

Pre-Day 1	Prior to October 2, 2025
ON YOUR OWN	<i>Online link provided by instructor via email</i>
30 minutes	Course Pre-test (30 min); complete online
DAY 1	Thursday, October 2, 2025 – AM Class at Charlotte Harbor Event Center and PM Field Trip at Babcock Webb Wildlife Management Area
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 (<i>Kate Rose</i>)
10:30am-10:35am	Break
10:35am-11:45pm	Presentation: Herbaceous Wetlands (<i>Steph Courtney</i> /Guest Speaker: <i>Lynlee May</i>)
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	<i>Instructor will email the links</i>
(1.5 hr.)	Watch Videos: Freshwater Systems, Human Dimensions, and Florida’s Marshes

DAY 2	Thursday, October 9, 2025 – AM Field Trip at Footprints Trail and PM Class at Punta Gorda Library
8:00am – 11:00am	Field Trip: 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-12:15pm	Lunch & Travel to Classroom location, Punta Gorda Library
12:15pm-1:30pm	Presentation: Permanent Wetlands
1:305pm-1:45pm	Break
1:45pm-3:00pm	Presentation: Forested Wetlands (Guest Speaker: <i>Jamie Reynolds</i>)
3:00pm-3:30pm	Start Group Work
ON YOUR OWN (30 minutes)	Watch Video: Florida’s Swamps

DAY 3	Thursday, October 16, 2025 – 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 Invertebrates (Guest Speaker: <i>Ralph Mitchell</i>)
1:30pm-1:45pm	Break
1:45pm-3:00pm	Presentation: Fish (Guest Speaker: <i>Mark Williams</i>)
3:00pm-3:15pm	Break
3:15pm-3:30pm	Discussion of Videos
3:30pm-4:00pm	Group Project work time
ON YOUR OWN (30 minutes)	Watch Video: Florida’s Lakes

DAY 4	Thursday, October 23, 2025 – Class at Charlotte Harbor Event Center
9:00am-10:15am	Presentation: Amphibians (Guest Speaker: Bob O'Horo)
10:15am-10:30am	Break
10:30am-11:45am	Presentation: Reptiles (Guest Speaker: Bob O'Horo)
11:45am-1:00pm	Student Interpretation Talks & Lunch
1:00pm-2:30pm	Presentation: Interpretation of Freshwater Systems (Guest Speaker: Mark Williams)
2:30pm-2:45 pm	Break
2:45pm-4:30pm	Presentation: Ethics in Environmental Education & Eco Heritage Tourism (Cathy Tucker)

DAY 5	Thursday, October 30, 2025 – AM Field Trip at Ollie's Pond Park and PM Class at Centennial Park Recreation Center
9:00am-11:30am	Field Trip Ollie's Pond Park (18235 Avon Ave, Port Charlotte, FL) -Freshwater Pond & Stormwater Management *Carpooling highly recommended since parking is tight!
11:30am –12:30pm	Lunch and travel to Classroom
12:30pm-1:45pm	Presentation: Birds (Guest Speaker: Lexi Grant)
1:45pm-2:00pm	Break
2:00pm-3:15pm	Presentation: Mammals (Guest Speaker: Josh Olive)
3:15pm-4:00pm	Group Project work time

DAY 6	Thursday, November 6, 2025 – Class at Punta Gorda Library
10:00am – 12:00pm	Activity: Watershed Game (Lead by Kate Rose facilitated by all instructors)
12:00pm—1:00pm	Group Lunch (Potluck) *Students bring a dish to share
1:00pm – 3:00pm	Group Presentations
3:00pm – 4:00pm	Post Test, Evaluation, & Graduation