

Field Trip Duration and Difficulty Key

‡ Trips are subject to change - For updates and directions, see *The Crane* or the AAS website at <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/aud/calendar.htm> TBA=To be announced. **Duration:** A= 2-3 hrs, B=3-4 hrs, C=4-6 hrs, D=6 hrs +, E=Overnight stay. **Difficulty:** 1= Easy access to the car and/or walking on level ground 1 mile or less; 2=Walking over uneven ground over distances of 1-2 miles; 3=Elevation change, uneven ground, and/or distances greater than 2 miles. **For additional trip information**, call Wild Birds Unlimited at (352) 381-1997. *Participation limited, contact Wild Birds Unlimited. #Guide fee may be required.

Conservation Lands Education Program

Field Trips

Alachua Audubon is sponsoring its third series of field trips that bring attention to local land conservation efforts. These trips highlight properties that protect plant and animal life. Each will focus on that site's unique flora, fauna, and history. These field trips are designed to be educational experiences, so the emphasis will be on much more than birding. Several of the featured sites are listed below. Much of the accompanying description is from *A Birdwatcher's Guide to Alachua County* by Rex Rowan and Mike Manetz.

Barr Hammock: Access to Ledwith Prairie, Levy Prairie, and the Barr Hammock land bridge between them, with habitat for Sandhill Cranes, Fox Squirrels, and Bald Eagles.

Gum Root Park: A 369-acre tract nestled between CR 222 and SR 26, this park can be a gem for warblers in migration and sparrows in winter. It has a variety of habitats including scrubby uplands, oak woods, swamp, and broomsedge fields.

LEAFS Tracts: Managed by the Longleaf Ecology And Forestry Society, they feature a Longleaf Pine forest in Tract #1 south of Waldo and a variety of habitats in Tract #2 near Lake Alto.

Mill Creek Nature Preserve: A 1,194-acre preserve located along CR 236 north of Alachua, it includes the southernmost American Beech trees on the continent. Habitat management is ongoing to return the property to upland hammock.

Split Rock Park: A 241-acre park on city property, it includes a loop trail through hardwood forest surrounding a wooded swamp and reaches the Hogtown Creek floodplain.

Sweetwater Preserve: Acquired by Alachua County Forever in 2006, this 121-acre park borders Paynes Prairie and features sandy live-oak uplands, hardwood hammock, and a sinkhole lake.

Tusawilla Prairie: A recently purchased property formerly a marshy cattle ranch south of Micanopy. In recent years, White-faced Ibises and a variety of ducks have visited Lake Tusawilla, and the prairie has been home to numerous sparrows.

Special Notices:

PROGRAMS

The Alachua Audubon Society will sponsor a series of programs this year focusing on birds and/or related environmental issues. For details, check each issue of *The Crane* or go to our website: <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/aud/calendar.htm>.

AUDUBON ADVENTURES

Audubon Adventures is a program that brings the environment into school classrooms. Exciting materials make learning about animals and the environment easy, fun, and interesting. The cost of sponsoring a classroom is \$46. Last year we sponsored 42! Want to help? Contact Emily Schwartz at hssess@aol.com.

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AAS Board Meetings are at 6:30 P.M.
Second Wednesday of the month—
(except April, June, July)

Mill Pond Community Clubhouse
Off Newberry Road at 48th Blvd. and
NW 1st Pl., Gainesville, Florida

Alachua Audubon Society

2009-2010 Yearbook

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The Alachua Audubon Society's mission is to foster appreciation and knowledge of birds and other native wildlife, to protect and restore wildlife populations and their habitats, and to promote sustainable use of natural resources.

**Alachua Audubon Society 2009-2010 Field Trip Schedule ‡
(See Trip Key on Reverse Side)**

Day	Date(s)	Time	Activity/Location	Length	Meeting Places	Difficulty	Leader
Sat.	09/19	All Day	N. American Migration Count	D	Special event, contact Mike Manetz	3	Mike Manetz
Sun.	09/20	1:30	Cedar Key by Boat * #	C	Tidewater Tours, Cedar Key boat ramp	1	Capt. Doug Maple
Sat.	09/26	8:00	Barr Hammock—CLEP	C	Micanopy Chevron on 441	2	Michael Drummond
Sun.	09/27	8:00	Palm Point	A	Powers Park	1	Rowan/Carroll
Sat.	10/03	8:00	San Felasco—Millhopper	A	San Felasco Millhopper Rd. parking lot	2	Steve Hofstetter
Sun.	10/04	8:00	Chastain-Seay	A	Tag Agency	2	Bob Carroll
Sat.	10/10	8:00	Paynes Prairie—Main Entrance	A	PPSP main entrance ranger station	1	Caleb Gordon
Sun.	10/11	8:00	O'Leno State Park	B	High Springs Winn-Dixie	2	John Hintermister
Sat.	10/17	8:00	Bolen Bluff Trail	A	Bolen Bluff parking lot	2	Mike Meisenburg
Sun.	10/18	8:00	Upper Hogtown Creek —CLEP	B	Tag Agency	2	Geoff Parks
Sat.	10/24	8:00	Split Rock	A	Sweetbay parking lot	2	Bob Carroll
Sat.	10/31	8:00	Hague Dairy	A	Tag Agency	1	Mike Manetz
Sat.	11/07	8:00	Cones Dike via Camps Canal	B	Powers Park	2	Mike Manetz
Sat.	11/14	7:00	Hamilton County Mines	D	Tag Agency	2	Jerry Krummrich
Sat.	11/21	8:00	Tusawilla Prairie—CLEP	A	Sweetbay parking lot	2	Ivor Kincaide
Sun.	11/22	6:30	Cedar Key	C/D	Target parking lot	2	Rex Rowan
Sat.	11/28	9:00	LEAFS—CLEP	B	Austin Cary Forest	2	John Winn
Sat.	12/05	8:00	LaChua Trail	B	LaChua Trail parking lot	2	Caleb Gordon
Sat.	12/12	8:00	Morningside Nature Center—CLEP	B	Morningside parking lot	2	Geoff Parks
Sun.	12/20	All Day	Christmas Bird Count	D	Special Event—see <i>The Crane</i>	3	Hintermister/Adams
Sat.	01/09	8:00	St. Marks NWR*	D/E	St. Marks Visitor Center	3	John Hintermister
Sat.	01/16	8:00	Sweetwater Preserve—CLEP	B	Boulware Springs parking lot	2	Michael Drummond
Sat.	01/23	8:00	Gum Root Park—CLEP	B	Powers Park	3	Geoff Parks
Sat.	01/30	8:00	Alligator Lake	B	Alligator Lake parking lot	2	Jerry Krummrich
Sat/Sun	02/06-07	All Day	Tall Timbers*	D/E	Call Wild Birds Unlimited	3	Adam Kent
Sat.	02/13	8:00	Persimmon Point*	C	LaChua Trail parking lot	3	Adams/Kent
Sun.	02/14	8:00	Kanapaha Prairie	B	Target parking lot	2	Rex Rowan
Sun.	02/21	7:00	Emeralda Island	D	Sweetbay parking lot	2	Bubba Scales
Sat.	02/27	8:00	Tusawilla Prairie—CLEP	A	Sweetbay parking lot	2	Ivor Kincaide
Sat.	03/06	8:00	Prairie Creek—CLEP	A	Powers Park	2	Ivor Kincaide
Sat.	03/20	8:00	Lower Hogtown Creek—CLEP	B	Westside Park parking lot	2	Geoff Parks
Sat.	04/03	7:30	Ocala National Forest	C/D	Sweetbay parking lot	3	Bob Simons
Sun.	04/11	8:00	LaChua Trail	B	LaChua Trail parking lot	2	Rex Rowan
Sat.	04/17	8:00	San Felasco—Millhopper	A	San Felasco Millhopper Rd. parking lot	2	Steve Hofstetter
Sun.	04/18	8:00	River Rise State Park	C	High Springs Winn-Dixie	3	Ivor Kincaide
Sat.	04/24	8:00	Fort DeSoto County Park	D	Fort DeSoto Visitor Center	2	John Hintermister
Sun.	04/25	6:30	Cedar Key	C/D	Target parking lot	2	Rex Rowan
Sat.	05/01	8:00	Palm Point	A	Powers Park	1	Mike Manetz
Sun.	05/02	8:00	Bolen Bluff Trail	A	Bolen Bluff parking lot	2	Adam Kent
Sat.	05/08	8:00	Mill Creek—CLEP	C	Tag Agency	2	Michael Drummond
Sat.	05/15	9:00	Wildflowers with Dana Griffin	C	TBA	2	Griffin/Kent
Sat.	05/22	10:00	Butterflies with Kathy Malone	B	High Springs Winn-Dixie	1	Malone/Meisenburg

Conservation Links

www.flmnh.ufl.edu/aud/
Audubon of Florida
www.audubonofflorida.org
National Audubon
www.audubon.org
Florida State Parks
www.floridastateparks.org
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