

Before Day 1	
ON YOUR OWN	<i>Instructions and links provided by instructor via email. Complete it before next live meeting.</i>
2.0 hours	1) Complete Pre-test via online link provided. 2) Explore assigned websites to prepare for class activity.
Day 1	Wednesday, February 25, 2026 – Class at Hernando Co. Extension Office
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Welcome to the FMNP and Invasive Plants Special Topic; Introductions & Host Site; Paperwork, Student Roster. Location: UF/IFAS Extension Hernando County (Brittany Scharf)
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	“Introduction to Invasive Plants” presentation and activity (Guest Speaker: Stacy Strickland)
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own.
1:00 – 4:30 PM	“Plant Morphology” presentation and lab activity (Guest Speaker: Stacy Strickland)
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2.0 hours	1. Explore assigned websites. 2. Select 2 local invasive plants that might be found in the habitat you will be visiting during Day 3 field activity. Create 5-minute presentation for class covering leaf morphology, identification tips and tricks, history and management of the plant. Specific instructions will be provided.
Day 2	Thursday, February 26, 2026– AM Class at Hernando Co. Extension Office, and PM Field Activity
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Debrief on-your-own assignment; “Upland” presentation (Brittany Scharf and Guest Speaker: Stacy Strickland)
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own and travel to field activity site.
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Field Trip Activity at Chinsegut Conservation Center , 23212 Lake Lindsey Road, Brooksville 34601. Learn about the history of the site, management of the land, and view both upland and aquatic invasives (Brittany Scharf and Guest Speakers: Stacy Strickland , and Hannah Brinkley). Field trip will include hiking, so please dress accordingly, bring water, snacks, and insect repellent.
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2.0 hours	1. Write a 1-page management plan for two invasives of your choice.
Day 3	Friday. February 27, 2026 – AM Field Activity, and PM Class at Hernando Co. Extension Office.
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Field Trip Activity at Hog Island , 9274 CR 635, Bushnell 33513, pending Withlacoochee River levels. Native and non-native aquatic identification in the field. Field trip will include hiking, so please dress accordingly, bring water, snacks, and insect repellent. I recommend water shoes/boots. Welcome to bring identification books along. (Brittany Scharf and Guest Speaker: Stacy Strickland)).
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch on your own and travel to the Hernando Extension Office.
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Debrief on-your-assignment; “Aquatics” presentation; Post-test, evaluation, and graduation! Note: A device with data connection will be needed.