

SEMINOLE COUNTY LEISURE GUIDE

RECREATION · TRAILS AND PARKS · SEMINOLE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY · EXTENSION SERVICES

*Amateur artists created their own
masterpieces on canvas at the North
Branch Library in Sanford*

**WINTER/SPRING
2025**

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ICONS

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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

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PARKS AND RECREATION

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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.



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2024: A YEAR OF TRAILS, TRAINING, AND TROPHIES!

Celebrating the milestones and awards of the Seminole County Parks and Recreation Department.



Reaccreditation Achievement

The Seminole County Parks and Recreation Department achieved reaccreditation from the National Recreation and Park Association's Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA). Meeting all 154 Standards of Excellence, this marks the department's third reaccreditation since its initial recognition in 2009, affirming its commitment to providing the highest level of parks and recreation services.



Award-Winning UF/IFAS Extension Team

The UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County team earned 11 national awards from the American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS), recognizing their outstanding work in webinars, publications, training videos, and more. Their educational materials focused on sustainable landscaping, invasive species, and horticulture. Congratulations to Kaydie McCormick, Morgan Pinkerton, Tina McIntyre, and Bennett Lloyd. McCormick and Pinkerton also presented talks at the 2024 ASHS Conference, showcasing Seminole County's expertise on a national stage.



Sports Tourism Excellence

The Parks and Recreation Department received the 2024 Excellence in Sports Tourism Award for its support of sports tourism in Seminole County. The Department hosted 92 events last year, generating more than \$63 million in economic impact. This recognition from the Florida Recreation and Park Association highlights Seminole County's state-of-the-art facilities and commitment to driving economic development through tourism.



Teen Programming Award

The Seminole County Library celebrated Youth Services Senior Librarian Sara White for winning the Betty Davis Miller Youth Services Award. The Florida Library Association recognized her innovative Teen Cosplay Workshop series, which encouraged teens to create their own costumes and participate in a celebration of creativity. The workshops brought record participation, sparking renewed interest in the Library's graphic novel and manga collections.



Fertilizer Education Spotlight

Florida-Friendly Landscaping Agent Tina McIntyre and Fertilizer Educator Tom Sacher earned national recognition for their educational video, which won a Bronze Award from the Association of Natural Resource Extension Professionals. The video, created in partnership with the Office of Communications, helps educate both consumers and retailers on fertilizer use. McIntyre also won a second Bronze Award for her radio feature celebrating 30 years of Florida-Friendly Landscaping.



Florida Trail Town

In partnership with the City of Sanford, Seminole County celebrated the city's designation as a Florida Trail Town, recognizing its commitment to connecting the Sanford RiverWalk with regional trail systems. This achievement is part of the County's Trails Master Plan, designed to expand and enhance trail networks across the region. Commissioner Andria Herr joined city officials in November to unveil the new Trail Town sign, which will soon be installed along the RiverWalk.

UF/IFAS EXTENSION SERVICES

Registration is required for all workshops and events. Register at seminole-extension.eventbrite.com.
Location: 250 W County Home Rd, Sanford. Hours: Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Phone: 407-665-5560.
Email: extension@seminolecountyfl.gov

UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County is a cooperative partnership between Seminole County Government and the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

If you have questions about your home, landscape, or farm, or want to discover more about pesticide licensing, food safety, nutrition, or 4-H youth development programming, UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County has solutions for you. Expert Extension Agents provide research-based answers through a variety of programs and services. Check out an online webinar or workshop, register for a special event, or set up an appointment for ongoing services.



4-H youth participate in 4-H Food Challenge Contest

Seminole County 4-H

The UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County 4-H Youth Development Program encourages youth ages 5 to 18 to explore their "sparks" and interests through fun, hands-on learning experiences guided by 4-H volunteers in over 50 different interest areas including public speaking, food and nutrition, agricultural science, gardening, leadership, and more. To learn more about 4-H, email seminole4h@seminolecountyfl.gov.

Online Workshops

Register for an online workshop and discover new skills and topics from anywhere using a web-enabled device. Many are free! Topics include:

- Monthly series featuring invasive species, growing fruit, and other gardening tips
- Delicious recipes, stress management tips, and healthy lifestyle practices
- Pesticide continuing education and exam reviews for professionals
- Food preservation and safe food handling workshops
- Sustainable landscaping seminars with free giveaways

Browse offerings at seminole-extension.eventbrite.com.

In-Person Classes

Get hands-on practice and guidance from knowledgeable Extension Agents during an in-person class or special event at the UF/IFAS

Extension Seminole County office or an off-site location. Classes include:

- Food preservation classes and canning techniques
- Healthy cooking classes and demonstrations
- Hands-on learning opportunities, field trips, and take-home activities
- Florida-Friendly Landscaping sessions

Register for an in-person event at seminole-extension.eventbrite.com.

Master Gardener Help Desk

A UF/IFAS trained Master Gardener Volunteer is on duty most weekdays from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. to answer your questions and solve your gardening or landscape problems. Interested persons can call, email, or visit the office in-person for free one-on-one help and consultation. For more details call (407) 665-5550 or email mastergardener@seminolecountyfl.gov.

Pesticide and Fertilizer Continuing Education

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.

Soil pH Test Drop off Service

Bring in a soil sample from your yard (one cup full) to Extension Services office, anytime Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Take samples from five to ten 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

Blood Pressure Test Kits

UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County and the American Heart Association are providing free take-home blood pressure test kits. Stop by and borrow a kit to test your blood pressure and stay healthy.

High blood pressure (hypertension) occurs when the pressure in your blood vessels is too high, at a level of 140/90 mmHg or higher. It is common but can be serious if not treated.

4-H Volunteer Opportunities

Parents and adult volunteers are invited to share their skills, expertise, and passion with 4-H youth. Volunteers may lead educational workshops, teach about 4-H "projects", participate in community events, assist with fundraisers, and guide community service activities.

To learn more about becoming a volunteer, email seminole4h@seminolecountyfl.gov.



MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY

EVENTS



Battle at Camp Monroe

Join the Museum for an outdoor commemoration of the battle which initiated settlement on Lake Monroe on Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8 at the Sanford Museum.

On Friday, February 7, students are invited to reserve a timeslot and rotate around encampment, examining different aspects of Florida's wartime frontier with experienced experts. On Saturday, February 8, the event will be open to the general public with opportunities for visitors to tour the campus of U.S. Soldiers and Seminoles, talk to living historians, and learn why the battle over Floridian rivers, swamps, and savannahs is one of the longest and most costly wars in U.S. history. Visitors can also enjoy black powder musket and rifle firing demonstrations throughout the event.

Location: Sanford Museum, 520 E. First Street, Sanford

Dates:

School Day: Friday, February 7, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Public Day: Saturday, February 8, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Cost: Free

Ask an Archaeologist

March is Florida Archaeology Month! Each year, the Museum of Seminole County History partners with organizations such as the Florida Archaeology Network, the Central Florida Anthropological Society, and Rollins College to bring in guest speakers to discuss topics and answer questions about Florida Archaeology. General questions will be from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., topical lecture at 12 p.m., followed by a Q & A with local archaeologists after the presentation. *Open to the public.*

Date: Saturday, March 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Knowledge on Tap at Wops Hops

The Museum partners with Wops Hops Brewing, the Sanford Museum, Seminole County UF/IFAS Extension, and others to bring you monthly glimpses into our various fields and the interesting subjects we encounter day-to-day. This rotating lecture series features experts in history, science, archaeology, and more!

Location: 419 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford

Dates: Second Tuesday of every month, starting January 14 at 7 p.m.

Cost: Free



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 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.

Location: Museum of Seminole County History

Dates:

School Day: Friday, March 14, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Public Day: Saturday, March 15, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



EXHIBITS



Rubber, Ivory, and Blood: Sanford and the Scramble for Africa

At the height of U.S. trading interests and the Belgian Crown, Henry Sanford and other Central Florida elites of the late 19th century invested heavily in colonialist endeavors in Central Africa. Explore how and why Central Florida figured prominently in the Scramble for Africa and the Berlin Conference of 1885, and witness the consequential aftermath as rubber, ivory, and blood flowed out of Central Africa from Zanzibar through the Congo Free State.

Dates: Saturday, January 11 - Saturday, May 31

MUSEUM RESOURCES

Tours and Programs

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

The Museum also offers curriculum-based special programs for schools, homeschool groups, and other organizations which are available upon request.

To schedule a tour or program, contact the Museum at 407-665-2489 or email blloyd@seminolecountyfl.gov. Registration requested at least two weeks in advance.

Research

The Museum has an extensive collection of research materials accessible to the public during open hours, including local newspapers, city directories, genealogies, census records, and a reference library.

Contact the Museum to set a research appointment.

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 balls)
- 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

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 groundstrokes, volleys and serve will be introduced.
- **Intermediate:** Participants will focus on coordinating movement and balance, hitting the ball with purpose and 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.

RECREATION



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

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

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

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 a month (two hours per week for 4 weeks)

Adaptive Tennis

Join the Posh Rock Tennis Foundation for youth tennis lessons open to any adaptive and special needs athletes.

Location: Red Bug Lake Park

Cost: Free. Registration required. Call (407) 665-2190 for dates, times, and more information.

- **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

Dates: Go online or contact the park office for details

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

Round Robin Tennis

Round Robin Tennis is a tournament format where each player competes against every other player, ensuring maximum participation and a fair competition. Men's, women's, and mixed doubles take place. All levels are welcome!

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

Dates: Go online or contact the park office for details

Cost: \$5 per entry

Cardio Tennis

Cardio Tennis is a high-energy group fitness activity combining tennis drills with cardiovascular exercises to provide a full-body workout.

Cardio Tennis Program

Locations: Sanlando Park, Red Bug Lake Park
Dates: Go online or contact the park office for details

Cost: \$6 per class

Advanced Cardio Tennis Program

Locations: Sanlando Park, Red Bug Lake Park
Dates: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8pm-9pm
Cost: \$6 per class

Softball

Red Bug Lake Park

Spring League: Registration opens March 3. League play begins April 7.

Seminole County Softball Complex

Spring League: Registration opens March 3. League play begins April 7.



NATURAL LANDS PROGRAM

Pre-registration is required for classes and events.

Register online by visiting recreation.seminolecountyfl.gov or by phone at 407-665-2211.



Nature Center Open House - Earth Day Celebration! ☆

Celebrate Earth Day with the Natural Lands team at the Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center! Attendees of the event can enjoy meet-and-greets with our animal residents and explore the exhibits and displays. Enjoy Earth-inspired crafts, games, and guided mini hikes. Date: Saturday, April 26, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Cost: Free **No pre-registration required. All ages welcome.**

CLASSES & EVENTS

All classes and events are \$8 per person and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Fungi Fundamental (NEW!)

Join the Nature Center to dig into the fascinating world of fungi to learn more about mushrooms and their identification. Explore basic mushroom biology and their ecological roles, identification techniques, photography and documentation tips, and conservation efforts. Conclude the class with a hike in search of wild mushrooms.

Date: Saturday, January 18, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages: 5+

Mushroom Foraging Class (NEW!)

Do you know which mushrooms are edible? Attendees will learn how to identify common mushrooms in Florida, review photos of local mushrooms, followed by a hike to search for these flavorful fungi.

Date: Saturday, March 8, 9 – 11 a.m.

Ages: 7+

Bug Bash

Enter a bug's life during this fun and informational class. We will show off the wide array of small crawly critters that we share our wilderness, yards, and even homes with. Meet and greet with insects, arachnids, and mollusks in the Nature Center, and end the program with a hike searching for wild bugs.

Date: Saturday, March 15, 9 – 11 a.m.

Ages: 5+

Tracks & Scat Class

Learn how to read the clues animals leave behind! Practice deciphering bones, tracks, scat, and creating a plaster track of your own. Test your new tracking skills with a hike in the wilderness in search of animal signs.

Date: Saturday, May 3, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages: 5+

Frog Songs: Identifying Frog Calls in Florida (NEW!)



Do you ever hear croaking in your backyard? Leap into the world of frogs when you learn to distinguish the calls of local frog and toad species through expert instruction and interactive exercises. Put your new skills to the test with a night hike to the pond where attendees can hear a chorus of croaks.

Date: Saturday, May 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Ages: 7+

Snakes of Florida

Slither your way into the truth about snakes when you join a local expert as she introduces and dispels some of the myths about these cold-blooded residents! Visit live snakes in the Nature Center, then end with a hike on the trails in search of wild snakes.

Date: Saturday, May 17, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Ages: 7+

GUIDED HIKES

Seminole County is Florida's natural choice for a reason! Our 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, insect repellent, and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes.

Cost: \$5 per person. Registration required.

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

Florida Tree Trek

Celebrate Florida Arbor Day by hiking through mixed forests of pine, oak, and cypress.

Date: Friday, January 17, 9 – 11 a.m.

Location: Spring Hammock Preserve, 2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood

Hike rating: Easy

Full Moon Hike

Join this midweek hike to enjoy the splendor of the month's full moon and search for hidden night creatures.

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 7 – 9 p.m.

Location: Chuluota Wilderness Area, 3895 Curryville Road, Chuluota

Hike rating: Easy

Owl Prowl

Explore the park after dark in search of owls! Learn how to identify owls by sights and hoots.

Date: Saturday, March 1, 7 – 9 p.m.

Location: Spring Hammock Preserve, 2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood

Hike rating: Strenuous

Date: Saturday, April 5, 7 – 9 p.m.

Location: Lake Proctor Wilderness Area, 920 FL-46, Geneva

Hike rating: Easy

Swamp Walk

Follow your trail guide through the unmarked trails of a real hydric hammock! Wade waist-deep in the murky waters of a swamp, while learning about the amazing plants and animals that call this habitat home.

For ages 10+

Date: Saturday, March 29, 9 – 11 a.m.

Location: Spring Hammock Preserve, 2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood

Hike rating: Strenuous

Fluorescent Fungus Walk (NEW)

Enter the hidden world of bioluminescent and ultraviolet (UV) fluorescent fungi! Learn about the biology of these glowing organisms and their importance in our local ecosystems.

Date: Saturday, March 29, 7 – 9 p.m.

Location: Spring Hammock Preserve, 2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood

Hike rating: Moderate

Spring Foraging Hike

Hike this trail in search of edible and useful wild plants. Journey this trail to learn how to identify common edibles in your community.

Date: Saturday, April 5, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Location: Geneva Wilderness Area, 3485 County Road 426, Geneva

Hike rating: Easy

Nocturnal Reptile Ramble (NEW)

Join for the FIRST ever night hike in the Black Bear Wilderness Area! Search for hidden swamp creatures including nocturnal snakes and alligators. This program is designed for adventurous agile hikers. For ages 10+

Date: Saturday, April 26, 7 – 9 p.m.

Location: Black Bear Wilderness Area, 5298 Michigan Ave., Sanford

Hike rating: Moderate

Spring Migration Birding Hike

Celebrate World Migratory Bird Day exploring the Lake Jesup Wilderness Area and its flourishing ecosystems. Join an expert birder to spot migrating birds.

Date: Saturday, May 3, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Location: Lake Jesup Wilderness Area, 5951 Sanford Ave., Sanford

Hike rating: Easy



Enjoy the Florida Tree Trek at Spring Hammock Preserve

Florida's Pollinators (NEW)

Discover a multitude of Florida's pollinating insects while hiking along blooming trails.

Date: Saturday, May 10, 9 – 11 a.m.

Location: Lake Harney Wilderness Area, 2187 Osceola Fish Camp Road, Geneva

Hike rating: Easy

Special Event Hikes (NEW!)

Special event hikes occur seasonally to offer free guided hikes for the community. Attendees are advised to bring water, bug repellent, and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes. Children must be at least 7 years of age and accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration required. Special event hikes are also FREE. Large groups who plan to attend are advised to call 407-665-2211 for more information.

First Day Hike

Step into the new year on the right foot when you join Natural Lands trail guides on the first day of the year for a leisurely hike through the vibrant habitats of the Lake Proctor Wilderness Area.

Date: Wednesday, January 1, 11 – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Lake Proctor Wilderness Area, 920 FL-46, Geneva

Earth Day Sunset Hike

Celebrate Earth Day by marveling at the planet's natural beauty during this special guided hike. Enjoy a walk through the abundant and radiant trails of the Lake Harney Wilderness Area and end the evening on the observation deck with breathtaking views of the floodplain and the setting sun.

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Location: Lake Harney Wilderness Area, 2187 Osceola Fish Camp Road, Geneva

Family Fun Camp Out

This event is tailored for families with children ages 4 and older who would enjoy a crash course in camping! Attendees will be provided tent pitching assistance, enjoy a live animal program in the Nature Center, hike, and devour delicious desserts around the campfire. Families must bring their own tent and have at least one child 4 or older. Meals are included.

Geneva Wilderness Area, 3485 County Road 426, Geneva

Date: Saturday April 12, 2 p.m. – Sunday, April 13, 9 a.m.

Cost: \$20 per person ages 4 and older (Each person must be registered)

Spring Break Eco Camp

Campers will have fun hiking, setting live traps, fishing, handling animals in the Nature Center, arts & crafts and many other nature-based activities! Ages 7-12. Register online by visiting recreation.seminolecountyfl.gov. Scholarships available. For more information, call 407-665-2211.

Date: Monday, March 17 through Friday March 21, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Location: Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center, Geneva

Cost: \$132 (extended day available, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., \$15/camper)



Spring Break Eco Camp participants hiking through the Geneva Wilderness Area.



SEMINOLE COUNTY LIBRARY

All programs and events listed here are **FREE!** View the full calendar at seminolelibrary.org.
Registration is only required when noted below the listing.

YOUTH PROGRAMS

STEAM Saturday: Winter Edition (K-5 children and Families)

Attendees will enjoy wintry stories and later rotate around artificial snow and winter-themed STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) activity stations.

Central Branch (Casselberry)
Saturday, January 4, 3 – 4 p.m.

Play-Doh® Play Date (Ages 2-5 with caregiver)

Using Play-Doh can help little ones with early literacy and fine motor skills development. It also fosters imaginative play! Drop in for a morning of hands-on learning and fun.

East Branch (Oviedo)
Monday, January 27, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Library 500: A Hot Wheels® Car Racing Festival (For kids and families)

Rev your engines and race to the library! We're featuring race car crafts, special photo ops, and Hot Wheels racetracks with toy cars. Bring your favorite Hot Wheels car from home to race or borrow one of ours. Get your car ready, set, and watch it go!

Northwest Branch (Lake Mary)
Saturday, February 1, 2 – 4 p.m.

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

Join this storytime event 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 – 10:30 a.m.



Participants enjoy outdoor story time at Seminole County Library Fall Festival

“Hunger Games” Book & Movie Talks and Survival Challenge (Exclusively for teens, ages 13+)

Are you excited for the new Hunger Games novel releasing this March? Leading up to its book release, join the Northwest Library Branch for three separate book/movie talks about the series. Each talk features a trivia game with prizes!

Northwest Branch Library (Lake Mary)
Program will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month for three months: **Thursday, January 9, February 13, and March 13** from 6 – 7 p.m.

PLUS, join us for the Hunger Games Survival Challenge! Hunger Games cosplay is encouraged.

Greenwood Lakes Park, 660 Green Way Blvd., Lake Mary
Saturday, March 22, 2 – 4 p.m.

Telescope Nights (All ages, kids, and families)

View the wonders of the night sky! A telescope will be set up to showcase the celestial sights, weather permitting. This program is offered in partnership with the Emil Buehler Planetarium at Seminole State College of Florida.

West Branch (Longwood)
Monday, January 13, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

East Branch (Oviedo)
Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

Growing Readers Early Literacy Programs (Ages 5 and younger with caregiver)

Attendees can enjoy practicing early literacy skills through fun activities such as puppets, finger plays, stories, and singing. Learn how to make reading a family priority from birth. Our librarians tailor Growing Readers Storytime programs to your child's developmental stage, with programs for birth to 18 months, 18 months to age 3, and ages 3-5.

Shimmy, Shake, and Dance (Toddlers & preschoolers)

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

West Branch Library (Longwood)
Select Fridays and Saturdays,
10 – 10:30 a.m.

Library Explorers (K-5 children)

Participants will explore stories, science, and art! Through unique experiments, creative crafts, interactive stories and puppet shows, the exploration possibilities are endless.

Lego® Club @ the Library (Ages 5+)

Calling all Lego® builders: Join us for “open build” time! Work independently or collaborate with other builders and create a Lego® masterpiece. Each Library branch typically hosts Lego® Club once per month.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Living a Life of Gratitude

Learn about the physical and mental health benefits of having a gratitude mindset. Presented by Jessica Daly from AdventHealth University.

North Branch (Sanford)
Monday, January 6, 6 – 7 p.m.

Bullet Journals: Get Organized

Creative? Disorganized? Come learn how to set up bullet journals to organize your appointments, hobbies, daily schedules, wish lists, ideas, writing/drawing, or future plans.

Central Branch (Casselberry)
Wednesday, January 8, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Towel Folding Art

Learn to fold towels into fun animal shapes and add a creative touch to your guest rooms.

West Branch (Longwood)
Saturday, January 25, 2 – 3 p.m.

3D Printing & Modeling for Adults

Learn how to use Tinkercad to design your own 3D printed model. We'll print your model for free!

East Branch (Oviedo)
Thursday, January 30 and May 29,
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Black History Month Movie Series

Join us for free movie nights at the library as we watch Black History Month themed films. Bring a blanket and snacks for your family and enjoy. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

North Branch Library (Sanford)
Monday, February 3, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
The Princess & the Frog
Monday, February 10, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
Ray
Monday, February 24, 5 – 7:30 p.m.
The Color Purple

Bingo Night

Love playing Bingo? Join us for a relaxing evening playing this fun game.

East Branch (Oviedo)
Tuesday, February 10, 6 – 7 p.m.

West Branch (Longwood)
Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Hands Only CPR & AED

Sharon Gregory from Seminole County Fire Department will teach the life saving skills of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) in this hands-on training.

North Branch (Sanford)
Tuesday, February 11, 6 – 7 p.m.

West Branch (Longwood)
Tuesday, February 22, 2:30 – 4 p.m.

Ukulele 101

Learn about this happy little instrument and how to play some basic chords. If you have your own ukulele, please bring it with you.

Central Branch (Casselberry)
Thursday, February 13, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

A Shipwreck Through Time

Delve into the fascinating stories and stages of a shipwreck – from ship construction to becoming an underwater museum. Presented by Robbie Boggs, Florida Public Archaeologist Network.

North Branch (Sanford)
Tuesday, February 25, 6 – 7 p.m.

The Birds & The Bees: Creating Backyard Habitats

Join us for an educational and entertaining presentation offering practical science-based tips to make your home and yard more nature-friendly. Presented by Kristen Mattson, Ecologist and Director of the Gillespie Museum, Stetson University.

North Branch (Sanford)
Tuesday, March 11, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Women's Rights from the National Level to Sanford

In celebration of over 100 years of American women getting the right to vote, Brigitte Stephenson, the curator of the Henry Shelton Sanford Memorial Library and Museum, will look at the complex progression of women's rights from the national level to the municipal level.

North Branch (Sanford)
Tuesday, March 25, 6 – 7 p.m.

Birds of Sanford

Curious about birds that visit your backyard? Come learn how to identify area birds and attract them to your garden. Presented by Cecilia Carey, Seminole Audubon Society.

North Branch (Sanford)
Saturday, April 12, 11 – 12 p.m.

¡Consigue un mejor empleo! / Get a Better Job! (For Spanish speakers 18+)

Give your professional career a boost! This 4-part workshop series will focus on skills to help job seekers in the Spanish-speaking community find better careers. Come learn about job search strategies, building your resume, and honing your interviewing skills. Sponsored by Seminole State College Seminole Commits Program. Registration is required.

North Branch (Sanford)
Saturday, January 11, 18, 25, and February 1,
10 – 12 p.m.

Central Branch Library (Casselberry)
Saturday, April 19, 26, May 3, and May 10,
10 – 2 p.m.

Business Startup 101

Learn how to start your own business in Seminole County. Presented in partnership with the Small Business Development Center at Seminole State College.

Central Branch (Casselberry)
Thursday, January 9, 2 – 3 p.m.

North Branch (Sanford)
Wednesday, February 12, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

West Branch (Longwood)
Tuesday, April 22, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Business Plans 101

Discover the importance of creating a blueprint for your business success. Presented in partnership with the Small Business Development Center at Seminole State College.

North Branch (Sanford)
Wednesday, February 19, 10 – 11:30 a.m.

West Branch (Longwood)
Tuesday, April 29, 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Garden Swap

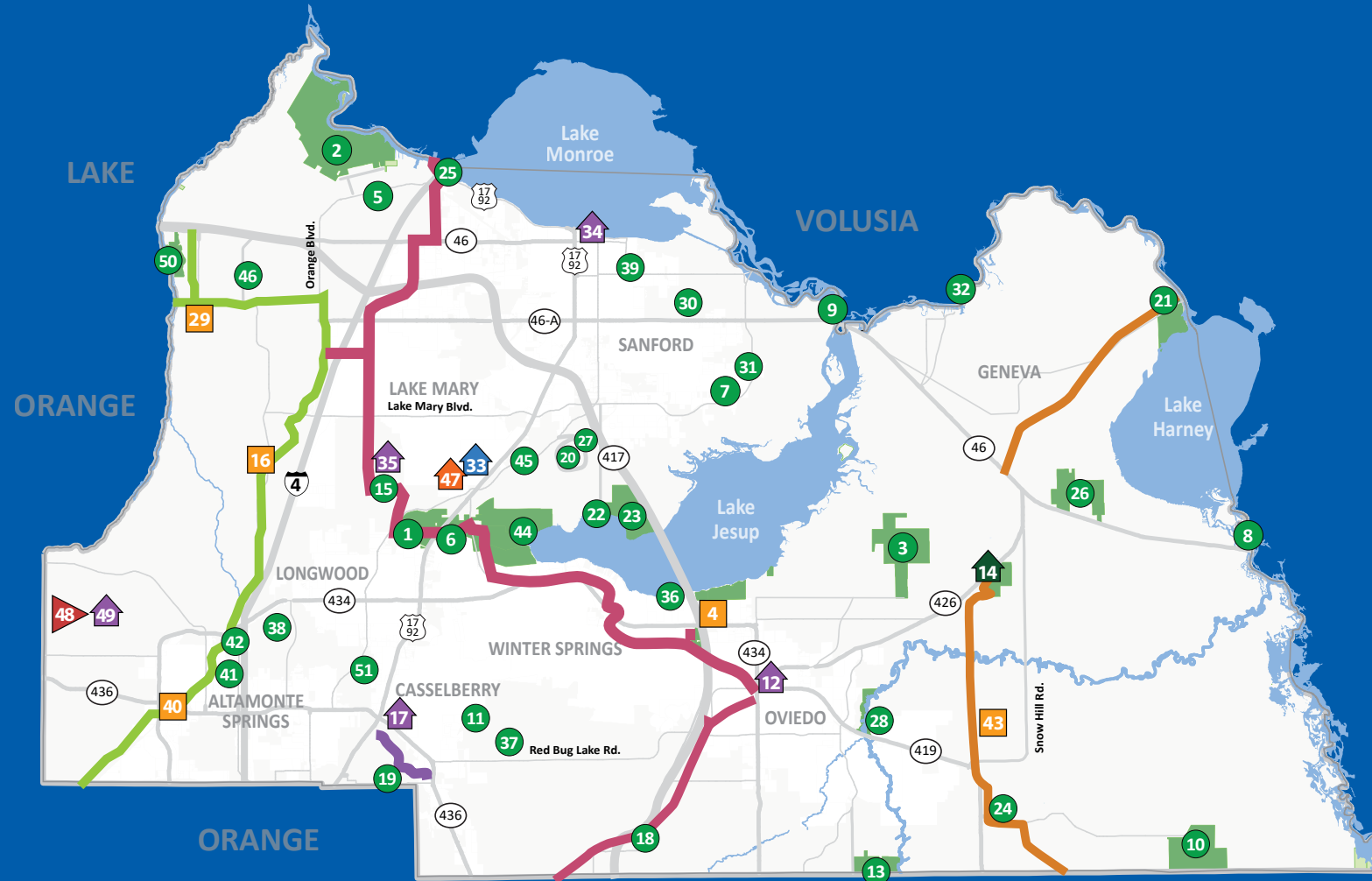
Have too many plants? Relandscaping your garden? Trade in your extra plants and give them a second chance. Presented by North Orlando Garden and Swap.

Central Branch (Casselberry)
Saturday, February 8, April 5, 2 – 4 p.m.





COUNTY MAP



LEGEND

Facilities

- Libraries
- Museum
- UF/IFAS Extension Services
- Parks
- Trailhead
- 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 BOOMBAH 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 BOOMBAH 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 1-5 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 and Imogene 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 1-5 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 Lake Wildwood Park**
Open daylight hours
770 Baywood Cir Sanford FL 32773
- 28 Little Big Econ Canoe Launch**
Open daylight hours
3799 Willingham Road, Oviedo
- 29 Markham Trailhead and Mountain Bike Skills Course**
Open daylight hours
8515 Longwood Markham Road, Sanford
- 30 Midway Park**
Open daylight hours
2045 Hurston Avenue, Sanford
- 31 Moores Station Road Fields**
Use by reservation only.
Open 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
841 Cameron Avenue, Sanford
- 32 Mullet Lake Park**
8 a.m. - Sunset
2368 Mullet Lake Park Road, Geneva
- 33 Museum of Seminole County History**
Open Tues - Sat, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
300 Eslinger Way, Sanford
- 34 North Branch Library**
Open Mon - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m.
150 N Palmetto Avenue, Sanford
- 35 Northwest Branch Library**
Open Mon - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m.
580 Greenway Boulevard, Lake Mary
- 36 Overlook Park**
Open daylight hours
1998 Spring Avenue, Oviedo
- 37 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
- 38 Rolling Hills Community Park**
(under construction)
1749 Art Hagen Place, Longwood
- 39 Roseland Park**
Open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
1898 Roseberry Lane, Sanford
- 40 San Sebastian Trailhead**
Open daylight hours
371 San Sebastian Prado, Altamonte Springs
- 41 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
- 42 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
- 43 Snow Hill Trailhead**
Open daylight hours
3290 Snow Hill Road, Chuluota
- 44 Spring Hammock Preserve**
Open 8 a.m. - Sunset
State Road 419, Longwood
- 45 Sunland Park**
Open 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
180 Collins Drive, Sanford
- 46 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
- 47 UF/IFAS Extension Seminole County Services & Teaching Gardens**
Open Mon - Fri, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
250 West County Road, Sanford
- 48 Wekiva Golf Club**
Open 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.
4100 Wekiva Club Ct, Longwood
- 49 West Branch Library**
Open Mon - Thurs, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fri & Sat 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m.
245 N. Hunt Club Boulevard, Longwood
- 50 Wilson's Landing Park**
Open daylight hours
379 Malekean Trail, Sanford
- 51 Winwood Park**
Open 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
931 Morse Street, Altamonte Springs

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 a.m. – 5 p.m.: \$30.00/hr

5 – 10 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 a.m. – 5 p.m.: \$16.00/hr

5 – 10 p.m.: \$32.00/hr

Pickleball Courts

Red Bug Lake Park

8 a.m. – 5 p.m.: \$4.00/hr per court

5 – 10 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 a.m. – 5 p.m.: \$30.00/hr

5 – 10 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 a.m. – 5 p.m.: \$4.00/hr

Court Fee 5 p.m. – 10 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 four people; campsite is approximately three miles from parking. No bathrooms or running water.

Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center

Geneva Wilderness Area

The Ed and Imogene 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 and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center

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.

Check Availability or Reserve Online at
RECREATION.SEMINOLECOUNTYFL.GOV

Listed fees do not include applicable sales tax



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.

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 only. Scholarships do not apply to programs that are contracted with outside providers.

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.



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.



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.



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY

Kids Program (age 17 and under):

- 13 **Telescope Nights**
West Branch (Longwood), 6:30–8 p.m. | p. 10
- 14 **Knowledge on Tap**
Wop's Hops Brewing at 7 p.m. | p. 6
- 18 **Fungi Fundamental**
Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. | p. 8

FEBRUARY

- 1 **Star Gazing**
Lake Harney Wilderness Area, 7–9 p.m. | p. 9
- 8 **Battle at Camp Monroe**
Sanford Museum, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. | p. 6
- 12 **Full Moon Hike**
Chuluota Wilderness Area, 7–9 p.m. | p. 9
- 25 **A Shipwreck Through Time**
North Branch (Sanford), 6 p.m. | p. 11

MARCH

- 8 **Mushroom Foraging Class**
Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center, 9–11 a.m. | p. 8
- 11 **The Birds & The Bees: Creating Backyard Habitats**
North Branch (Sanford), 3:30–4:30 p.m. | p. 11
- 15 **Timeline of Women's History**
Museum of Seminole County History, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. | p. 6

APRIL

- 12 **Family Fun Camp Out**
Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m. – Sunday, April 13 at 9 a.m. | p. 8
- 12 **Birds of Sanford**
North Branch (Sanford), 11 a.m.–12 p.m. | p. 11
- 22 **Earth Day Sunset Hike**
Lake Harney Wilderness Area, 7–8:30 p.m. | p. 9

MAY

- 3 **Tracks & Scat Class**
Ed and Imogene Yarborough Nature Center, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. | p. 8
- 3 **Spring Migration Birding Hike**
Lake Jesup Wilderness Area, 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. | p. 9
- 10 **Florida's Pollinators Hike**
Lake Harney Wilderness Area, 9 – 11 a.m. | p. 9



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