



Slither on over to Weedon Island Preserve this Sunday and experience a “tale all” adventure with reptiles at a free *Florida’s Fascinating Snakes* program. Discover the truth about Florida’s snakes with area expert George L. Heinrich and get the facts about their diversity, ecology and conservation. Reptiles will attend and participate to delight animal lovers of all ages. The program runs from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Weedon Island Preserve is located at 1800 Weedon Drive N.E. in St. Petersburg. To register, call (727) 453-6500.

Animals of all shapes and sizes live throughout Pinellas County’s destinations, ready for exploration. Grab the family this weekend and see what creatures may be lurking at any Pinellas County park, Brooker Creek Preserve, Heritage Village and Florida Botanical Gardens. To learn more, visit www.pinellascounty.org.

This Weekend - Saturday, Sept. 20, and Sunday, Sept. 21

- Take a few minutes this weekend to support the youth in our community who participate in 4-H programs through Pinellas County Extension in Largo. Place an order for crisp, juicy apples and mouth-watering pecans by calling (727) 582-2528. Check out the details at www.pinellascountyextension.org and clicking on the 4-H link. Not only will you get tasty, healthy treats; but you will help 4-H continue its great work.
- On Saturday at 9 a.m., explore the outdoors and discover plants naturally found in wetlands and pine flatwoods at a free *Guided Nature Walk at Chesnut Park*. Learn how these plants have been used over the years. Visit points along Brooker Creek and enjoy the view of Lake Tarpon. Registration is required by calling (727) 669-1951.
- On Saturday at 10 a.m., come and enjoy the beauty of Ft. De Soto Park with a free one-hour nature walk great for the entire family. A *Beach Nature Walk* is planned. Call the park for tour information and meeting locations. Registration required by calling (727) 582-2267.
- On Saturday, between 10 a.m. and noon, learn about volunteering and become a part of the excitement at Heritage Village at this open house. Help bring the Village to life for visitors, young and old. Volunteer positions are available for docents/tour guides, living history presenters, archival assistants, receptionists and gift shop volunteers. For more information or to register, call (727) 582-2426 or email heritagevillage@pinellascounty.org.
- On Saturday at 1 p.m., explore how native plants can turn your landscape into a backyard buffet at a free *The Wild Side of Your Neighborhood – Backyard Buffet* at Brooker Creek Preserve. You don’t have to visit a wilderness area to observe wildlife because sometimes your own yard is a great food source. Registration required by (727) 453-6800.

Next Weekend – Saturday, Sept. 27, and Sunday, Sept. 28

- Take a walk through time on a guided hike along the Brooker Creek Preserve Education Trail. Join in this walk, see how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes.
- Take a two-hour hike with the experts through Weedon Island Preserve's coastal mangrove and upland ecosystems. Learn about the coastal environment and the Preserve's early residents.
- Learn park history while exploring nature at one of Pinellas County's oldest historic parks, Philippe Park. Closed toed shoes, water, sunscreen, a hat and insect repellent are recommended.
- Come and enjoy the beauty of Ft. De Soto Park with a free one-hour nature walk great for the entire family. A *Campground Nature Walk* is planned.
- Discover how to rid your yard of invasive, exotic plants at this free *Wicked Weed Workshop* at Weedon Island Preserve. Bring in unknown plants for identification and advice on control methods. Learn about native replacement.
- Discover how easy it is to compost to use in the garden or landscape with Pinellas County Master Gardener John Kingsbury at a free *Composting Class* at Crystal Beach Community Hall.

Looking ahead to events offered in Pinellas County –

- Join instructors Angela Jones and her daughter, Alexis, second and third generation's basket weavers, and create a different basket each month at Heritage Village at this *Tisket Tasket – Weave Yourself a Basket*.
- Get angling for fun at the *Family Fun Fishing Day* at Taylor Park in Largo. Fishing tackle and bait provided or bring personal fishing tackle.
- Celebrate Florida plants at a native plant sale at Brooker Creek Preserve.
- Go to a *Ten Tips to Better Nature Photography* workshop at Brooker Creek Preserve to get hands-on, practical application of concepts in the field.
- Learn how to set up a recycled plastic barrel to collect rain water from the roof at a *Rain Barrel* workshop sponsored by the pros at Pinellas County Extension.
- Get ready for the holidays with the highly popular *Country Jubilee* planned at Heritage Village. Crafts, antiques, entertainment, food and historic homes make this standout event a community tradition for more than 30 years.