



**2021-2022
NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL
CUB HIKING CLUB**



Hiking is a healthy activity. Now is not the time to relax protocols. Please refer to nfcscouting.org COVID-19 Update Scouting Operations in North Florida. So lace up your hiking shoes, grab your hiking stick, and come out and join the North Florida Council 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 \$3. Looking forward to hiking with all Cub Scouts and families. **All hikes start at 9am.**

October 2: Camp Shands: 1453 Baden Powell Rd, Hawthorne, Florida 32640. Come and hike a three mile diverse nature trail with signage explaining our beautiful forest. This is a wonderful experience for all participants.

November 13: Tillie Fowler Park Hwy 17 south, directly across from NAS Jacksonville. Meet at the nature pavilion. Bring your binoculars and bug spray, hike the trail and climb the observation tower overlooking a diverse marsh and swamp ecology.

December 4: Pumpkin Hill Preserve State Park; 13802 Pumpkin Hill Rd. Jacksonville. We will hike through sandhills, stands of pinewoods and scrubby flatwoods. Beauty at every turn.

January 15, 2022: Goldhead State Park, 6239 State Rd 21, Keystone Heights, FL. Hike into ravines, up and down switchbacks, and enjoy longleaf pine habitat with gopher tortoises, pileated woodpeckers, and pocket gophers. Entrance fee of \$5, carpool and save \$\$\$.

February 5: Cary State Forest, Trailwalker Nature Trail, 7465 Pavilion Rd, Bryceville 32009. Come and hike the second oldest state forest. Beautiful nature trail that shows off wonderful flowers, pretty birds and a remarkable boardwalk. \$2 per carload.

February 26: UNF Nature Trail. Enter at 9A and UNF Drive. Hike the Loftis Nature Trail, an easy 3 miles through some of the finest natural environment. You'll love the view of a fantastic lake.

April 2: Camp Milton Preserve located on Halsema Road, Jacksonville. See the historic cabin, visit the garden, climb into a civil war fortification, and hike the boardwalk. Lots of interesting history.

May 7: Little Talbot Island State Park: 12157 Heckscher Dr. Jacksonville FL 32226. We will hike along the sandy beach and a short nature trail. \$5 per carload. Use the NORTH ENTRANCE to the park.

Most hikes will be between one to three miles long. Some locations may charge a nominal fee, I'll make every effort to notify participants ahead of time. Hiking sticks will be available for nominal fee. **Participants are required to wear close toed shoes, and bring the following items; light snack, water, sun screen, and bug spray.** A parent must accompany their Cub Scout and siblings. **For more information contact Frank Ross at 904-805-2040 or f_ross@bellsouth.net**

