

Day 1	Monday, October 20, 2025 - Moccasin Lake Nature Park Nature Park
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Welcome to the FMNP and Invasive Plants Special Topic; Introductions & Host Site; Paperwork, Student Roster, Electronic Pre-test (be sure to bring your cell phone or tablet);
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Invasive Plant Mixer Activity ( <i>Jeanne &amp; Brian</i> )
10:15 am – 12:30 pm	“Introduction to Invasive Plants of Florida” presentation with discussion
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch – Eat your sack lunch. No time in the schedule for other food options.
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Field Activity: Intro to Invasive Plants – On-site invasive plant hike; while working in pairs or small groups get hands-on practice using software apps that aid in identifying invasives, collecting data, and providing citizen science opportunities ( <i>Jeanne &amp; Brian</i> )
3:00 pm – 4:45 pm	“Plant Morphology” presentation, discussion, and activity to test your skills ( <i>Brian</i> )
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Wrap-up, Review, Field Trip Prep, Discuss “Learning Your Landscape” On Your Own Assignment
1 ½ to 2 hours	<b>On Your Own “Learning Your Landscape” Assignment:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Take representative photos of your landscaping that surrounds your home, condo, apartment, mobile home, etc. – front, back, and both sides – and upload them to the class Google Drive folder as directed during class and on the worksheet. We will be using these photos during the next class.</li> <li>2) Then, using your worksheet directions, draw your home’s footprint, and its surrounding landscape, and identify your landscape plants on your drawing. Upload your drawing and the plant worksheet to the class Google Drive folder; also, be sure to bring them each day of class.</li> </ol>
Day 2	Monday, October 27, 2025 – AM Field Trip Activity and PM Class at MLNP
8:00 am – 11:00 am	Field Trip Activity at <b>Wilcox Nursery and Landscape</b> , <a href="#">12501 Indian Rocks Road, Largo</a> Plant Morphology ( <i>Jeanne &amp; Brian</i> )  Meet the Guest Field Trip Activity Leaders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen your plant identification skills by learning plant parts, shapes, and growth forms</li> <li>• Fun, interactive, hands-on identification activity</li> <li>• Just Say NO! to invasives – Visit the nursery and learn native plant options to replace the invasive plant lure.</li> <li>• Wrap-up: Field Trip Summary and Discussion</li> </ul>
11:00 am – 11:45 am	Travel to MLNP classroom (20 to 45-minute). Be ready to start class on time. Plan to eat your sack lunch during the first afternoon segment. No time to stop for food on the way to class.
11:45am – 1:00 pm	Lunch and Learn – Students enjoy their sack lunches while learning about invasive plants. “Upland Invasive Plants” presentation with discussion ( <i>Jeanne</i> )
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Video Resources – What can we do about invasives and common Florida invasives? ( <i>Jeanne</i> )
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Share with the class about the “Learning Your Landscape” Assignment; Questions and discussion ( <i>Jeanne &amp; Brian</i> )
2:30 pm – 4:30 pm	On-site Field Application – Upland Invasive Plants ( <i>Jeanne &amp; Brian</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be ready to use your work gloves, trowel, and new knowledge to get after some of the upland habitat invasives calling Moccasin Lake Nature Park their home! (Physical removal only; chemical treatments will be discussed but not done).</li> </ul>
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Reflection on Upland Invasives Field Application; Next Field Trip Activity Update; Review

Day 3	Monday, November 3, 2025 – AM Class at MLNP and PM Field Trip Activity
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Review Previous Materials, Questions, Discussion
8:30 am M – 9:30 am	Learning about Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMA) with Guest Speaker: <b>Katherine Clements</b> , Suncoast CISMA Past Co-Chair; Ecology and Natural Resources Educator for UF/IFAS Extension and Sustainability, Sarasota Co.
9:30 am – 11:30 am	“Aquatic Invasive Plants” presentation with discussion ( <b>Brian</b> )
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Lunch & Learn; While enjoying your sack lunch, learn more about these water-loving bullies during our Aquatic Invasive Plants Activity ( <b>Jeanne &amp; Brian</b> )
12:00 pm – 12:30 pm	Travel from MLNP to John Chestnut Park
12:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<p>Field Trip Activity at <b>John Chestnut Sr. Park</b>, <a href="#">2200 E Lake Rd S., Palm Harbor, FL 34685</a> – Aquatic Invasive Plants</p> <p>John Chesnut Sr. Park is 255 acres of multiple nature trails that sits adjacent to Lake Tarpon in Palm Harbor. It is surrounded by urbanization with invasive plant materials entering its boundaries by waterways, wind, wildlife, boats, adjacent properties, and directly by people. As we appreciate the natural and recreational features of the park, we will scout for aquatic invasives, discuss their removal techniques, how humans influence our natural areas, and learn management tools that are used to battle these aggressive bullies. Depending upon field conditions, we may have the opportunity to remove some of the invasives and give back to our native species and the county park. (Physical removal only; chemical treatments will be discussed but not done).</p>
4:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Review & Wrap-up; Questions, Discussion, and Reflection; Answering “Now What?”
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Electronic Post-Test and Evaluation (be sure to bring your cell phone or tablet); Graduation!