

Day 1	Tuesday, December 1, 2026 - Class and in the Field at Moccasin Lake Nature Park (MLNP)r
8:00 – 9:30 AM	Welcome to the FMNP and Invasive Plants Special Topic ; Introductions & Host Site; Paperwork, Student Roster, Pre-test
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Invasive Plant Mixer Activity (Jeanne & Brian)
10:00 – 11:30 AM	“Introduction to Invasive Plants of Florida” presentation with discussion (Jeanne & Brian)
11:30 AM– 12:00 PM	<u>Lunch and Learn</u> – Students enjoy their sack lunches while continuing to learn about invasive plants of FL
12:00 – 2:00 PM	Field Activity: 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 (Jeanne & Brian)
2:00– 4:15 PM	“Plant Morphology” presentation, discussion, and activity to test your skills (Brian)
4:15– 4:30 PM	Wrap-up, Review, Field Trip Prep, Discuss “Learning Your Landscape” On Your Own Assignment
ON YOUR OWN 2- 4 Hours	On Your Own “Learning Your Landscape” Assignment: 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. 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.

Day 2	Tuesday, December 8, 2026 – AM Class at MLNP and PM Field
8:00 – 8:15 AM	Review Previous Materials, Questions, Discussion
8:15 – 11:30 AM	“Aquatic Invasive Plants” presentation with discussion (Brian)
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	<u>Lunch and Learn:</u> Get ready, it’s time to start sharing with the class about your “Learning Your Landscape” assignment. This will be continued at end of day.
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Travel to John Chesnut Park , 2200 E Lake Rd S., Palm Harbor, FL 34685
1:00 – 4:00 PM	Field Trip Activity – Aquatic Invasive Plants led by our FMNP Associate Instructor Russell Martin • Meet at John Chesnut Park, Pavilion #1, 2200 E Lake Rd S., Palm Harbor, FL 34685. • Park south of pavilion – don’t park in the boat ramp area. Restrooms are nearby. John Chesnut Sr. Park, a 255-acre site on Lake Tarpon surrounded by urbanization while being known for its nature trails, boating, and park amenities. While exploring mostly from a boardwalk, we will scout for aquatic invasive species—which enter via water, wind, wildlife, boats/trailers, and human activity—discuss removal techniques, examine human influences on the environment, and learn key management tools used to control these aggressive invader
4:00 – 5:00 PM	• Reflect on our Aquatic Invasives Field Trip; Review Course Concepts • Students will continue sharing with the class about their “Learning Your Landscape” Assignment; Questions and Discussion

Day 3	Tuesday, December 15, 2026 - AM Field and PM Class at MLNP
8:00 – 11:00 AM	Field Trip Activity at Wilcox Nursery & Landscape, 12501 Indian Rocks Road, Largo - Plant Morphology Guest Field Trip Leaders: Tess and Cherryl, Wilcox Nursery and (Jeanne & Brian) Meet at Wilcox Nursery and Landscape • Strengthen your plant identification skills by learning plant parts, shapes, and growth forms • Fun, interactive, hands-on identification activity • Just Say NO! to invasives – Visit the nursery and learn native plant options to replace the invasive plant lure. • Select your complementary Native Plant for your landscape and make a difference! • Wrap-up: Field Trip Summary and Discussion
11:00 – 11:45 AM	Travel to MLNP classroom (20 to 45-minute drive time). Be ready to start class on time. Plan to eat your sack lunch immediately upon arrival at MLNP. No time in the schedule for fast food or buying food on the way to class.
3:00 – 4:00 PM	<u>Lunch and Learn</u> : While eating your sack lunch, learn about resources and actions. How can you learn more and what can you do about Florida invasives? Learn about the Florida Native Plant Society, Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas (CISMA) and other community, statewide, and national resources for combating invasive plants. (Jeanne)
11:45 AM – 12:15 PM	“Upland Invasive Plants” presentation with discussion (Jeanne & Brian)
12:15 – 1:45 PM	On-site Field Application – Upland Invasive Plants (Jeanne & Brian) 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).
1:45 – 3:30 PM	Review & Wrap-up; Questions, Discussion, and Reflection; Let’s Decide “Now What?”
3:30 – 4:00 PM	Electronic Post-Test and Evaluation (be sure to bring your cell phone or tablet); Graduation! New “Florida Master Naturalist” Grads