

Free Guided Nature Walks

December 2017 - March 2018

All walks scheduled 9-10:30 a.m.

Prairie Pines Preserve

Saturday, December 2
Saturday, January 6
Saturday, February 3

18400 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers

Trail Length: 1/4 mile loop; Degree of Difficulty: Easy
Learn about the variety of native plants, wildflowers and wildlife at this preserve. A possible sighting includes the red-headed woodpecker.

Galt Preserve

Saturday, December 9
Saturday, January 13
Saturday, February 10

3661 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City

Trail Length: 1.5 miles; Degree of Difficulty: Moderate
Main plant communities include mangrove swamp and mesic flatwoods. Bald eagles and red-shouldered hawks are possible sightings.

Caloosahatchee Creeks Preserve

Saturday, December 16
Saturday, January 20
Saturday, February 17

10130 Bayshore Rd., North Fort Myers (East side entrance)

Trail Length: 1 mile loop; Degree of Difficulty: Easy
Wetland, oak hammock and pine flatwoods can easily be enjoyed on this ADA-accessible trail. This is a popular spot for songbirds.

Wild Turkey Strand Preserve

Saturday, January 27
Saturday, February 24
Saturday, March 24

11901 Rod & Gun Club Rd., Fort Myers

Trail Length: 1.8 miles; Degree of Difficulty: Moderate
This seasonal wetland preserve also includes remnant structures of the former Buckingham Army Air Field military base.

Pine Island Flatwoods Preserve

Wednesday, January 3
Wednesday, February 7
Wednesday, March 7

6351 Stringfellow Rd., St. James City

Trail Length: 1.1 miles; Degree of Difficulty: Moderate
One of very few places in Lee County to see naturalized longleaf pines. This habitat supports the gopher tortoise, a threatened species.

Powell Creek Preserve

Thursday, December 7
Thursday, January 11

15601 Hart Rd., North Fort Myers

Trail Length: 1.1 miles; Degree of Difficulty: Moderate
This ADA-accessible path allows visitors to walk among old-growth pine, buttonbush and Carolina willow, and observe wading birds.

Hickory Swamp Preserve

Friday, February 9
Friday, March 9

13320 Peace Rd., Fort Myers

Trail Length: 1.2 miles; Degree of Difficulty: Moderate
Main plant communities are mesic hammock and flatwoods. Possible sightings include the gopher tortoise and Shermans fox squirrel.

All walks are free. No registration is required. Walks are led by trained volunteers and interpretive naturalists. Meeting location is the preserve parking area. Parking is free. Suggested items to bring include water, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and camera. Please wear closed-toe shoes. No sandals. **For questions, call (239) 204-1125.**

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