

Day 1	Friday, October 2, 2026 – Class at Oxbow Eco-Center	
1:00 – 2:30 pm	- Welcome to FMNP Coastal Systems! - Introductions and Icebreaker - Course expectations, goals, and format - Pre-test	- Intro to Interpretive and Final Projects - Field Trips - Questions
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Introduction to Oxbow Eco-Center: <i>Erin Cartmill</i>	
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Break	
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Introduction to Florida's Coastal Systems: <i>Vincent Encomio</i>	
4:15 – 5:15 pm	Interpretation of Coastal Systems: <i>Erin Cartmill</i>	
5:15 – 5:30 pm	Introduction of Interpretation and Group Final Projects	
On Your Own 1.5 hours	• Video: Beach & Dunes Environment (30 minutes) • Final Projects: Spend some time thinking about project topic ideas. What are your personal interests within the topic of Florida's coastal ecosystems that you'd like to research more about? What aspects of coastal conservation are the places where you would most like to make a difference? What is your strong suit, and what creative ideas do you have for an interpretive project? (1 hour)	

Day 2	Friday, October 9, 2026 – Class at Oxbow Eco-Center	
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Beach and Dunes Video – Questions and Discussion	
2:15 – 3:15 pm	Marine and Estuarine Environments: <i>Lisa Krinsky</i>	
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Break	
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Fish in Coastal Systems: <i>Heather Stapleton</i>	
4:30 – 5:30 pm	Interpretive Activity – Reading a Fish: <i>Erin Cartmill</i>	
5:30 - 5:45 pm	Interpretation and Final Group project discussion: Find your group partners	
5:45 – 6:00 pm	Field trip preview	
On Your Own 2.5 hours	• Video: Estuarine Systems (30 minutes) • Interpretive Projects: Finalize the topic of your interpretive project (1 hour) • Final Projects: Work on and potentially meet with your group for project topic ideas (1 hour)	

Day 3	Saturday, October 10, 2026 – Field Trip at Bathtub Reef (1585 SE MacArthur Blvd, Stuart, FL 34996)	
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Snorkel and REEF Fish ID	
On Your Own 2 hours	• Interpretive Projects: Work on your interpretive projects (1 hour) • Final Projects: Refine project topic ideas, work with group partners (1 hour)	

Day 4	Friday, October 16, 2026 – Class at Oxbow Eco-Center	
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Estuarine Systems Video Questions and Discussion	
1:15 - 2:15 pm	Amphibians and Reptiles: <i>Amanda Thompson</i>	
2:15 - 2:30 pm	Break	
2:30 - 3:30 pm	Coastal Birds: <i>John Nelson</i>	
3:30 - 4:30 pm	Coastal Uplands Environments: <i>Eva Ries</i>	
4:30 - 5:30 pm	Interpretive project presentations	
5:30 – 6:00 pm	Field trip preview	

Day 4	Friday, October 16, 2026 – Continued
On Your Own 2.5 hours	• Video: Nearshore Environments (30 minutes) • Interpretive projects (1 hour) • Final Projects: Continue group project work (1 hour)

Day 5	Saturday, October 17, 2026 – Field Trip at Walton Scrub Preserve (10809 S Indian River Dr, Fort Pierce, FL 34981)
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Coastal Scrub Hike with <i>Eva Ries</i> , <i>Vincent Encomio</i> , and Oxbow Eco-center staff
On Your Own 1 hour	• Final Projects. Continue working with your group.

Day 6	Friday, October 23, 2026 – Class at Oxbow Eco-Center
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Nearshore Environments Video Questions and Discussion
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Coastal Invertebrates: <i>Andrea Lazzari</i>
2:15 – 3:15 pm	Marine Mammals: <i>Bridget Gero vac</i>
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 – 4:30 pm	Ethics in Coastal Systems: <i>Erin Cartmill</i>
4:30 – 5:30 pm	Interpretive project presentations
5:30 – 6:00 pm	Marine Monsters: Guest Lecture – TBD
6:00 – 6:15 pm	Field trip preview
On Your Own 1.5 hours	• Video: Coastal Systems and Modern Human Society (30 minutes) • Final Projects: Continue developing content and working with your group. (1 hour)

Day 7	Friday, October 30, 2026 – Field Trip at Wesley’s Island (Details TBD)
9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Tour of the island, future projects, opportunities for interpretation, Eyes on Seagrass data collection: Oxbow Eco-center staff, <i>and Vincent Encomio</i>
On Your Own 2 hours	• Final Projects: Continue and finalize group projects

Day 8	Friday, November 6, 2026 – Class at Oxbow Eco-Center
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Coastal Systems and Modern Human Society Video Questions and Discussion
1:15 – 3:45 pm	Final Projects Presentations
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Break
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Post-test and evaluation
4:30 - 5:00 pm	Graduation