

LAKE COUNTY

Parks & Trails

**EVENTS
GUIDE**

2023



LAKE COUNTY PARKS & TRAILS

An abundance of passive and active recreation opportunities



The Lake County Office of Parks and Trails manages and maintains more than 50 parks, preserves, trails and boat ramps. The Office maintains over 520 acres of active park land, over 3400 acres of passive park land, upwards of 29 miles of stand-alone and in-park multi-use trails, 37 miles of nature hiking trails, and more than 160 miles of Blueway paddling trails. These properties and trails provide a wide array of recreational opportunities to Lake County residents and visitors.

Some of the most popular recreation spots in the county include North Lake Regional Park in Umatilla, Lake Idamere Park in Tavares, PEAR Park in Leesburg, Lake May Reserve in Eustis, as well as the South Lake Trail, Ferndale Preserve and the Green Mountain Scenic Overlook & Trailhead located in the southern region of the County.







Each season brings change as the plants and animals move through their life cycles, and park staff lead nature-based events to capture and explore the rhythms of species. During the bird and butterfly surveys, novice and expert census takers assist staff with tracking the bird and butterfly populations at six conservation lands four times per year.

In addition to land-based events offered by the Lake County Office of Parks & Trails, staff also teams up with the Lake County Water Authority for several guided paddling tours throughout the year. During these tours, canoeists and kayakers can trek through some of Lake County's many freshwater lakes and rivers.





For more information about the many Lake County parks, trails and boat ramps, please visit www.lakecountyfl.gov/parks. If you have questions or would like to request additional information, please call the Lake County Office of Parks & Trails at 352-253-4950 or email parksandtrails@lakecountyfl.gov.

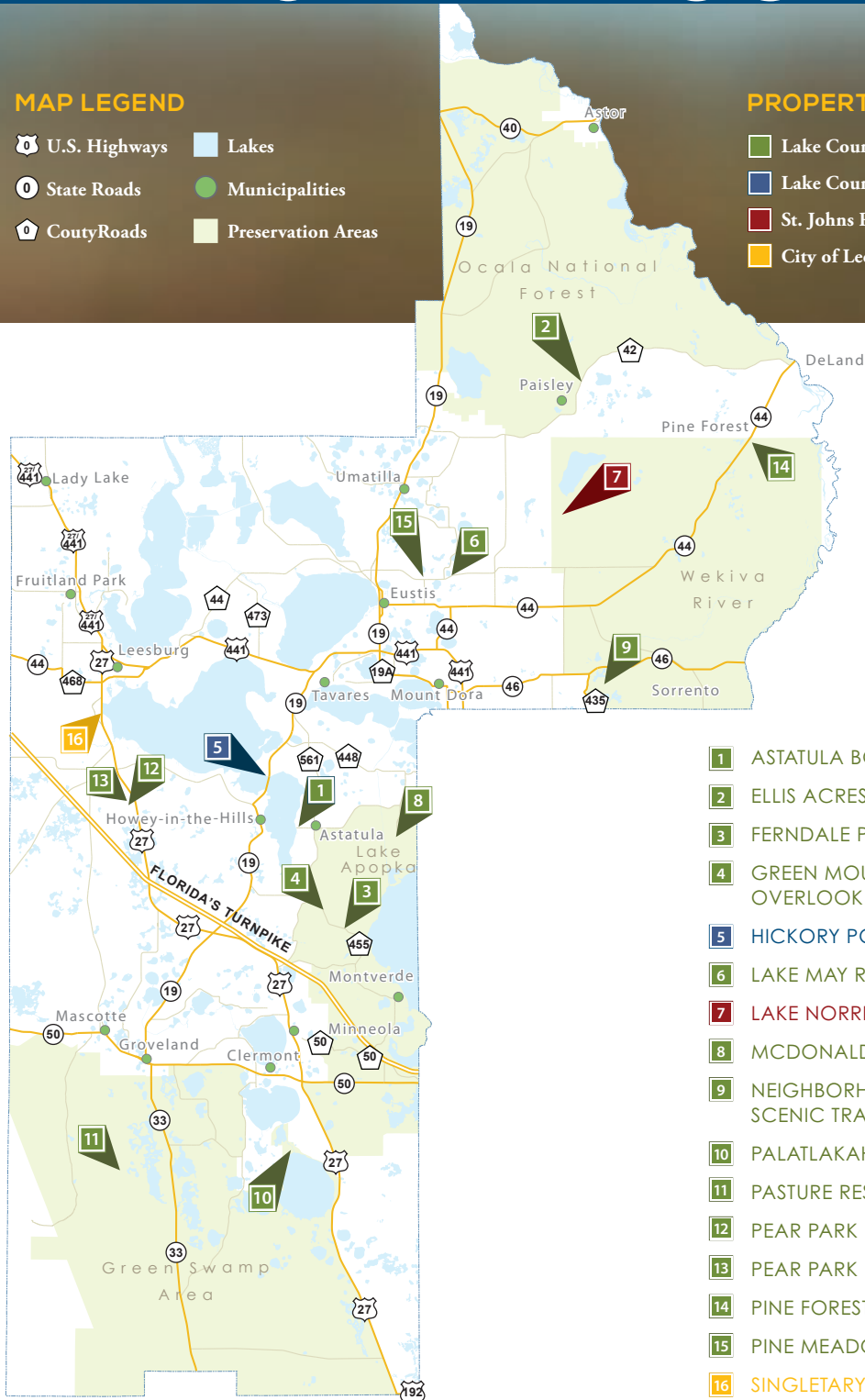
FEATURED LOCATIONS


MAP LEGEND

-  U.S. Highways
-  State Roads
-  County Roads
-  Lakes
-  Municipalities
-  Preservation Areas

PROPERTY OWNERSHIP INFO

-  Lake County Board of County Commissioners
-  Lake County Water Authority
-  St. Johns River Water Management District
-  City of Leesburg



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-  16 SINGLETARY PARK

FEATURED LOCATIONS



ASTATULA BOAT RAMP

12703 Florida Ave., Astatula

Access to Little Lake Harris and Lake Harris Blueway Run.

ELLIS ACRES RESERVE

25302 County Road 42, Paisley

The 417-acre reserve contains longleaf pine wooded pasture and forested wetlands and sits on the western shoreline of Lake Akron. Many species of wildlife can be found at the site including the Florida black bear, sandhill crane, white-tailed deer and wild turkey.

FERNDALE PRESERVE

19220 County Road 455, Ferndale

The 196-acre Ferndale Preserve is located off County Road 455 in South Lake County on the western shore of Lake Apopka. The preserve is a sandhill longleaf pine restoration site and has equestrian and hiking trails offering beautiful vistas of Lake Apopka and the surrounding area.

GREEN MOUNTAIN SCENIC OVERLOOK & TRAILHEAD

20700 County Road 455, Ferndale

This beautiful site, offering views of the North Shore Restoration Area and Lake Apopka sitting 132' above sea level, is just a short distance from Sugarloaf Mountain the highest point in peninsular Florida at 312', and located along the State Designated Green Mountain Scenic Byway. In addition to the scenic beauty, it is an amazing location for birding and butterfly watching, with over 100 species of birds and 20 species of butterflies. The site offers a connection to the Lake Apopka Loop Trail, allowing hikers and bikers to trek some 18 miles across the North Shore of Lake Apopka to Magnolia Park in Orange County.

HICKORY POINT RECREATIONAL PARK

27341 State Road 19, Tavares

Created as a unique, recreational waterfront park, the 68-acre facility is located along the shore of Lake Harris and features a two-story screened picnic pavilion, boardwalk nature trail, playground, sand volleyball and marina. This property is owned and operated by the Lake County Water Authority.

LAKE MAY RESERVE

36300 County Road 44A, Eustis

N 28°52'20.05" W 81°37'47.62"

Lake May Reserve totals approximately 136 acres. The landscape consists of xeric oak hammock and a mix of upland scrub, pine and hardwood forested areas. The property also features Lake May, a 20-acre lake, along with the associated wetlands.

LAKE NORRIS CONSERVATION AREA

38343 Lake Norris Road, Eustis

N 28°54'32.5764" W 81°32'55.0212"

This 2,228-acre property was purchased by the St. Johns River Water Management District to provide protection for Lake Norris's hardwood swamp and Blackwater Creek, a major tributary of the Wekiva River. The Lake County Water Authority manages the primitive camping and paddling opportunities year-round for the property.

MCDONALD CANAL BOAT RAMP

24600 County Road 448A, Mount Dora

N 28°42'18.00" W 81°40'22.80"

The McDonald Canal Boat Ramp provides public access to the North Shore of Lake Apopka. Here, boaters or kayakers may use a new ADA-compliant ramp, restrooms and parking lot and enjoy beautiful landscaping which includes 1,000 bald cypress trees planted by Keep Lake Beautiful.

FEATURED LOCATIONS



NEIGHBORHOOD LAKES SCENIC TRAIL & TRAILHEAD

26656 County Road 46A, Mount Plymouth
N 28°48'44.8" W 81°30'50.7"

This trailhead is the start of a 2.8 mile north-south trail that runs through 375 acres of conservation land adjacent to Rock Springs Run Reserve State Park. The conservation land is made up of many habitats including freshwater marsh, xeric hammock and pine flatwoods. The property is also a major recharge area for the Floridan Aquifer System and Wekiva Springshed Protection Area. Wildlife at the site include Wild Turkey, Bobcat, Gopher Tortoise, and Gulf Fritillary Butterfly.

PALATLAKAHA RIVER PARK & BOAT RAMP

12325 Hull Road, Clermont

Palatlahaha River Park & Boat Ramp offers visitors boating access to the Palatlahaha "Crooked" River and the Clermont Chain of Lakes. The park has restrooms, pavilion, playground, fishing piers, and a 3/4 mile hiking path through native scrub that is management for many rare and endangered plants and a riparian zone that is great for bird watching

PASTURE RESERVE

5144 Lake Erie Road, Groveland
N 28°28'43.80" W 81°52'42.19"

The Pasture Reserve is located in the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern, the literal "heart" of the Floridan aquifer, and is a mosaic of uplands and wetlands. The 810-acre property is home to white-tailed deer, wild turkeys, American alligators and gopher tortoises, among others.

PEAR PARK (GATEWAY)

26701 U.S. Highway 27, Leesburg

The "Gateway" is the front 50 acres of PEAR Park and represents the active use area, offering softball fields, a multi-use field, pickleball, tennis and basketball courts, pavilions with grills, playground, dog park and hiking trails that connect to the Wildlife Conservation Area.

PEAR PARK – NATURE CENTER & WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AREA (WCA)

4800 University Ave., Leesburg

PEAR Park's Wildlife Conservation Area consists of 268 acres located at the end of University Avenue. The focus of this area of the park centers on conservation and restoration of historic ecosystems, threatened and endangered species and passive outdoor recreational opportunities, like bird watching and wildlife viewing. This facility includes a nature center, and the Wildlife Watch Post, Lake County's newest destination for birders, native plant enthusiasts and nature photographers.

PINE FOREST PARK

32520 State Road 44, DeLand

Pine Forest Park offers a multi-use field, two pavilions with barbeque grills and two playgrounds. A hiking trail skirts the 28-acre Florida Scrub-Jay Management Area and offers plant aficionados a glimpse of several diverse natural ecosystems.

PINE MEADOWS CONSERVATION AREA

2280 Pine Meadows Golf Course Road, Eustis
N 28°88'40.33 W-81°66'30.54

Pine Meadows is a 770-acre property suited to function as a hub between Trout Lake Nature Center and the Lake May Reserve Trail. Amenities include parking, hiking & biking trails, and a paddle launch site.

SINGLETARY PARK

1902 S. 14th St., Leesburg

This park is managed by the City of Leesburg, and consists of a public pier, parking facility and boat ramp access to Lake Harris. The park also serves as an entry point for Helena Run, one of eight designated Blueway runs in the County.

RESERVATIONS

For the safety of participants and park staff, most programs are limited to 10 participants. A reservation is required. By participating in any of these events, all participants agree to follow CDC guidelines for COVID-19, and participants are stating that they are not currently positive for COVID-19 and have not shown any symptoms within the last 14 days. All events are subject to change and/or cancellation. Please check the online events calendar to verify the status of an event.

Hikes, Surveys and Classes

To make a reservation for a guided hike, survey or class, complete the online reservation form at www.lakecountyfl.gov/parks/event_reservations.aspx. Reservations will be closed 72 hours prior to event. For additional information, call the Lake County Office of Parks & Trails at 352-253-4950 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email parksandtrails@lakecountyfl.gov.

Paddling Adventures

The Lake County Water Authority coordinates most paddling adventures. Make a reservation by calling (352) 324-6141, ext. 0, Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING

Participants of regularly scheduled nature and paddling events, as well as bird and butterfly surveys, are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. **Hikers** should bring binoculars, field guides, cameras, sunscreen, insect repellent, water and snacks. **Paddlers** may bring their own equipment, such as canoes or kayaks, life vests and paddles, or equipment will be provided. All participants will be asked to sign a liability waiver for paddling trips.

For enhanced safety, **all participants** are encouraged to wear face coverings, bring personal hand sanitizer and social distance from others not within the same party.

RATING SYSTEM

Hiking Difficulty



These hikes offer an easy pace and are recommended for average-to-sedentary level of fitness. Hikes are usually on a paved trail or boardwalk. Distance is typically one mile or less.



An average level of fitness is recommended as these moderate hikes may be on a trail of uneven terrain with a distance of two miles or less.



These hikes are generally more challenging, depending on an individual's experience and level of fitness. Hikes are more difficult due to hills and distances of greater than two miles.

Paddling Difficulty



These paddling adventures offer an easy pace and an average-to-sedentary level of fitness. Paddling may be on local creeks or shorelines. Time is usually two hours or less and distance is typically one mile or less, depending on currents.



An average level of fitness is recommended for these moderate paddles, which may be on a waterway with obstructions or currents. Time is usually three hours or less and distance is typically two to four miles.



These paddling adventures are generally more challenging, depending on an individual's experience and level of fitness. Paddling is more difficult due to the length of the trip and paddling conditions. Time is more than three hours and distance is typically more than four miles.

IDENTIFICATION

Use these icons to identify images in this guide.



Artifacts



Birds



Butterflies



Insects



Locations



Mammals



Paddling



Plants



Reptiles



Tracks

JANUARY

Nature Event

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Sunday, January 1, 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR HIKE

PEAR Park (Nature Center/WCA) / 9–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Start the New Year off right by getting some exercise and exploring nature with staff.



Friday, January 6, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 8–9:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve.



Saturday, January 7, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

PEAR Park (Nature Center/WCA) / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Sunday, January 8, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

PEAR Park (Gateway) / 5 p.m.–6 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an early evening hike to get some exercise while exploring nature at PEAR Park.



Thursday, January 12, 2023

SCRUB ECOSYSTEMS

Pine Forest Park / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

The scrub, scrubby flatwoods and ephemeral pond of Pine Forest Park are home to many native plant and animal species. Explore the ecology of the site with naturalists.



Saturday, January 14, 2023

OPEN HOUSE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Nature Center will be open and a naturalist will be on site to answer questions.



Ephemeral Wetland



Pictured Above: Arthropod Hike at Ellis Acres Reserve

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Sunday, January 15, 2023
HISTORY AND NATURE HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 9 a.m.–noon
Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Learn about artifacts, the history of the site and nature while hiking with staff.



Saturday, January 28, 2023
QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 7:30–11 a.m.
Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Saturday, January 21, 2023
QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ferndale Preserve / 7:30–11 a.m.
Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

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Sunday, January 29, 2023
WILDLIFE OF LAKE MAY

Lake May Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon
Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Learn what animals utilize the habitats of Lake May Reserve and how we use restoration to improve the natural communities.



Pictured Above: Resurrection Fern on Live Oak



Pictured Below: Giant Bristlegrass

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FEBRUARY

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Friday, February 3, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 8–9:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve.



Thursday, February 9, 2023

TRACKS AND SIGNS

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Perfect for homeschool adventures! Join staff and we interpret the tracks and signs left by the animals that call Ellis Acres Reserve home.



Saturday, February 4, 2023

ECOLOGY HIKE

PEAR Park (Nature Center/WCA) / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Come hike the various trails of PEAR Park and learn about the restoration to Florida Natural Communities that is occurring here.



Friday, February 10, 2023

AFTER DARK HIKE

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 8–10:30 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Bring your flashlight, headlamps and insect repellent to see what wildlife is active in the park after everyone goes home and the sun goes down.



Saturday, February 4, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Saturday, February 11, 2023

LAKE NORRIS BLACK WATER CREEK PADDLE

Lake Norris Conservation Area / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

PADDLE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Considered one of the best paddles in Lake County, join staff as they guide participants on a tour of the renowned Blackwater Creek, part of the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River system. Ibis, wood stork, osprey, warblers and more may be spotted from the vessels.



Sunday, February 5, 2023

WILDFLOWER PLANTING DAY

Neighborhood Lakes Scenic Trail & Trailhead / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

WORKDAY / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Come volunteer and help plant native wildflowers and bunch grasses in the Pollinator Prairie area to benefit all of the species which share the space.



Saturday, February 11, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Lake May Reserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

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Pictured Above: Southern Magnolia

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Sunday, February 12, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

PEAR Park (Gateway) / 5–6 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an early evening hike to get some exercise while exploring nature at PEAR Park.

Saturday, February 25, 2023

OPEN HOUSE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Open House at the Nature Center with a naturalist on site.

Sunday, February 19, 2023

ANIMAL TRACKS AND SIGNS

Ferndale Preserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

As the wildlife of Ferndale Preserve go about their daily lives they leave signs along the way. Discover who has stories to tell even if you may not see the animal.

Saturday, February 25, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Pasture Reserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

ECOLOGY/RESTORATION HIKE

Lake May Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

There is a lot going on at Lake May Reserve which promotes water quality, restores historic natural communities and enhances the habitat for animal species. Learn about the processes from staff as we hike the trails on site.

Sunday, February 26, 2023

THE GREEN SWAMP

Pasture Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Learn about the "Heart of the Floridan Aquifer" and the importance of protecting its recharge area.

Friday, February 24, 2023

EVENING NATURE HIKE

Green Mountain Scenic Overlook & Trailhead / 5–7 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Come see what the overlook trailhead has to offer and learn about what shaped the topography of Florida.



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Pictured Below: *Datana Caterpillar*

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Friday, March 3, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 8–9:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve.



Thursday, March 9, 2023

BIOBLITZ FOR ARTHROPODS

Lake May Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Perfect for homeschool adventures! Join staff on this hunt for diversity as we try to add to the arthropod species list for the Reserve.



Saturday, March 11, 2023

WILDFLOWERS AND POLLINATORS

Ferndale Preserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Discover the plants that bloom in early spring and provide resources for pollinators that are busy searching for food.



Saturday, March 11, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Neighborhood Lakes Scenic Trail & Trailhead / 7:30–11 a.m.

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HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

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Saturday, March 18, 2023

OPEN HOUSE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Open House at the Nature Center with a naturalist on site.



Saturday, March 18, 2023

BIG SIT

McDonald Canal Boat Ramp / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Join park staff on a "Big Sit" where participants will count all the birds seen or heard from within a predetermined 17 foot circle.



Male Green Anole



Pictured Above: Adult Red-Shouldered Hawk

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Sunday, March 19, 2023

HISTORY AND NATURE HIKE

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Lake County Parks & Trails



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Wednesday, March 22, 2023

HELENA RUN PADDLING ADVENTURE

Singletary Park / 9 a.m.–noon

LCWA / Lake County Parks & Trails



PADDLE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Experienced paddlers are invited to join our naturalists as they canoe and kayak along a former steamboat route through Helena Run, visit Bugg Springs Run and possibly venture into Lake Denham. Guides will discuss the Okahumpka Marsh, the historical significance of the area and the valuable natural resources.

Monday, March 27, 2023

WILD EDIBLES

Lake May Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Come explore the plant species which provide food resources for the wildlife of Lake May Reserve. Learn which species can also be toxic.





Pictured Above: *Shiny Blueberry*



Pictured Below: *Tricolored Heron*

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Sunday, April 2, 2023

NATURALIST HIKE

Neighborhood Lakes Scenic Trail & Trailhead / 9 a.m.–noon

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HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Explore nature while learning about the restoration activities on site during this hike with staff.



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WILDLIFE AND RESTORATION

Ferndale Preserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Perfect for homeschool adventures! Staff will explain the role of land and lake restoration processes and how they positively impact wildlife and humans.



Friday, April 14, 2023

PADDLING THE APOPKA-BEAUCLAIRE CANAL

McDonald Canal Boat Ramp / 9 a.m.–noon

LCWA / Lake County Parks & Trails

PADDLE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

This paddling adventure will take participants into the northwestern side of Lake Apopka. Rangers will offer insight into the plant and animal species inhabiting the shoreline.



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Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on a hike to see what's blooming at PEAR Park and to observe the pollinators at work.

Saturday, April 22, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ferndale Preserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

SHORELINE POLLINATOR PLANTS

Lake May Reserve / 9–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Learn about how you can enhance your lakeshore with native plants to improve the habitat and resources for wildlife.

Saturday, April 29, 2023

SNAKE SAFETY FOR KIDS

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 9–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Snakes are a beneficial part of the balance of our ecosystems. Learn to identify which snakes are venomous and what to do if you encounter them.

Saturday, April 29, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

PEAR Park (Nature Center/WCA) / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.

Sunday, April 30, 2023

NATIVE PLANTS

PEAR Park (Nature Center/WCA) / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Brush up on your identification of native Florida trees, shrubs and wildflowers while hiking with staff.

 Pictured Above: Red Ratsnake

GET OUT IN NATURE

EXPLORE

Lake County's 37 miles of nature trails

GREEN MOUNTAIN Scenic Overlook & Trailhead



NEIGHBORHOOD LAKES Scenic Trail & Trailhead



MAY

Nature Event



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Friday, May 5, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 8–9:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve.



Sunday, May 7, 2023

HERP HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff as we document as many herps as we can find while hiking the trails of the site.



Saturday, May 6, 2023

COMMON SENSE ANIMAL AWARENESS

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 9–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Come hike with a Park Ranger and learn tips on what to do when you encounter wildlife.



Saturday, May 13, 2023

EBIRD GLOBAL BIG DAY

Green Mountain Scenic Overlook & Trailhead / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Join park staff in assisting Cornell's eBird take a "snap shot" of the world's birds.



Sunday, May 14, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

PEAR Park (Gateway) / 5–6 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an early evening hike to get some exercise while exploring nature at PEAR Park.



Saturday, May 20, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Neighborhood Lakes Scenic Trail & Trailhead / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Purple Passionflower



Pictured Above: Cloudless Sulphur on Firebush

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Sunday, May 21, 2023

WILD EDIBLES

PEAR Park (Nature Center/WCA) / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Hike with staff and learn a little about what is edible and what is toxic in the habitats of the park. Many are important food resources for the birds and other wildlife which call PEAR park home.

Saturday, May 27, 2023

OPEN HOUSE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Open House at the Nature Center with a naturalist on site.



Pictured Above: PEAR Park Butterfly Garden




Pictured Below: Florida Sandhill Cranes

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JUNE

JULY

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 Nature Event

Friday, June 2, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 8–9:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve.



Friday, July 7, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 8–9:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve.



Saturday, June 3, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Pasture Reserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Sunday, July 9, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

PEAR Park (Gateway) / 5–6 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails Hike

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an early evening hike to get some exercise while exploring nature at PEAR Park.



Sunday, June 11, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

PEAR Park (Gateway) / 5–6 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an early evening hike to get some exercise while exploring nature at PEAR Park.



Saturday, July 22, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Pasture Reserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



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AUGUST

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Friday, August 4, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 8–9:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve.



Saturday, August 26, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Saturday, August 5, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Lake May Reserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Saturday, August 12, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

PEAR Park (Nature Center/WCA) / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Sunday, August 13, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

PEAR Park (Gateway) / 5–6 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an early evening hike to get some exercise while exploring nature at PEAR Park.



Dusky Pygmy Rattlesnake



Pictured Above: *Ellis Acres Hike*

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SEPTEMBER

■ Nature Event
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Friday, September 1, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 8–9:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve.



Saturday, September 16, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Saturday, September 9, 2023

BEGINNER'S PADDLING

Hickory Point Recreational Facility / 9 a.m.–noon

LCWA / Lake County Parks & Trails

PADDLE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

The public is invited to learn about the popular sport of paddling with experienced staff. Novice paddlers will learn about paddling basics and safety. Participants will then have an opportunity to practice what they have learned in a well supervised paddle adventure.



Sunday, September 17, 2023

HERP HIKE

PEAR Park (Nature Center/WCA) / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff as we document as many herps as we can find while hiking the trails of the site.



Sunday, September 10, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

PEAR Park (Gateway) / 5–6 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an early evening hike to get some exercise while exploring nature at PEAR Park.



Saturday, September 23, 2023

OPEN HOUSE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Open House at the Nature Center with a naturalist on site.



Thursday, September 14, 2023

ETHNOBOTANY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Perfect for homeschool adventures! Join staff as we explore roles that plants have played in the lives of peoples through time.



Saturday, September 23, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Neighborhood Lakes Scenic Trail & Trailhead / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Saturday, September 30, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ferndale Preserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



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OCTOBER

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 Paddling Event

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Sunday, October 1, 2023

PLANTS OF FERDALE PRESERVE

Ferndale Preserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Do you know the native trees and groundcover species of Florida? How about which ones are invasive non-natives? Hike with staff to brush up on your plant ID.

Friday, October 6, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 8–9:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve. 3

Saturday, October 7, 2023

LAKE APOPKA LOOP TRAIL BIRDING HIKE

Green Mountain Scenic Overlook & Trailhead / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Sunday, October 8, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

PEAR Park (Gateway) / 5–6 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an early evening hike to get some exercise while exploring nature at PEAR Park.

Thursday, October 12, 2023

ECOLOGY OF THE PINE MEADOWS CONSERVATION AREA

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Perfect for homeschool adventures! Join staff as we explore the changing habitats of this watershed.

Saturday, October 14, 2023

BIG SIT

McDonald Canal Boat Ramp / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

Join park staff on a "Big Sit" where participants will count all the birds seen or heard from within a predetermined 17 foot circle.



Black Vulture



Pictured Above: Christmas Lichen and Friends

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Sunday, October 15, 2023

WILDLIFE OF PEAR PARK

PEAR Park (Nature Center/WCA) / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of PEAR Park and learn about the restoration projects.

Saturday, October 28, 2023

OPEN HOUSE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Open House at the Nature Center with a Naturalist on site.

Friday, October 20, 2023

DOUBLE RUN PADDLE

Astatula Boat Ramp / 9 a.m.–noon

LCWA / Lake County Parks & Trails



PADDLE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Tucked away on Little Lake Harris is the Double Run Spring where naturalists will lead paddlers in exploration of this hidden paradise and search for the wildlife that call this area home.

Saturday, October 28, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Lake May Reserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.

Saturday, October 21, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ferndale Preserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

RESTORATION OF LAKE MAY RESERVE

Lake May Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff in an open discussion on restoration processes, Rx fire techniques, and wildfire mitigation in the Wildland Urban Interface.



Pictured Above: Aaaa



Pictured Below: Female Palamedes Swallowtail Butterfly

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NOVEMBER

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Wednesday, November 1, 2023

BIRDS OF LAKE MAY

Lake May Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Hike with staff to try to spot some of the birds that have been seen at Lake May. Learn about habitats and the species that use them. For beginners.

Friday, November 3, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 8–9:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the habitats and species of Ferndale Preserve.

Saturday, November 4, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Pasture Reserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.

Thursday, November 9, 2023

BIRDS ON THE CHECKLIST

PEAR Park (Nature Center/WCA) / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Perfect for homeschool adventures! Hike with staff to try and spot some of the birds that have been seen at PEAR Park. Learn about habitats and the species that use them. For beginners.

Friday, November 10, 2023

EVENING NATURE HIKE

Green Mountain Scenic Overlook & Trailhead / 5–7 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Come learn about cooperative agency management as we embark on a hike from Green Mountain Trailhead, into the Lake Apopka North Shore.

Saturday, November 11, 2023

OPEN HOUSE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Open House at the Nature Center with a Naturalist on site.

Sunday, November 12, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

PEAR Park (Gateway) / 5–6 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an early evening hike to explore PEAR Park and get some exercise before the sun goes down.

Sunday, November 12, 2023

PRESCRIBING FIRES: WHY?

Pasture Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff in an open discussion on Rx fire techniques, seasonalities, and wildfire mitigation in the Wildland Urban Interface.



Pictured Above: Ellis Acres Post Prescribed Fire Burn

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Friday, November 17, 2023

AFTER DARK HIKE

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 8–10:30 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Bring your flashlight, headlamps and insect repellent to see what wildlife is active in the park after everyone goes home and the sun goes down.

Saturday, November 18, 2023

BIRDS ON THE CHECKLIST

Ferndale Preserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Hike with staff to try and spot some of the birds that have been seen at Ferndale Preserve. Learn about habitats and the species that use them. For beginners.

Saturday, November 18, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Neighborhood Lakes Scenic Trail & Trailhead / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails



SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.

Sunday, November 19, 2023

VOLUNTEER PLANTING DAY

Neighborhood Lakes Scenic Trail & Trailhead / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Come volunteer and help staff plant native wildflowers and bunch grasses in the sandhill restoration area.

Bring your own gloves, digging tools, water and snacks.

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

NATURALIST HIKE

Lake May Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails



HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Get some fresh air while learning about the tracks and signs of nature during this hike with staff.

Thursday, November 30, 2023

CROOKED RIVER PADDLE

Palatamaha River Park & Boat Ramp / 9 a.m.–noon

LCWA / Lake County Parks & Trails



PADDLE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Participants will launch from Palatamaha Park and Boat Ramp and paddle upstream to visit the cypress-lined environments of Lake Louisa.



Pictured Above: Aaaa



Pictured Below: Reclining White-Tailed Deer (Doe)

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DECEMBER

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Friday, December 1, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 8–9:30 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff and explore the tracks and signs of the critters that call Ferndale home.



Saturday, December 2, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

PEAR Park (Nature Center/WCA) / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Saturday, December 9, 2023

OPEN HOUSE

Ellis Acres Reserve / 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Open House at the Nature Center with a Naturalist on site.



Sunday, December 10, 2023

EXPLORATION HIKE

PEAR Park (Gateway) / 5–6 p.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Join staff on an early evening adventure to explore the park while getting some exercise.



Saturday, December 16, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Pine Meadows Conservation Area / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Sunday, December 17, 2023

IMPERILED SPECIES MANAGEMENT: RESTORATION TOOLBOX

Pasture Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Come hear about some of the tools in the land manager's toolbox. We'll discuss chemical, cultural and mechanical treatments and how they're used to help restore the natural communities these species call home.



Tuesday, December 19, 2023

NATURALIST HIKE

Lake May Reserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Brush up on your native and non-native plant identification while hiking with staff.



Saturday, December 23, 2023

QUARTERLY BIRD & BUTTERFLY SURVEY

Ellis Acres Reserve / 7:30–11 a.m.

Lake County Parks & Trails

SURVEY

Assist park staff with surveying the birds & butterflies that inhabit Lake County's conservation lands.



Saturday, December 30, 2023

ECOLOGY HIKE

Ferndale Preserve / 9 a.m.–noon

Lake County Parks & Trails

HIKE / EDUCATIONAL / FAMILY FRIENDLY

Come hike with rangers and explore the restoration of the sandhills of Ferndale Preserve.



Pictured Above: *Hermit Thrush*

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