



Department of Environmental Protection
Florida Park Service

2024 Resource Managers Meeting Agenda

November 19-21, 2024

Sarasota, FL

Florida Park Service Mission:

To provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting and restoring our natural and cultural resources.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024

Dress: Business Casual

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Select Attendees Travel to Meeting
4:00 p.m.	Hotel Check in Begins (for Pre-Meeting FNAI Training Attendees and Long-Distance Travelers) Embassy Suites Sarasota
	EVENING EVENTS
	Dinner on Your Own 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024

Dress: Business Casual

PRE-MEETING FNAI TRAINING

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.	Van Loading (for Pre-Meeting FNAI Training Attendees) Embassy Suites Sarasota Van Loading Area
8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Vans Travel to the Sudakoff Conference Center at New College Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Open Registration (for Pre-Meeting FNAI Training Attendees) Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Lobby
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Pre-Meeting FNAI Training Invasive Plant Treatment: “What to Expect When You’re Inspecting” Dexter Sowell, Invasive Plant Coordinator Padraic Elliott, Field Biologist Florida Natural Areas Inventory Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Main Meeting Room
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own (for Pre-Meeting FNAI Training Attendees)

2024 RESOURCE MANAGERS MEETING

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Open Registration Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Lobby
12:00 p.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Van Loading (for Attendees who did not attend Pre-Meeting FNAI Training, but are already checked-in to hotel) Embassy Suites Sarasota Van Loading Area
12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Vans Travel to the Sudakoff Conference Center at New College Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida
1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Welcome Chuck Hatcher, Director Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Main Meeting Room
1:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.	Ice Breaker Adriana Betancourt, AmeriCorps Program Coordinator Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Main Meeting Room
1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Resource Manager of the Year Recognition Chuck Hatcher, Director Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Main Meeting Room
2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Break & Networking
2:45 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.	Project Spotlight #1 Ichetucknee Springs State Park: River Restoration and Management Rick Owen, District 2 Environmental Specialist II Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Main Meeting Room
3:10 p.m. – 3:35 p.m.	Project Spotlight #2 Jonathan Dickenson State Park: Sharing Success Rob Rossmanith, Environmental Specialist I Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Main Meeting Room
3:35 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Project Spotlight #3 Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park: Fakahatchee Strand Dan House Prairie Sheet Flow Restoration Project Chris Becker, District 4 Environmental Specialist III Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Main Meeting Room
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Field Day Preview: Myakka River State Park Steve Giguere, Park Manager Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Main Meeting Room
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Travel to Embassy Suites Sarasota and Hotel Check In Embassy Suites Sarasota

	EVENTING EVENTS
	Van Driver Orientation 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Location TBD Embassy Suites Sarasota Evening Reception 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. 8th Floor Dinner on Your Own 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024

Dress: Field Clothes (non-uniform)

8:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m.

Van Loading

Embassy Suites Sarasota Van Loading Area

8:15 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Travel to Myakka River State Park

Myakka River State Park

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Field Inspections: Myakka River State Park

Group A

Time	Location	Topic	Speaker
9:00	Arrive at South Pavilion Parking Lot	Load Trams	Steve Giguere, Park Manager, Myakka River State Park
9:10	Myakka River Bridge	Myakka Wild & Scenic River Conservation	Chris Becker, ES III, District 4
9:30	Nature Trail/Canopy Walk	Floodplain Invasive Plants & Bromeliad Monitoring/Conservation	Michelle Keirse, Park Services Specialist, Myakka River State Park
10:45	Upper Lake Concession	Boat Tour-Floodplain Restoration	Chris Oliver, ES II, District 4
12:00	Upper Lake Pavilion Picnic Area	Lunch	
12:30	Upper Lake Pavilion Picnic Area	Load Trams & Depart to Powerline Road	
12:45	Arrive at Powerline Road	Load Buggies	Jon Meyer, ES I, Myakka River State Park
1:30	All-Weather/Ranch House Road	Hardwood Removal/Prairie Restoration	Jon Meyer, ES I, Myakka River State Park
2:00	Zone 4B Prairie Reference Site	Myakka Florida Dry Prairie	TBD
2:30	Zone 5B Mesic Flatwoods Reference Site	Myakka Mesic Flatwoods	TBD
3:30	Cattle Dip Vat/Reinternment Site	Cultural Elements in Natural Areas	TBD
4:00	Powerline Road	Depart Park	

Group B

Time	Location	Topic	Speaker
9:00	Arrive at Powerline Road	Load Buggies	Jon Meyer, ES I, Myakka River State Park
9:15	All-Weather/Ranch House Road	Hardwood Removal/Prairie Restoration	Jon Meyer, ES I, Myakka River State Park
9:45	Zone 4B Prairie Reference Site	Myakka Florida Dry Prairie	TBD
10:15	Zone 5B Mesic Flatwoods Reference Site	Myakka Mesic Flatwoods	TBD
11:15	Cattle Dip Vat/Reinternment Site	Cultural Elements in Natural Areas	TBD
12:15	Powerline Road	Load Vans & Depart to South Pavilion	
12:30	South Pavilion	Lunch	
1:00	South Pavilion Parking Lot	Load Trams	Steve Giguere, Park Manager, Myakka River State Park
1:30	Myakka River Bridge	Myakka Wild & Scenic River Conservation	Chris Becker, ES III, District 4
2:00	Nature Trail/Canopy Walk	Floodplain Invasive Plants & Bromeliad Monitoring/Conservation	Michelle Keirse, Park Services Specialist, Myakka River State Park
2:45	Upper Lake Concession	Boat Tour-Floodplain Restoration	Chris Oliver, ES II, District 4
4:00	Upper Lake Concession	Depart Park	

Myakka River State Park

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Return Travel to Hotel

Embassy Suites Sarasota

EVENING EVENTS	
	Van Loading 5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Embassy Suites Sarasota Van Loading Area Travel to Judah P. Benjamin Confederate Memorial at Gamble Plantation Historic State Park 6:00 p.m. – 6:35 p.m. Embassy Suites Sarasota Van Loading Area Group Dinner 6:35 p.m. – 8:35 p.m. Judah P. Benjamin Confederate Memorial at Gamble Plantation Historic State Park Return Travel to Hotel 8:35 p.m. – 9:10 p.m. Embassy Suites Sarasota

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2024

Dress: Business Casual

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Hotel Check Out Embassy Suites Sarasota
8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Van Loading Embassy Suites Sarasota Van Loading Area
8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Vans Travel to the Sudakoff Conference Center at New College Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida
8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Networking Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida
9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.	Welcome & Day Preview Wes Howell, Bureau Chief Bureau of Natural and Cultural Resources Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Main Meeting Room
9:10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Breakout Sessions - <u>Choose 2 Sessions to Attend</u> • 9:10 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. Breakout Session #1 • 9:55 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Switch Sessions • 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Breakout Session #2 Invasive Plant Control Across the Public Landscape: Translating the FWC Uplands Program Michael Sowinski, Biological Scientist IV Jackie Smith, Biological Scientist IV Invasive Plant Management Program Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Room 108 A Longleaf Establishment and Management Ad Platt, Vice President The Longleaf Alliance Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Room 108 B Prescribed Fire: Strategic Fire Planning John Meyer, Environmental Specialist I Myakka River State Park Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Room 108 C

	Mapping for Resource Managers Brady Harrison, GIS Program Manager Jessica Richards, GIS Analyst Amber Collins, GIS Analyst Colby Spencer, GIS Analyst Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Room 124 East Lobby
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break & Networking
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Breakout Session - <u>Choose 1 Session to Attend</u> Invasive Plant Control Across the Public Landscape: Translating the FWC Uplands Program Michael Sowinski, Biological Scientist IV Jackie Smith, Biological Scientist IV Invasive Plant Management Program Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Room 108 A Longleaf Establishment and Management Ad Platt, Vice President The Longleaf Alliance Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Room 108 B Prescribed Fire: Strategic Fire Planning John Meyer, Environmental Specialist I Myakka River State Park Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Room 108 C Mapping for Resource Managers Brady Harrison, GIS Program Manager Jessica Richards, GIS Analyst Amber Collins, GIS Analyst Colby Spencer, GIS Analyst Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Room 124 East Lobby
11:45 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.	Return to Main Meeting Room Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Main Meeting Room
11:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Resource Managers Meeting Closing Remarks Chuck Hatcher, Director Sudakoff Conference Center at New College of Florida: Main Meeting Room