

Buggy ride through Florida Forever

Participation requirements

In order to participate in this program, you:

- must have the ability to follow verbal and/or visual instructions independently or with the assistance of a companion.
- must have the ability to withstand exposure to the outdoors and insects for the length of the event.
- must have the ability to ascend/descend the vehicle steps independently or with the assistance of a companion.

The vehicle can be wheelchair accessible with prior arrangements. If you will need assistance, please contact Stacey Matrazzo via email at smatrazzo@flawildflowers.org.

A **hat, sunscreen and insect repellent** are recommended (chiggers may be a concern).

Bring plenty of **water and snacks or a picnic lunch** to enjoy onsite after the tour. Participants may choose to visit the onsite café, the [Cypress Restaurant](#).

Difficulty: Easy

This is an easy ride with some hiking to observe plants/flowers up close. Damp or wet conditions are likely.

Trip details

FWF member cost: \$30

Non-member cost: \$40

Start time: 8:30 a.m.

Meet-up location: 4755 N. Kenansville Road, St. Cloud, Florida 34773 ([MAP](#))

Trip length: 2.5 hours

Nearest restroom: Onsite

Trip description

Travel by swamp buggy through 2,500 acres of some of the highest quality hydric and mesic pine flatwoods in Central Florida. The flatwoods are surrounded by strands of cypress, seasonal wetlands, hammocks and scrubby flatwoods. Participants will observe pitcherplants and other wildflowers; abundance will be dependent on adequate summer rains and prescribed burning. Participants will have the opportunity to walk into the flatwoods in several locations. Damp or wet conditions are likely.

Trip leaders

Steve Morrison will lead the tour. Steve worked for The Nature Conservancy for 30 years as a land manager at Tiger Creek Preserve in Polk County. He is on the board of directors of the Allen David Broussard Conservancy, which oversees the natural lands of Forever Florida as a non-profit conservation organization.

Alex Griffel studied botany at UCF and will be the tour botanist. He works at the Avon Park Air Force Range.

Margaret Broussard, who founded Forever Florida with her husband, William Broussard, has intimate knowledge of the ranch's landscape and will be our driver and guide.