your Spring Vegetable Garden
March 29: Color Gardening
May 31: Growing Turfgrass in Florida

Cost: Free

First Fridays with Florida First Detector



In this free monthly webinar from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., learn about invasive species in Florida. An invasive species is a non-native species causing harm like economic losses, environmental damage, or human/animal health hazards. The webinars are open to everyone and applicable to professionals and residents alike!

Dates:

January 5: Invasive Plant Feeding Mites
February 2: Invasive Plant Pathogens
March 1: Invasive Pest on Fruit
April 5: Invasive Thrips
May 3: Invasive Snails and Beyond

Cost: Free

Landscape University 2024



This six-week webinar series is open to residents and landscape professionals alike. CEUs are available. Classes take place on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Dates:

January 17: To Prune or Not to Prune
January 24: Agroecology in Landscape
January 31: Dead Palms Tell No Tales
February 7: Composting for the Landscape
February 14: The Buzz on Pollinators
February 21: Controlling Weeds in Hardscapes

Cost: \$10 per workshop or all 6 for \$35.



Participants on the Seminole County Farm Tour get their hands dirty harvesting onions at a local farm.

Seminole County Gardening Expo



Stop by this free event anytime throughout the day to check out demonstration gardens, clinics, plant vendors, children's activities, "Ask the Experts" sessions, food, entertainment, and more!

Location: UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County, 250 W County Home Road, Sanford

Date: Saturday, February 24, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

Med Instead of Meds



Discover the benefits of a Mediterranean-inspired diet to avoid long-term health issues and medications. Learn Med tips, life hacks, and recipes that will help you eat the Med way every day. This six-week program includes food demonstrations during each class.

Location: UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County, 250 W County Home Rd, Sanford

Dates: Day Sessions: Wednesdays, January 10–February 14, 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Night Sessions: Tuesdays, April 2–May 7, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$45

Seminole County Farm Tour

Seminole County is home to over 400 farms, ranches, and nurseries. This full-day event is a wonderful opportunity to meet, support, and learn from Seminole County farmers. Tickets include a seat on the chartered bus, tour guide, five farmer-led visits, lunch, and an unforgettable day.

Location: Meet at UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County, 250 W County Home Rd, Sanford

Date: Friday, March 22

Cost: See Eventbrite

Cheesemaking For Your Charcuterie Board



During this hands-on workshop, learn the basics of cheesemaking, including the processes, equipment, and food safety needed to create delicious soft white cheese. Decorate your charcuterie board with your own home-fermented delicacy and impress all your guests!

Location: UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County, 250 W County Home Rd, Sanford

Dates: Saturday, February 10, 10:00–11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$25

Homemade Vegetable Canning



Discover the art of water bath canning and become a master in preserving the bounties of your garden or local farmer's market and say goodbye to store-bought cans. Learn about essential canning equipment, methods and techniques, and food safety.

Location: UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County, 250 W County Home Rd, Sanford

Dates: Thursday, February 22, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25

Homemade Jam Canning



Make your very own delicious jams during this workshop. Learn the basics of water bath canning and create vibrant, homemade jams

4-H PROGRAMS

Seminole County 4-H



4-H is the UF IFAS Extension's youth development program as part of Florida 4-H. Inspiring kids through hands-on learning



4-H youth try hands-on activities.

experiences guided by 4-H mentors, youth ages 5 – 18 are welcome to participate in 4-H Clubs, camps, educational events, and career/leadership opportunities throughout the year.

4-H Clubs are led by adult volunteers at times and locations throughout the community, focusing on different skills throughout the year. Find out more about 4-H by emailing seminole4h@seminolecountyfl.gov.

Florida 4-H Summer Camps

Florida 4-H offers a variety of 4-H day and residential camping opportunities throughout the summer. To find out more, visit florida4h.ifas.ufl.edu/camps.

ONGOING SERVICES

Master Gardener Help Desk



A UF/IFAS trained Master Gardener Volunteer is on duty most weekdays from 9:00 a.m. – Noon and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. to answer your questions and solve your gardening or landscape problems.

You can call, email or come into our office and we will give you free one-on-one help and consultation. or more details call (407) 665-5550 or email mastergardener@seminolecountyfl.gov

Soil pH Test Drop off Service



Bring in a soil sample from your yard (one cup full) to the UF/IFAS office, anytime Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Take samples from 5 – 10 areas of the yard, mix them up and scoop one cup for your sample. A Master Gardener will let you know your results within a week. For more details call (407) 665-5550 or email mastergardener@seminolecountyfl.gov

Cost of test: \$2 per sample

Urban Backyard Chicken Class

Curious about keeping chickens and producing your own eggs? The Urban Backyard Chicken Virtual Workshop is held the third Wednesday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Class is required by some municipalities to obtain their Backyard Chicken permit.

Cost: \$5

Bat House Building Workshop



This virtual workshop will go over a brief review of the bats of Florida and how to build a bat house that will hopefully attract bats in your area. Class is held online on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Cost: Free

County 4-H Club

Join us on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. once a month for fun, friends, and learning. 4-H Club will focus on a different 4-H "project," or hobby each month. Email seminole4h@seminolecountyfl.gov for registration information.

Open to ages 8-18. Ages 5-7 welcome with parent/guardian accompaniment.

Location: UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County, 250 W County Home Rd, Sanford

Dates: February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7

Cost: \$20 for 5 Classes

Pesticide Testing, Licensing, and CEUs



Pesticide license exams are offered by appointment only.

Visit pesticideexam.ifas.ufl.edu to obtain a voucher and schedule your exam. Contact Morgan Pinkerton at morgan0402@ufl.edu with questions.

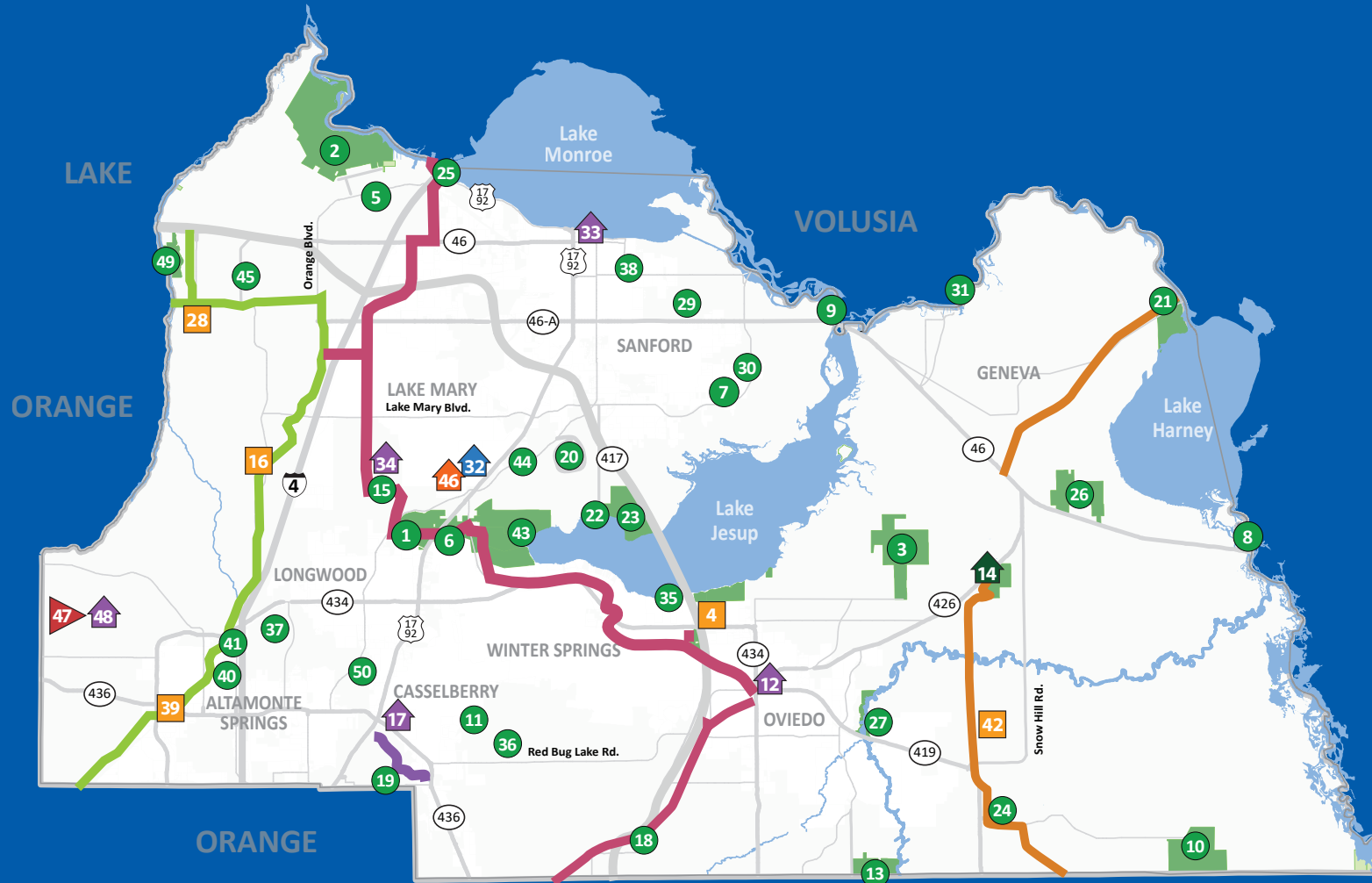
For pesticide CEUs, visit seminole-extension.eventbrite.com or facebook.com/UFIFASSeminoleCo for upcoming events.







COUNTY MAP



LEGEND

Facilities

- Libraries
- Parks
- Museum
- Trailhead
- UF/IFAS Extension Services
- Golf

Trails

- Cross Seminole Trail
- Flagler Trail
- Kewannee Trail
- Seminole Wekiva Trail

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| Accessible | Biking | Canoe/Kayak | Golf | Pavilion | Softball/Baseball |
| Athletic Field | Boat Ramp | Equestrian | Hiking/Walking | Playground | Tennis |
| Basketball | Camping | Fishing | Meeting Space | Restrooms | Volleyball |

- 1 Big Tree Park and Trailhead**
Open 8 a.m. - Sunset
761 General Hutchison Parkway, Longwood
- 2 Black Bear Wilderness Area**
Open daylight hours
5298 Michigan Avenue, Sanford
- 3 Black Hammock Wilderness Area**
Open daylight hours
3276 Howard Avenue, Geneva
- 4 Black Hammock Trailhead**
Open daylight hours
1571 E. State Road 434, Winter Springs
- 5 Bookertown Park**
Open 8 a.m. - Sunset
4640 Richard Allen Street, Sanford
- 6 BOOMBAAH Soldiers Creek Park**
Open Mon - Fri, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
2400 State Road 419, Longwood
- 7 BOOMBAAH Sports Complex**
Open Mon - Sat 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
3450 E. Lake Mary Boulevard, Sanford
- 8 C. S. Lee Park**
Open 24 hours
4600 East State Road 46, Geneva
- 9 Cameron Wight Park**
Open 24 hours
5502 Old Geneva Road, Sanford
- 10 Chuluota Wilderness Area**
Open daylight hours
3895 Curryville Road, Chuluota
- 11 Deer Run Park (under construction)**
300 Daneswood Way, Casselberry
- 12 East Branch Library**
Open Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
310 Division Street, Oviedo
- 13 Econ River Wilderness Area**
Open daylight hours
3795 Old Lockwood Road, Oviedo
- 14 Geneva Wilderness Area and Ed Yarborough Nature Center**
Open daylight hours
3501 County Road 426, Geneva
- 15 Greenwood Lakes Park**
Open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
660 Greenway Boulevard, Lake Mary
- 16 Jones Trailhead**
Open daylight hours
2993 Markham Woods Road, Longwood
- 17 Jean Rhein Central Branch Library**
Open Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
215 N. Oxford Road, Casselberry
- 18 Jamestown Park**
Open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
2135 South Street, Oviedo
- 19 Kewannee Park**
Open 8 a.m. - Sunset
1505 Kewannee Trail, Casselberry
- 20 Lake Dot Park**
Open daylight hours
100 Lake Dot Drive, Sanford
- 21 Lake Harney Wilderness Area and St. Johns River Trailhead**
Open daylight hours
2395 Osceola Fish Camp Road, Geneva
- 22 Lake Jesup Park**
Open 24 hours
5951 South Sanford Avenue, Sanford
- 23 Lake Jesup Wilderness Area**
Open daylight hours
5951 South Sanford Avenue, Sanford
- 24 Lake Mills Park**
Open 8 a.m. - Sunset
1301 Tropical Avenue, Chuluota
- 25 Lake Monroe Wayside Park**
Open 24 hours
4150 Northwest U. S. Hwy 17/92, Sanford
- 26 Lake Proctor Wilderness Area**
Open daylight hours
920 State Road 46, Geneva
- 27 Little Big Econ Canoe Launch**
Open daylight hours
3799 Willingham Road, Oviedo
- 28 Markham Trailhead and Mountain Bike Skills Course**
Open daylight hours
8515 Longwood Markham Road, Sanford
- 29 Midway Park**
Open daylight hours
2045 Hurston Avenue, Sanford
- 30 Moores Station Road Fields**
Use by reservation only.
Open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
841 Cameron Avenue, Sanford
- 31 Mullet Lake Park**
8 a.m. - Sunset
2368 Mullet Lake Park Road, Geneva
- 32 Museum of Seminole County History**
Open Tues - Sat, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
300 Eslinger Way, Sanford
- 33 North Branch Library**
Open Mon - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
150 N Palmetto Avenue, Sanford
- 34 Northwest Branch Library**
Open Mon - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
580 Greenway Boulevard, Lake Mary
- 35 Overlook Park**
Open daylight hours
1998 Spring Avenue, Oviedo
- 36 Red Bug Lake Park**
Open Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat & Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
3600 Red Bug Lake Road, Casselberry
- 37 Rolling Hills Community Park**
(under construction)
1749 Art Hagen Place, Longwood
- 38 Roseland Park**
Open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
1898 Roseberry Lane, Sanford
- 39 San Sebastian Trailhead**
Open daylight hours
371 San Sebastian Prado, Altamonte Springs
- 40 Sanlando Park**
Open Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat & Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
401 W Highland Street, Altamonte Springs
- 41 Seminole County Softball Complex**
Open Mon - Fri, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
2200 North Street, Altamonte Springs
- 42 Snow Hill Trailhead**
Open daylight hours
3290 Snow Hill Road, Chuluota
- 43 Spring Hammock Preserve**
Open 8 a.m. - Sunset
State Road 419, Longwood
- 44 Sunland Park**
Open 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
180 Collins Drive, Sanford
- 45 Sylvan Lake Park & Sports Training Center**
Open Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Sat & Sun 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
845 Lake Markham Road, Sanford
- 46 UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County Services & Teaching Gardens**
Open Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
250 West County Road, Sanford
- 47 Wekiva Golf Club**
Open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
4100 Wekiva Club Ct, Longwood
- 48 West Branch Library**
Open Mon - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
245 N. Hunt Club Boulevard, Longwood
- 49 Wilson's Landing Park**
Open daylight hours
379 Malekian Trail, Sanford
- 50 Winwood Park**
Open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
931 Morse Street, Altamonte Springs



FACILITY RENTALS

COURTS & FIELDS

Athletic Fields

Moore Station Road Field, Red Bug Lake Park, Sylvan Lake Park, Soldiers Creek, Seminole County Softball Complex, Seminole County Sports Complex

(Turf fields may be closed for repairs or sodding)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: \$30.00/hr

5:00 – 10:00 p.m.: \$40.00/hr

Basketball Courts

Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park

Walk-on play is free of charge; priority is given to users with a reservation. Fees for basketball court usage are only charged for reservations made in advance. Fees are due in advance of rental.

Court Fee: \$6.00/hr per court

Racquetball Courts

Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Sylvan Lake Park

Court Fee: \$6.00/hr per court

Roller Hockey Courts

Greenwood Lakes Park

Open-skate is free of charge; priority use is given to reserved users. Fees for rink usage are charged in advance for reservations. Reservations and payment can also be made at Sylvan Lake Park.

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: \$16.00/hr

5:00 – 10:00 p.m.: \$32.00/hr

Pickleball Courts

Red Bug Lake Park

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: \$4.00/hr per court

5:00 – 10:00 p.m.: \$6.00/hr per court

Bocce Ball Court

Red Bug Lake Park

Free of charge; Balls available in-office. First come, first serve. Open dawn to dusk.



Seminole County Softball Complex

Sand Volleyball Courts

Red Bug Lake Park

Walk-on play is available free of charge; priority is given to reserved users. Fees for court usage are only charged for reservations made in advance. Fees are due in advance of rental.

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: \$30.00/hr

5:00 – 10:00 p.m.: \$40.00/hr

Pentaque Courts

Sylvan Lake Park

Courts may be reserved with the rental of an adjacent pavilion. Courts can be used for tournaments or general play. For more information on usage, please contact Sylvan Lake Park at (407) 665-2180.

Tennis Courts

Greenwood Lakes Park, Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Sylvan Lake Park

Courts can be reserved an advance at all parks; reservations for Greenwood Lakes Park must be made and paid for at Sylvan Lake Park.

Court Fee 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.: \$4.00/hr

Court Fee 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.: \$6.00/hr

Ball Machine Courts*: \$11.00/hr

* Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, and Sylvan Lake Park only

CAMPING

Group Camping

\$30.00/night

Mullet Lake Park

Lake Mills Park

Geneva Wilderness Area

Group camping site available for up to 40 people; includes a large pavilion, restrooms and barbecue grill. For more information, please call the Geneva Wilderness Area at (407) 665-2211.

OTHER FACILITIES

Pavilions

Bookertown Park, Geneva Wilderness Area, Greenwood Lakes Park, Kewannee Park, Lake Mills Park, Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, Wilson's Landing Park, Winwood Park

Large Pavilions: \$60.00/half day, \$100.00/full day

Small Pavilions: \$40.00/half day, \$60.00/full day

Large Pavilion at Geneva Wilderness Area includes:

Barbeque Grill, Smoker and restrooms

For more information, please call the Geneva Wilderness Area at (407) 665-2211



Geneva Wilderness Area

Meeting Rooms

Seminole County Softball Complex, Soldier's Creek Park, Seminole County Sports Complex

\$16.00 - \$32.00/hr, based on facility.

Contact your desired location for more information.

Primitive Camping

\$15.00/night

Geneva Wilderness Area

Campsites are hike-in only with NO vehicle access

Lake Mills Park and Mullet Lake Park

Campsites are drive-in with one vehicle per campsite and overflow parking available.

Black Bear Wilderness Area

Hike-in only primitive campsite for up to 4 people; campsite is approximately 3 miles from parking. No bathrooms or running water.

Ed Yarborough Nature Center

Geneva Wilderness Area

The Ed Yarborough Nature center offers a unique venue to host meetings, birthday parties, programs or retreats for up to 40 guests. Surrounded by 180 acres of Florida's natural beauty, this facility is air-conditioned and includes a small kitchen, 85-inch TV with laptop connection, restrooms and live animal displays that highlight the diverse ecology of Central Florida. Nature-based programs and activities can also be provided for your event.

Reservations begin at \$32.00/hr.

For more information, please call the Geneva Wilderness Area at (407) 665-2211 or email nswanson@seminolecountyfl.gov.



Ed Yarborough Nature Center

**Check Availability or Reserve Online at
RECREATION.SEMINOLECOUNTYFL.GOV**

Listed fees do not include applicable sales tax



PARTICIPANT & SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Demonstrate good sportsmanship. Always be respectful toward players, coaches and officials.
2. Act appropriately; do not taunt or disturb other fans; Enjoy the game together.
3. Cheer in a positive manner and encourage fair play.
4. Be supportive after the game - win or lose. Recognize good effort, teamwork and sportsmanship.
5. Follow facility guidelines, help keep the facility safe and clean, be respectful of the facility at all times.

VIDEO & PHOTO POLICY

Occasionally, video and photos may be taken of participants in programs, classes or activities at our facilities. Please be aware that these photos may be used in future program promotional materials.





PROGRAMS

SCHOLARSHIP SEMINOLE

The Seminole County Parks and Recreation Department is committed to providing quality recreational opportunities to all residents of the county regardless of their economic status. Scholarships apply to youth programs managed by Seminole County Parks and Recreation's only. Scholarships do not apply to programs that are contracted with outside providers.

MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Seminole County Parks and Recreation's Memorial Program allows those seeking to honor a loved one, to memorialize those special people and events through the installment of a memorial bench or placing a memorial stone at one of our existing trees. We have designated trees in our active parks and along the paved trails available through our Memorial Tree Program. Once you choose the Tree you would like to adopt, we order the memorial stone and place it at the base of your tree. Parks that are available are Red Bug Lake Park, Sylvan Lake Park, Sanlando Park and Seminole Softball Complex.



ADOPT – A – PARK

Groups and organizations interested in demonstrating community pride and making a positive impact in their community are encouraged to participate in Seminole County Parks and Recreation's Adopt-A-Park program. Groups involved with this program assist with the monitoring, clean-up, and enhancement of Seminole County properties, including parks, trails, trailheads, and wilderness areas.



VOLUNTEER WITH PARKS AND RECREATION

Volunteering can be the most rewarding and enjoyable experience for people of all ages and walks of life! We invite individuals and community groups to transform their passions into action. Volunteer opportunities include: assistance at parks, trail clearing, invasive species management, tour docents, internships, and much more.

For more information, please call (407) 665-2170 or visit seminolecountyfl.gov/parks

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Seminole County Parks and Recreation is grateful for the business and nonprofit partners who help enhance the programs and services provided to local residents and visitors.



COMPASS



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

- 13 **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**
North Branch Library (Sanford), 6:00–7:00 p.m. | p. 8
- 18 **Historical Reenacting 101**
East Branch Library (Oviedo), 6:30–7:30 p.m. | p. 9
- 19 **Florida Tree Trek**
Spring Hammock Preserve, 9:00–11:00 a.m. | p. 6

FEBRUARY

- 2-3 **Battle at Camp Monroe**
Museum of Seminole County History, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. | p. 4
- 3 **Learn & Burn: Prescribed Fire Class**
Ed Yarborough Nature Center, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | p. 6
- 17 **We ♥ Our Hearts!**
Central Branch Library (Casselberry), 2:00–3:30 p.m. | p. 8
- Nature Lovers: Valentine's Day Program**
Ed Yarborough Nature Center, 6:00–8:00 p.m. | p. 6
- 24 **Seminole County Gardening Expo**
UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. | p. 10

MARCH

- 2 **Celebrate Women's History Month**
Northwest Branch Library (Lake Mary), 2:00–3:30 p.m. | p. 9
- 9 **Bug Bash**
Ed Yarborough Nature Center, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | p. 6
- 15-16 **Timeline of Women's History**
Museum of Seminole County History, 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. | p. 4
- 22 **Seminole County Farm Tour**
UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County | p. 10
- 30 **Ask an Archaeologist**
Museum of Seminole County History, 10:00 a.m. | p. 4

APRIL

- 13 **Tracks & Scat Class**
Ed Yarborough Nature Center, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. | p. 6
- 18 **Homemade Jam Canning**
UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County, 1:00–2:30 p.m. or 6:00–7:30 p.m. | p. 10
- 20 **Downton Abbey Tea Party & Trivia**
West Branch Library (Longwood), 2:30–4:00 p.m. | p. 9

MAY

- 18 **Snakes of Florida**
Ed Yarborough Nature Center, 9:00–11:00 a.m. | p. 6

Kids Program (age 17 and under):

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