



Upcoming UF / IFAS Florida Master Naturalist Programs Taught by Sensing Nature

An Adult Environmental Education Program

<http://www.masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu/>

Conservation Science, Special Topic: December 2013

Register Now!

December 4
Wednesday Evening
&
December 7, 14, 21
Saturdays Daytime

First class held at Moccasin Lake Park, Clearwater

- December 4, 7, 14, 21
- Fee \$150 for 24 hours instruction
- Limited space available
- Registration closes December 2, 9:00 AM
- For the Schedule & Registration visit the UF FMNP website: [Click Here](#)



Threatened endemic, the
Florida scrub jay

Learn about the concepts, language, and science related to conservation needs, planning, and action. Better understand the complexities of conservation making yourself a better educator and participant in local conservation efforts.

During this course you will learn about species diversity, measuring biodiversity, the processes that generate and maintain biodiversity, types of ecosystem services, ecological processes, habitat fragmentation, effects of human activities on ecosystems, the history of conservation in North America, and strategies for conservation planning. Great for field biologists, citizen science participants, nature-related staff/volunteers and individuals interested in Florida's natural environments.

Students receive 24-hour course instruction, classroom plus hands-on field experience, detailed University of Florida course manual, career networking opportunities, professional and personal development, FMNP Habitat Evaluation certificate & pin, entry into the UF/IFAS Online Database of FMNP Course Graduates.

Classroom sessions and field trips will rotate so that we may visit multiple locations highlighting our Tampa Bay area's environmental diversity--Pinellas, Manatee, Hernando and Polk Counties.

Take all 4 Special Topics to become a certified "Florida Master Naturalist Land Steward."

To register or for detailed schedule, [Click Here!](#)

Freshwater Wetlands, Core Module: February 2014

Register Now!

February 7 - 28, 2014

Mondays & Fridays Daytime

No Class on Monday, 2/17

- Daytime Classes on Mondays and Fridays
- Date: Feb. 7, 10, 14, 21, 24, 28 & March 3
- 40 Contact Hours
- 20 Hours Interactive Classroom + 20 Hours Hands-on Field Experiences
- Limited Space Available
- Cost \$225
- For the schedule & registration, visit the UF FMNP website [Click Here](#)
- Registration closes February 3, 9:00 AM



Learn about Florida's freshwater ecosystems including marshes, swamps, lakes, rivers and springs, and their related plants and wildlife inhabitants. Interpretative speaking techniques, conservation issues and human ethics are woven into course material. Program for any adult, novice to knowledgeable, who enjoys learning and experiencing nature.

Take all 3 Core Modules to become a certified "Florida Master Naturalist."

All registration is through the UF / IFAS FMNP website. Questions? [Contact Jeanne](#)

More FMNP Courses in Summer 2014!



**Save these Dates
in 2014!**

**June 4, 7, 14, 21
2014**

Environmental Interpretation

- Special Topic
- 24 Contact Hours
- Wednesday PM &
Saturdays Daytime

Registration Available
in March



Watch for Announcement!

**July 8 - 11 & 14
2014**

Coastal Systems

- Core Module
- 40 Contact Hours
- 1-week Format

Registration Available
in April



**Great for
Teachers!**

**July 15 - 18 & 21
2014**

Upland Habitats

- Core Module
- 40 Contact Hours
- 1-week Format

Registration Available
in April

Recent Sensing Nature FMNP Graduates!

Congratulations FMNP Upland Habitats Grads!

Last month our newest class of graduates completed their 40-hour FMNP Upland Habitats course. It was a pleasure spending October with them. Also, we would like to thank Honeymoon Island State Park who hosted the class for us. Seeing the feathery, purple muhly grass unfurl through the park each week was inspiring.



3rd Core Module Grads & Newly Certified "Florida Master Naturalists!"

A special congratulations to Lynn Bowman, Rosemary Colodiy, Maritza Gutierrez-Finley and Rich Finley who have now completed their 3rd FMNP Core Module by successfully graduating this Uplands course! They are now certified Florida Master Naturalists.

7 Module "Advanced Florida Master Naturalists" Graduated with Sensing Nature

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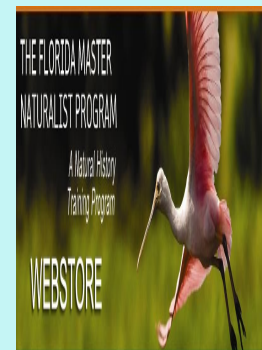
What is the Florida Master Naturalist Program?

The Florida Master Naturalist Program (FMNP) is a non-credit, adult education program developed by the University of Florida and provided by participating organizations, such as Sensing Nature, throughout the state of Florida.

FMNP training benefits persons interested in learning more about Florida's environment, wildlife and plant species identification, land management, conservation issues, environmental interpretation and experiencing natural Florida.

There are 7 non-credit environmental education courses available. Take one, two or all seven. Enroll in any order.

- Freshwater Wetlands
- Coastal Systems
- Upland Habitats
- Conservation Science
- Environmental Interpretation
- Wildlife Monitoring
- Habitat Evaluation



Sensing Nature FMNP Instructors offer all 7 of these courses in Pinellas County on a rotational basis throughout the year.

Through our Sensing Nature FMNP courses, we hope to initiate what is for many a life-long process of learning, observing, and sharing with others.

[Learn More about the FMNP!](#)

We look forward to having you join us for an upcoming FMNP course! Or, if you are one of our FMNP grads, be sure to occasionally send an email telling us how you're using your FMNP knowledge and how you are making a positive difference in Florida's natural environments. We'd love to share your stories.

Come explore natural Florida with us!

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