

Upcoming Events

Lake Restorations!

Join us for our *spring 2015 lake restoration events*! Join Seminole County Watershed Management Division biologists in helping to restore our valuable waterways by **planting beneficial native plants**. This is a great way to learn about our environment and to make a difference! Please register for the below events with Elizabeth Stephens, SERV Coordinator (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov), or you can **now register online** via www.eventbrite.com (links below):

Myrtle Lake – April 4th

1000 Twin Lakes Rd., Longwood

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lake-myrtle-restoration-tickets-16104641416>

Sweetwater Lakes – April 18th

830 Cove Park Pl., Longwood

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sweetwater-lakes-restoration-tickets-16104780833>

Lake Jesup – May 16th

2356 Black Hammock Fish Camp Rd., Oviedo

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lake-jesup-restoration-tickets-16104812929>



Celebrate Earth Day!

Earth Day is April 22nd this year! Extend the celebration by attending one of these fun and educational events focused on protecting our environment!

Discover Wekiva

Saturday, April 18th, from 9 am - 3 pm

Katie's Landing, off of SR 46 and Wekiva Park Dr.

A day full of family activities, canoe races interpretive canoe paddles, live animals, guest speakers, music, food trucks, and fun! This is a free event. For more information, contact: fowriver@gmail.com.

Lake Lotus Park Earth Day Celebration

Sunday, April 26th, 1153 Lake Lotus Park Rd., Altamonte Springs

Spend the day at beautiful Lake Lotus Park, and enjoy this free event! Visit educational booths and learn about our local environment! Please contact Frank Higgins for more information (FGHiggins@altamonte.org).

Casselberry's 5th Annual Earth Fest!

Saturday, May 2nd, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Lake Concord Park/Casselberry City Hall

Enjoy an entire afternoon of fun in Casselberry at Seminole County's largest Earth Day event! Multiple workshops will include tree and plant giveaways. Come to the FFL presentation on Aquascaping, Rain Gardens, & Rain Barrels from 3:15 - 4:00 pm for a chance to win a free rain barrel! Live local music will be from 5 to 9:00 pm. For more information, please visit www.casselberry.org/earthfest.

Ongoing Opportunities

Group-Tailored Events

Help restore our environment while working alongside your club, coworkers, or friends! Events scheduled upon request.



Stormdrain Marking



With sixteen drainage basins in the county, and thousands of stormdrains to mark, we need your help! The goal of this county-wide project is to educate everyone that stormdrain systems carry not only water, but also anything else (excess nutrients, trash, and other waste) that runs off into the streets, and ends up in our lakes and rivers. This activity is great for groups or individuals.



Roadway & Waterway Clean-Ups



Help protect wildlife, water quality, and beautify the community by joining us for a roadway or waterway clean-up! These activities are great for a 1 day event; volunteers can spend a few hours collecting litter and immediately see the fruits of their labor!



Invasive Species Removal



Invasive species are a serious threat to our waterways and natural areas because they harm native plants and animals, and decrease water quality. We work to remove them in order to protect our precious natural resources. Invasive species removal activities, usually along shorelines or in the water, are great for group-tailored events!

Contact Elizabeth Stephens (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov) for more information about these opportunities!

Adopt-A-Road and Adopt-A-River Programs

Help protect our water resources and reduce pollution by joining our Adopt-A-Road and River Programs. Adopt your own section of road or riverway in Seminole County and schedule clean-ups at your convenience. Volunteers are required to clean a section of roadway just four times per year and river just twice per year. This is a great way to leave your mark and protect our environment! Call or email Elizabeth Stephens for more information (407-665-2457; serv@seminolecountyfl.gov).



Adopt-A-Park Program

This is an opportunity from Seminole County Leisure Services to enjoy and give back to our amazing Seminole County resources: "Parks are the place where it all comes together – a sense of community, an appreciation of history and place, respect for nature." The Adopt-A-Park Program facilitates the monitoring, clean-up and enhancement of parks, natural lands, trails, and trailheads maintained in Seminole County. For more information and to join this great program, contact Seminole County Leisure Services at 407-665-2001.



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Living with the Lake

Saturday, March 21st, 9:30 – 11:30 am
Red Bug Lake Park, Pavilion C, Casselberry

Rain Barrels

Tuesday, March 24th
2:00 – 4:00 pm OR 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Extension Auditorium, 250 W. County Home Rd., Sanford

Wildflowers and Native Plants

Thursday, April 2nd, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Extension Auditorium, 250 W. County Home Rd., Sanford

The Too Wet Yard

Wednesday, April 22nd, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Municipal Services Complex, 911 Wallace Ct., Lake Mary

Florida-Friendly Ways to Save Water

Monday, May 11th, 2:00 – 3:00 pm
West Branch Library, 245 N. Hunt Club Blvd., Longwood

The New Gardener

Wednesday, April 22nd, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Extension Auditorium, 250 W. County Home Rd., Sanford

Call Taryn Sudol, your Seminole County Florida Yards & Neighborhoods / Florida-Friendly Landscaping Coordinator, at 407-665-5575 or email fyn@seminolecountyfl.gov to register for any of the above FREE classes!

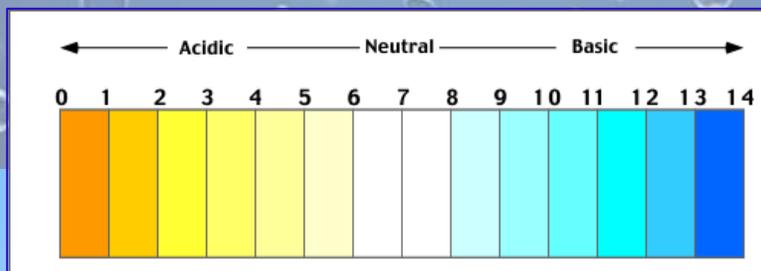
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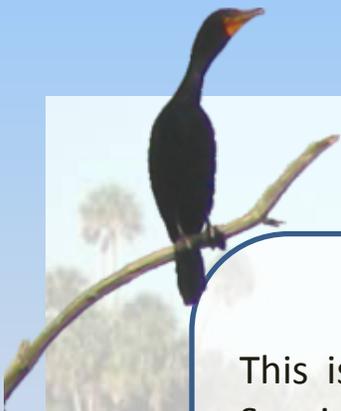
LAKEWATCH

Do you live on a lake? If so, consider joining LAKEWATCH! Florida LAKEWATCH is a citizen volunteer lake monitoring program that facilitates "hands-on" citizen participation in the management of Florida lakes, rivers, and coastal sites through monthly monitoring activities. Please visit <http://lakewatch.ifas.ufl.edu/WHATFLW.HTM>, or contact Elizabeth Stephens (serv@seminolecountyfl.gov; 407-665-2457) for more information.



Wildlife and Bird Surveys

This is a great opportunity to enjoy the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River and tributaries! Enjoy a boat ride or canoe while you help protect this river and its wildlife with your data collection! Experienced birders and boat drivers needed, as well as data recorders (no experience necessary for data recorders). For more information, please contact Virginia Oros, Florida Department of Environmental Protection River Ambassador, by email Virginia.Oros@dep.state.fl.us or phone 407-330-6727.





We look forward to seeing you at our events!

