

Day 1	Friday, October 18, 2024 – AM Class at Charlotte Harbor Event Center and PM Field Trip
	*Pretest will be emailed to students prior to the first class
8:00am – 9:00am	Introduction to Participants and Course, Course Paperwork, Icebreaker
9:00am-9:15am	Break
9:15am- 10:30am	Presentation: Freshwater Systems Ecology
10:30am-10:35am	Break
10:35am-11:45pm	Presentation: Herbaceous Wetlands
11:45am-1:00pm	Lunch & Travel to Field Trip Location: Babcock Webb Wildlife Management Area , Intersection of Tuckers Grade & Webb Lake Rd, Punta Gorda, FL
1:00pm – 4:30pm	Field Trip: It takes place on a paved trail through a WMA. Bikes may enhance your experience but transportation will be provided
On your own (2 hrs.)	Watch Videos: Wetlands & Modern Human Society and Florida Lakes, Rivers, & Springs

Day 2	Friday, October 25,2024 – AM Field Trip and PM Class at Punta Gorda Library
8:00am – 11:00am	Field Trip Location: Footprints Trail , 42371 Bermont Rd, Punta Gorda, FL - Cypress swamp *Plan to get wet up to your thighs (No, we are not exaggerating!)
11:00am-12:30pm	Lunch & Travel to Class Location: Punta Gorda Library
12:30pm-1:45pm	Presentation: Forested Wetlands
1:45pm-2:00pm	Break
2:00pm-2:30pm	Student Interpretive Talks (4-5)
2:30pm-3:45pm	Presentation: Invertebrates
3:45pm-4:30pm	Start Group Work

Day 3	Friday, November 1, 2024 - AM Field Trip and PM Class at Punta Gorda Library
8:00am-10:30am	Field Trip: Shell Creek Preserve , 35301 Washington Loop Punta Gorda, FL 33982 - Kayak Trip- *Students are welcome to provide their own kayaks
10:30am-11:00am	Student Interpretive Talks (4-5)
11:00am-12:15 pm	Lunch & Travel to Punta Gorda Library
12:15pm-1:30pm	Presentation: Freshwater Fish
1:30pm-1:45pm	Break
1:45pm-3:00pm	Presentation: Permanent Wetlands
3:00pm-3:15pm	Break
3:15pm-3:30pm	Discussion of Videos
3:30pm-4:00pm	Group Project work time

Day 4	Friday, November 8, 2024 - Class at Charlotte Harbor Event
8:00am-9:15am	Presentation: Amphibians
9:15am-9:30am	Break
9:30am-10:45am	Presentation: Reptiles
10:45am-11:00am	Break
11:00am-11:30am	Student Interpretive Talks (4-5)
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch

Day 4	Continued
12:30pm-1:45pm	Presentation: Interpretation of Freshwater Systems
1:45pm-2:00 pm	Break
2:00pm-3:00pm	Presentation: Ethics
3:00pm-3:30pm	Discussion of videos
3:30pm-4:00pm	Group Project work time
On your own (2 hrs.)	Watch Videos: Florida's Marshes & Florida's Swamps

Day 5	Friday, November 15, 2024 – AM Field Trip and PM Class at Punta Gorda Library
9:00am-11:30am	Field Trip Ollie's Pond Park-freshwater Lake *Carpooling highly recommended since parking is tight!
11:30am –12:30pm	Lunch and travel to Classroom
12:30pm-1:45pm	Presentation: Birds
1:45pm-2:00pm	Break
2:00pm-3:15pm	Presentation: Mammals
3:15pm-4:00pm	Group Project work time

Day 6	Friday, November 22,2024 – Class at Punta Gorda Library
10:00am – 11:15am	Activity: Watershed Game (Freshwater)
11:15am-11:30am	Break
11:30am-12:00pm	Group Lunch (Potluck) *Students bring a dish to share
12:00pm – 2:30pm	Group Presentations
2:30pm – 4:00pm	Post Test, Evaluation, & Graduation