



**2023-2024
NORTH FLORIDA COUNCIL
CUB HIKING CLUB**



9th year of hiking and many more to come. So lace up your hiking shoes, grab your hiking stick, and come out and join the North Florida Council CUB HIKING CLUB. Nobody gets left at home, these events are open to all Cub Scouts, siblings, and parents. Hikes will vary in length and duration. Most hikes will be free of charge. Hiking Club patches will be available for \$3. Looking forward to hiking with all Cub Scouts and families. **PLEASE CHECK THE NFC CALENDAR BEFORE ANY HIKE, CHANGES WILL BE ISSUED VIA OUR CALENDAR**

All hikes start at 9am.

October 7: Camp Shands: 1453 Baden Powell Rd, Hawthorne, Florida 32640. Come and hike a three mile diverse nature trail with signage explaining our beautiful forest. This is a wonderful experience for all participants.

November 4: Pumpkin Hill Preserve State Park: 13802 Pumpkin Hill Rd. Jacksonville. We will hike through sandhills, stands of pinewoods and scrubby flatwoods. Beauty at every turn.

December 9: Urban Hike: meet at the Riverside Arts Market, Riverside Avenue, under I-95. We will trek over the I-95 walking bridge. After which, continue to hike to the historic 280 year old Treaty Oak Tree. Total distance is 3.5 miles roundtrip. What a great way to end the year. Parking is available at nearby streets near the Riverside Arts Market.

January 13, 2024: Goldhead State Park: 6239 State Rd 21, Keystone Heights, FL. Hike into ravines, hike up switchbacks, and enjoy longleaf pine habitat with gopher tortoises, pileated woodpeckers, and pocket gophers. Entrance fee of \$5, carpool and save \$\$\$.

February 3: UNF Nature Trail: Enter at 9A and UNF Drive. Hike the Loftis Nature Trail, an easy 3 miles through some of the finest natural environment. You'll love the view of a fantastic lake.

March 9: Tillie Fowler Park: Hwy 17 south, directly across from NAS Jacksonville. Meet at the nature pavilion. Bring your binoculars and bug spray, hike the trail, and climb the observation tower overlooking a diverse marsh and swamp ecology.

April 6: Little Talbot Island State Park: 12157 Heckscher Dr. Jacksonville FL 32226. We will hike along the sandy beach and a short nature trail. \$5 per carload. Use the NORTH ENTRANCE to the park.

May 4: Camp Milton Preserve: located on Halsema Road, Jacksonville. See the historic cabin, visit the garden, climb into a civil war fortification, and hike the boardwalk. Lots of interesting history.

Some locations may charge a nominal fee, I'll make every effort to notify participants ahead of time. Hiking sticks will be available for nominal fee. **Participants are required to wear close toed shoes. Suggested to bring the following items; light snack, water, sun screen, and bug spray.** A parent must accompany their Cub Scout and siblings. **For more information contact Frank Ross at 904-805-2040 or f_ross@bellsouth.net.**

