



## Trout Lake Nature Center

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# Upcoming Programs and Events!

### Coming Tomorrow!

#### Florida Cracker Christmas Naturalist Series

Saturday, December 19, 1:30 to 2:30 PM

Clyde Stephens, a seventh generation Floridian, local character and TLNC volunteer will share about how his family has celebrated Christmas in the Florida woods through the many years. It is interesting to hear about the history and learn how a “real” native Floridian celebrated family-style.

This program is free to attend but a \$5/vehicle entry fee is charged for all non-TLNC members. The program will be held in the education building on the east side of the property.

#### Holiday Closings

Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Years

To allow our visitors and staff to enjoy the holidays, TLNC will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas and New Years. We will reopen on the following Friday at our normal time—9 AM to 4 PM. Bring your holiday visitors out to enjoy nature.

#### Pack Walk

December 28, 1:30 to 2:30 PM

All well-behaved dogs and their person(s) are invited to come for a gentle pack walk on our trails. Many of our canine friends enjoy meeting other dogs and this is an opportunity to improve your dog's socialization skills. Dogs must be on a 6' non-retractable lead. The dog's person is responsible for picking up any deposits left by their dog. Water is available at TLNC but some dogs will only drink water from home. Prepare for your dog needs. Cost for non-TLNC members is \$5/vehicle. No reservations are needed. Gate will open at 9 AM but the walk doesn't start until 9:30 to 10:30 AM.



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**Nature Love Photo Contest**  
**All submissions due by February 13, Noon**

Go outside and find a natural shape that resembles a heart. Take a digital photo and submit it to the Trout Lake Nature Center using the button below. All submissions are digital and must contain the following information:

- Photographer's Name
- Permission for TLNC to use
- Where taken
- What the subject is (if you know it)

Judging criteria: uniqueness of the subject and heart shape, clarity of photo.

Winner receives a \$100 Amazon gift card. Photos can't be resubmitted from a previous year's contest. So, get out and look closely to find your heart shape and celebrate Valentines with nature.

[Submit Photo Here](#)



## **First Day Hike**

**January 1, 9:30 to 10:30 AM**

Every year we start the first day of the year with a gentle walk along our trails. Join us by being with friends (both human and canine) and family, meeting new people, enjoying nature and welcoming the new year. Tradition is that you start each year as you would like the following remainder of the year to be like. Bring joy and peace to your hearts by walking with nature. The gate opens at 9 AM and walk will begin at 9:30 AM. The property is only open for this walk so our staff can enjoy the New Year's Day. Cost is \$5/vehicle for non-TLNC members. Gather in front of the Education Building which is east of the parking area.



## **Wildlife Sunday Funday**

**January 11, 1 to 3 PM**

This Funday is a day for all ages to have fun while learning about wildlife. This event will feature interactive stations about Florida Black Bear, Florida panther, Alligators, Bald Eagles and other birds, Bats and more. A bird hike will be given at 1:30 and 2:30 PM. You can observe bird and potentially gators from our boardwalk and dock, visit exhibits, participate in activities and talk to the experts at your own pace.

## **When Nature Says Hello**

**Saturday, January 17, 1:30 to 2:30 PM**

This program is designed to help parents nurture learning through play and exploration with their child. Local author and early childhood educator Alex Voliman will teach this engaging workshop. Voliman will share how everyday moments in nature through play, reading and hands-on exploration can support your child's language, creativity and overall development. Voliman will share activities to deepen a child's understanding from nature books. This program is free to attend but all non-TLNC members must pay the \$5/vehicle entry fee. No reservations are needed.

## **Flamingo Inspired by Nature Series**

January 21, 1 to 3 PM

This is the next in our water color painting classes. Watercolor artist and instruction Ellen Westerholm will teach you how to paint with watercolors using nature as an inspiration. Westerholm supplies all needed materials —paint, brushes, art paper. This program is part of a series of classes in 2026. You must register to attend. This class costs \$50. Entry fee is included in class fee. Prices and times for classes vary based on topic, time and supplies needed. Use the button below to find our webpage listing all classes and to register for this class.

**Nature Sprouts Resume in 2026**  
**Held monthly on the Fourth Wednesday, 10:30 to 11:30 PM**

Designed for 2 to 5-year-olds to have a positive experience in nature and the outdoors while also providing them with manipulative skills and socialization. Children must be accompanied by an adult and should dress to play outdoors and get dirty.

Adults are required to register their child by going online to the TLNC event calendar, scrolling to the event and clicking on the event. Use the button below to go to the TLNC calendar page to register. Cost is \$5. TLNC members enter for free but still need to register. Program is limited to 20 children. For more information call 352-357-7536 or email [TLNC.info@gmail.com](mailto:TLNC.info@gmail.com).

[Nature Sprouts Register Here](#)

**Learn About Purple Martins**  
**Naturalist Series, Saturday, January 24, 1:30 to 2:30 PM**

Alex McMichael from the Clermont Martin Watch, also known as the Purple Martin Landlords, will present a program about the Purple Martins. McMichael will tell about the natural history of the purple martin, their migration season and use of martin houses. McMichael will talk about the focus of the Clermont Martin Watch and their busy season for martins which runs from January through July. Program is free to attend but all non-TLNC members must pay the \$5/vehicle entry fee. Program will be held in the Education building in the white building on the east side of the property.

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