



**2018-2019
NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL
GATOR CUB HIKING CLUB**



Lace up your hiking shoes, grab your hiking stick, and come out and join the North Florida Council GATOR CUB HIKING CLUB. Nobody gets left at home, these events are open to all Cub Scouts, siblings, and parents. Hikes will vary in length and duration, and most hikes will be free of charge. Hiking Club patches will be available for \$4. Looking forward to hiking with all Cub Scouts and families.

All hikes start at 9am.

September 8: Alfred A. Ring Park: 1801 NW 23rd Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32605. A strip of dense slope forest along Hogtown Creek with old-growth trees and rare wildflowers along Appalachian-style ravines.

October 6: Dennis Creek Trail: 17650 SW 78th Place, Gainesville, FL 32625. (Meet at trailhead just past Shell Mound County Park). Hike in the classic habitats near where the Suwannee River meets the Gulf Coast through windswept thickets of sand live oak, islands topped with slash pines and views of the salt marshes.

November 3: Hogtown Creek Greenway (Loblolly Woods), 3315 NW 5th Ave, Gainesville, FL 32607. Hike through the woods and imagine the horses and wagons of settlers following this shady route of dense glade of river bluff forest.

December 1: UF National Trails, 3259 Hull Rd, Gainesville, FL 32611. Explore four different Florida habitats – wetlands, upland pine, old forest and hammock. Hike will take you through the UF Natural Area Teaching Lab.

January 5, 2019: Prairie Creek Preserve, 7204 SE CR 234, Gainesville, FL 32641. There will be plenty of wildlife and a diversity of aquatic plants to see as we hike through flatwoods, hammocks and wetlands.

February 9: Poe Springs; 28800 NW 182nd Ave, High Springs, FL 32643. Take a glimpse into Florida's fossilized past as we hike the trail showcasing weird karst geology and cypress swamps along the Santa Fe River.

March 2: Bivens Arm, 3650 S. Main St., Gainesville, FL 32608. Enjoy this historic hike in the City of Gainesville's first nature park.

April 6: Morningside Nature Center: 3540 E University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32641. Hike through Gainesville's premier nature park through one of the last remaining examples of fire-dependent longleaf pine woodlands in the area. See a diverse array of wildlife and native vegetation.

Most hikes will be between one to three miles long. **Participants are required to wear close toed shoes, and bring the following items; light snack, water, sun screen, and bug spray.** [A parent or guardian must accompany their Cub Scout and siblings.](#) For more information contact Helda Montero at hmontero@bellsouth.net

