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Northwest Florida Resource Guide



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Master Gardeners

Poison Control in the U.S. 800-222-1222

The American Association of Poison Control Centers supports the nation's 55 poison centers in their efforts to prevent and treat poison exposures. Poison centers offer free, confidential medical advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222. This service provides a primary resource for poisoning information and helps reduce costly hospital visits through in-home treatment.

The AAPCC's mission is to actively advance the health care role and public health mission of our members through information, advocacy, education and research.

Call Before You Dig!!

Dial 811

2 workdays ahead of when you plan to dig

811 is the phone number you call before digging to protect yourself and others from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines.

There are millions of miles of buried utilities beneath the surface of the earth that are vital to everyday living like water, electricity and natural gas.

811 is the federally designated call before you dig number that helps homeowners and professionals avoid damaging these vital utilities. When you make the **free** call to 811 a few days before you dig, you'll help prevent unintended consequences such as injury to you or your family, damage to your property, utility service outages to the entire neighborhood and potential fines and repair costs.

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University of Florida Web Sites

University of Florida, IFAS Extension

www.solutionsforyourlife.com

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu>

<http://gardeningsolutions.ifas.ufl.edu>

Okaloosa County Extension

www.okaloosa.ifas.ufl.edu/

Okaloosa County Master Gardeners

<http://ocmga.org/>

<https://ocmga.wordpress.com>

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/zoglf3k>

Archive of articles by UF/IFAS Extension Agents and other sources that provide information pertinent to our area

UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

UF/IFAS Entomology and Nematology

Featured Creatures

https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/topic_series_featured_creatures

<http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/>

Identification Lab

<http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/insectid/>

Honey Bee Research and Extension Lab

<http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/honeybee>

Florida Yards and Neighborhoods

<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>

Florida Friendly Plant™ List/Interactive Landscape Design

www.floridayards.org

Horticulture Web Site

www.hort.ifas.ufl.edu

Tree Installation and Pruning

<http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody>

Landscape Plants

<http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/woody/tree-care.shtml>

Irrigation – Smart Technology

www.abe.ufl.edu/mdukes

UF/IFAS Subscription Management System

<http://subscribe.ifas.ufl.edu>

Your Florida Lawn

<http://hort.ufl.edu/yourfloralawn>

Area Contacts of Interest

West Florida Research and Education Center

www.wfrec.ifas.ufl.edu

Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge

(850) 650-1880

105 Santa Rosa Blvd.

Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

www.ecwildliferefuge.com

Florida Department of Agriculture

www.freshfromflorida.com

Florida Department of State Parks

www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

www.myfwc.com

Federal Noxious Weed Program

www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/weeds/index.shtml

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

<http://ffgc.wildapricot.org/>

Six Rivers Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

www.floridainvasives.org/northwest

<http://www.floridainvasives.org/SixRivers/>

U.S. Department of Agriculture

www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome

Search on gardening or noxious weeds or climate.

Many topics available.

Garden Clubs

Bluewater Bay

Karen Kirk-Williams - (850) 499-2214

karenkirkwilliams@gmail.com

Niceville - Meets 9:30 am 2nd Thursday, Sept-May,

Bluewater Bay Club House

DeFuniak Springs

Donna Davis - ddavis8453@aol.com

DeFuniak Springs - Meets 1st Wednesday, 11:30 pm

Life Enrichment Center, 312 College Ave

Destin

Pat Collins - (850) 654-7331 - pat2mike1@cox.net

Destin - Meets 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 am, Destin Library

Dogwood

Jane McCreary - (703) 586-3228, pimccreary@cox.net

Crestview - Meets 1st Monday, 7:00 pm Sept-May

Meets in member's homes

Garnier Beach

Jennifer Yelverton - (850) 862-8067, yelvertonj@cox.net

Ft. Walton Beach - Meets 2nd Saturday, Sept-May 10:30 am

Fort Walton Beach Library

Green Thumb

Robbie Carrol - (850) 231-5725, robbiecarroll@cox.net or

betsysellsavon@gmail.com, Meets 3rd Wednesday, 9:45 am,

Sep-May, Sandestin Linkside Conference Ctr

Kelly Plantation

Kay Bonn - (850) 650-7400, kaybonn@cox.net

Kelly Plantation Home & Garden, Meets 3rd Thursday, Sep-May.
Owners' Clubhouse

Milton

(850) 626-2003 (leave a message)

5256 Alabama St., Milton

Dogwood Circle - Meets 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 am

Morning Glory Circle - Meets 2nd Thursday, 9:30 am

Meets Sep-Apr

Navarre

Rachel Coggins - President@NavarreGardenClub.org

Hidden Creek Club House - Meets 1st Tuesday,
8:30 am, Sep-May

Niceville

Lidia Webb - lidiawebb@cox.net

Meets 4th Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Niceville City Hall

North Gate Estates

Sue Damm - (850) 499-2658 - bdamm@cox.net

Ft. Walton Beach - North Gate Residents - Meets 1st Monday
6:30 pm, Sep-May, in member's homes

Okaloosa Island

Kathy Foster - (850) 244-4490 - fosterpk@gnt.net

Okaloosa Island - Meets 2nd Wednesday, Sep-May, 9:30 am
El Matador Condominium

Seagrove

Sharon Jenkins - info@SeagroveGardenClub.com

Meets 2nd Wednesday, Sep-May, 10:00 am

Tri-County Horticulture Studies Groups

Marie Harrison - (850) 699-6784

marieharrison166@yahoo.com

Meets 4th Thursday, Sep-May, 10:00 am, various locations

See www.mariesgardenanddesign.com

Valparaiso

Darolyn Weiss - (850) 729-0866 - darolynw@cox.net

George Mitchell Bldg, 459 Valparaiso Pkwy

Meets 2nd Wednesday, Sep-May, 9:00 am

Groups of Interest

Choctawhatchee Hemerocallis Society (Daylily)

(850) 892-5452

Carl Henderson, Chender832@acninc.net

Meets at 2:00 pm, 4th Tuesday, Jan-June at the Walton County Extension Service in DeFuniak Springs

Fort Walton Beach Bonsai Society

(850) 862-7592

Lee Vanderpool, fwbbs127web@cox.net for information

Meets 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday

7:30 pm, Sep-Jun at Okaloosa County Extension Annex

127 Hollywood Blvd, Ft. Walton Beach

www.bonsai-fwb.com

Greater Fort Walton Beach Camellia Society

(850) 803-1161

Cindy Warriner, camelliafwb@cox.net

Meets 3rd Tuesday, Aug-Apr, 6:00 pm at Okaloosa County Extension Annex, 127 Hollywood Blvd. Call for info.

Panhandle Native Plant Society

(850) 678-1110

Rick Hastings, hastings@aol.com

Meets last Monday. Call for information

Tri-County Beekeepers Association

(850) 830-3940

William Hagan, taxpath@aol.com

Meets last Tuesday, 6:30 pm, at Extension Office, Crestview, 3098 Airport Road

Butterfly Information

(850) 729-2893

Mary Ann Friedman, marsabones@hotmail.com

Niceville

Resources for Florida Gardeners

7 Pines Native Plant Nursery

(850) 830-8996

wildflowersmatter@defuniak.com

2435 County Highway 192, DeFuniak Springs

Mon-Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

www.PlantRealFlorida.org

Ace Hardware

Crestview, Niceville, Fort Walton Beach, Destin, DeFuniak Springs, Miramar Beach, Navarre

www.acehardware.com

Backridge Tree Service, Inc

(888) 871-0581

11 Miracle Strip Parkway, Ft. Walton Beach

Baker Farm Center

(850) 537-3661

5847 Highway 189 N, Baker

Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

www.bakerfarmcenter.com

Baldwin Turf LLC

(850) 502-4366

1440 Live Oak St., Niceville

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Seasonal (March 15 - May 31, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm)

www.baldwinturfniceville.com

(Christmas lights-www.wehangchristmaslights.com)

Bastide Home & Garden

(850) 622-9550

17 Tanglewood Drive/Hwy 30A, Santa Rosa Beach

Monday-Saturday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Bastidehome@aol.com

Bayou Outdoor Equipment

(850) 729-2711

489 Valparaiso Parkway, Valparaiso

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

www.bayoulawnservice.com

Beal's Landscaping & Nursery, Inc

(850) 581-0725
2800 Highway 98W, Mary Esther
Landscaping Services
Chris & Pandora
Wednesday-Saturday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Clay Garden & Pottery

(850) 231-2150
4808 East Scenic Hwy 30A, Seagrove Beach
Monday-Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm;
Sunday 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
www.clay30a.com

Crestview Nurseries

(850) 682-3837
5908 Houston Lane, Crestview
Mar Apr May open 7 days a week 8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Call ahead for winter hours
www.crestviewnurseries.com

Destin Palms Landscaping

(850) 622-1811 or (850) 368-5443
destinpalmsslawn@gmail.com
187 N. 7th St., Santa Rosa Beach
www.destinpalmsslanscaping.com

Emerald Coast Nursery

(850) 897-0111
emeraldcoastnursery@gmail.com
1405 Palm Boulevard South, Niceville
www.emeraldcoastnursery.com

Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply

(850) 243-0911
branch134@ewingirrigation.com
632 A Lovejoy Rd. NW, Fort Walton Beach
Monday-Friday 7:00 am - 5:00pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Farm & Garden World

(850) 652-2999
farmandgardenworld@gmail.com
7488 Hwy 85N, Laurel Hill
Monday-Friday 7:30 am - 5:30 pm; Saturday 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Floral Tree Gardens

(850) 478-6292

9235 Pine Forest Rd., Pensacola

www.floraltreegardensofpensacola.com

Floral Tree Gardens

(850) 429-0222

ftgarden@bellsouth.net

3601 North Davis Hwy, Pensacola

www.floraltreegardensofpensacola.com

Florida Daffodils

www.fladaff.com

Florida Plants Online

www.floridaplants.com

Garden Gate Nursery

(850) 932-9066

3268 Fordham Parkway, Gulf Breeze

Call for information

Kodiak Tree Service

(850) 279-6999

KodiakTreeService@valp.net

418 Government St., Valparaiso

www.kodiaktreeservice.com

Mike's Garden

(850) 934-1043

3774 Gulf Breeze Parkway, Gulf Breeze

Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday-Sunday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm

(Sunday hours are seasonal)

www.mikesgardencenter.net

Native Nurseries

(850) 386-8882

1661 Centerville Road, Tallahassee

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm (EST)

www.nativenurseries.com

Oliver's Nursery

(850) 537-9992
4550 Kelly Mill Rd., Holt
Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 3:30 pm
<http://oliversnurseryinc.com>

Pensacola Seed and Garden

(850) 456-8904
info@penseed.com
4915 Mobile Hwy, Pensacola
Monday-Saturday 8:00am - 5:00pm*
Sunday 9:00am - 5:00 pm
*During daylight savings--open until 6pm when the sun is up
www.penseed.com

Rancho La Orquidea

OrchidFarm@aol.com
(850) 983-8948
1124 Pearson Road, Milton
Monday-Friday 8:00am - 3:00pm
www.rancholaorquidea.com

Riverview Flower Farm's

Florida Friendly Plants™
www.floridafriendlyplants.com/

SiteOne Landscape Supply

(850) 622-1919
77 Shannon Lane, Santa Rosa Beach

Sunbelt Compost & Garden Supply

(850) 623-8855
8301 Highway 90, Milton

Tieco

154 Blake Ave, NW, Fort Walton Beach
Irrigation Supplies
www.tiecoinc.com

Wise Equipment

(850) 634-3741

wiseequip@wiseequip.gccoxmail.com

1147 S. Ferdon Blvd., Crestview

Monday-Friday 8:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

www.wiseequipment1.com

Woerner Landscape

(850) 863-2835

ftwalton@woernerlandscape.com

1316 Lewis Turner Blvd, Fort Walton Beach

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

www.woernerlandscape.com

Mobile Apps for Florida Gardeners

Florida Fresh

[https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-fresh/id1061646911?](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-fresh/id1061646911?ls=1&mt=8)

[ls=1&mt=8](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.ufl.ifas.planting)

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.ufl.ifas.planting)

[id=edu.ufl.ifas.planting](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.ufl.ifas.planting)

Gardening Solutions

[https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-gardening-solutions/](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-gardening-solutions/id9582)

[id9582](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-gardening-solutions/id9582)

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.ufl.ifas.gardener&hl=en89901?ls=1&mt=8)

[id=edu.ufl.ifas.gardener&hl=en89901?ls=1&mt=8](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.ufl.ifas.gardener&hl=en89901?ls=1&mt=8)

iPest1

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ipest1/id370421252>

\$1.99 fee

iPest2

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ipest2/id398420454>

\$1.99 fee

iPest3

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ipest3/id398409794>

\$1.99 fee

Landscape Pests

[https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?
id=edu.ifasit.ufl.IPests&hl=en](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.ifasit.ufl.IPests&hl=en)

[https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/landscape-pests/id898898477?
mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/landscape-pests/id898898477?mt=8)

The Florida-Friendly Landscaping Plant™ Guide

<https://ffl.ifas.ufl.edu/plants>

\$1.99 yearly fee

Trees: North & Central Florida

[https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/trees-north-central-florida/
id975673096?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/trees-north-central-florida/id975673096?mt=8)

Farmers' Markets & U-Pick

Local produce is sold seasonally from April through September or as stated for each location. Availability is based on local growing conditions.

Aker's of Strawberries

(850) 537-2768

1074 Melton Road, Baker

Seasonal: Strawberries, blueberries, veggies, fruit

www.facebook.com/AkersofStrawberries?fref=ts

Baker U-Pick Blueberries

(850) 537-0340

5949 Dairy Road, Baker

Open Tuesday-Saturday from 7:00 am - 7:00 pm beginning

Jun 1st - Jul 31st or until berries are gone.

Payment cash only. Free recipe handouts

Bundrick Honey Farms

(850) 689-1953 or (850) 682-2317

bundrickhoney@yahoo.com

398 Walden Street, Crestview

Tuesday-Friday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

www.bundrickhoneyfarms.com

Crestview Farmers' Market

<http://www.facebook.com/crestviewfarmersmarket/>

Located at Spanish Trail Park

Corner of Industrial Drive and Stillwell Boulevard, Crestview

Open year-round

Thursday and Saturday from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Jennifer Bearden, bearden@ufl.edu

(850) 689-5850

WIC/FMNP coupons accepted at this market

Destins' Main Street Market

Located at the Destin Water Users Office

218 Main Street, Destin

Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

DestinsMainStreetMarket@gmail.com

Destin Harbor Farmers' Market

(850) 499-4697, Diane Kolopanas,

314 Harbor Blvd (US Hwy 98), Destin

Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, year round

Fort Walton Beach Farmers' Market

<https://www.facebook.com/OkaloosaFarmersMarkets/>

East of Okaloosa County Fairgrounds

Lewis Turner Boulevard, Fort Walton Beach

Open Apr-Sep

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

Jennifer Bearden, bearden@ufl.edu

(850) 689-5850

WIC/FMNP coupons accepted at this market

Gerald Brooks

(850) 537-4521

5645 Gerald Brooks Road

Open May-July

Horse Creek Farms

(850) 546-1283 (Alabama number)

8145 Hwy 189, Baker

Call for availability

Kiket Bay Farm

(623) 680-0965

<http://www.kiketbayfarm.com/>

6471 Possum Ridge Road, Crestview

kbfarming@hotmail.com

By appointment only for a farm tour; contact direct for purchases

Raymond Cook

(850) 537-5571

7638 Highway 189 N, Baker

Open June-July, Sunday-Saturday, Daylight to Dusk

New Farms

(850) 546-0511

8216 Looney Rd., Baker

Blackberries, stone fruits, seasonal row crops

Niceville Farmers' Market

(850) 729-2120

<http://one20amodernbistro.com>

120 Parton Dr. North, Niceville

Open 1st Saturday, every month

7:00 am - 2:00 pm

www.facebook.com/NicevilleFarmersMarket

The GreenMan's Garden

(850) 218-6998

<http://www.thegreenmansgarden.com/>

DeFuniak Springs

Adonai3x@aim.com

Send an email to Mikael with your name, phone and the list of items you want him to pick for you. He will send you an email confirmation with the total for your purchase. Also has other programs available. Attends the Seaside Farmers' Market on Saturdays.

Seaside Farmers' Market

(850) 231-0043

2255 E. County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach

info@rawandjuicylife.com

www.racyandjuicylife.com/farmers-market.html

Summer Hours (May-September)

Saturdays & Tuesdays 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Winter Hours (September-May) Saturdays 9:00 am - 1:00pm

Shockley Springs Blueberry Farm

(850) 902-0160

7097 Old River Road, Baker

Weekends 6:00 am - 6:00 pm or by appointment

shockleysprings@gmail.com

Triple J Farm

(850) 537-4259

795 Melton Road, Baker

Seasonal

Urban Farm Trading Post

(850) 612-3126

<http://urbanfarmtradingpost.com/>

2734 Hugo Lane, Crestview

Jan-Dec, Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Keisha, urbantradingpost@cox.net

Whispering Pines Christmas Tree Farm

<http://www.floridachristmastree.com/>

1603 Penton Road, Milton

Open seven days a week from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
through Dec 18th.

After that, call Mike at (850) 304-1559 to make sure there is staff
available to help you.

Community Gardens

Common Ground Community Garden of Crestview, LLC

Main Street, Crestview

(850) 758-8481

<http://www.crestviewcommunitygarden.org>

Mary Esther Community Garden

Hwy. 98 West to Mary Esther Drive. Springdale Park is located
straight ahead at the end of Mary Esther Drive.

Garden Coordinator Ruth Sykes (850) 865-7590

maryesthergardens@aol.com

Okaloosa County Extension

Okaloosa County Extension Office

(850) 689-5850
3098 Airport Road
Crestview, FL 32539-7124
Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
lwilliams@co.okaloosa.fl.us

Okaloosa County Extension Annex

(850) 651-7476
127 Hollywood Blvd, Ft. Walton Beach
Walk-in gardening support and soil testing Fridays only,
9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Closed holidays. Call to verify opening.

Larry Williams

lwilliams@co.okaloosa.fl.us
County Extension Director
Horticulture Agent

Jennifer Bearden

bearden@ufl.edu
Agriculture Agent

Sheila Dunning

sdunning@ufl.edu
Commercial Horticulture

Jill Breslawski

jbreslawski@ufl.edu
Family & Consumer Sciences
Okaloosa & Walton Counties

Okaloosa County Master Gardeners

mastergardener@co.okaloosa.fl.us

Misty Smith

mismith@ufl.edu
4-H Coordinator

Laura Tiu

lgtiu@ufl.edu
Marine Science
Okaloosa & Walton Counties

Rebecca Catalena
rebecca.catalena@ufl.edu
Family Nutrition Program
Okaloosa & Walton Counties

Linda Boutwell
County Extension Technician I

Joanna Sims
County Extension Technician II

Okaloosa County Contacts

Okaloosa County Recycling Office

(850) 651-7394

Jim Reese

jreece@co.okaloosa.fl.us

80 Ready Avenue, Ft. Walton Beach

Free Mulch Available, Pick-up only. Call for hours

Okaloosa County Household (south county)

Hazardous Waste Collection

850-301-2013

80 Ready Avenue, Ft. Walton Beach

FREE Drop-off for local residents every Tuesday-Saturday,

7:00 am - 3:00 pm. No appointment necessary.

Okaloosa County Hazardous Waste Disposal (north county)

(850) 651-7395

17859 So. Ferdon, Crestview

8:00 am - 4:00 pm Monday-Friday

Okaloosa Waste Management

(850) 301-2822

Call for large item pickup

Department of Natural Resources

Jackson Guard

(850) 882-4164, 4165 or 4166

Niceville, FL

Contact: Pat Williams, patricia.wiliams.14.ctr@us.af.mil

www.jacksonguard.com/

The Eglin Natural Resources Branch is commonly known as *Jackson Guard*. *Jackson Guard* manages public recreational permits and regulations for the Eglin Reservation.

Florida Forest Service - Okaloosa County Forest Agent

(850) 689-7838

Contact: Maria Wilson

Maria.Wilson@freshfromflorida.com

www.floridaforestservice.com

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency

(800) 344-9453

<http://www.fws.gov/>

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

Crestview Service Center

(850) 682-2416

(850) 682-1095 fax

934 N Ferdon Blvd., Crestview

www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/national/home/

National, State and Local Organizations of Interest

Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance

(850) 729-6456, Julie Terrell, CBA Program Manager

CBA Office: cba@owc.edu www.basinalliance.org

Protection and preservation of the natural resources of the Choctawhatchee River and Bay. Volunteers welcome; partnership with Northwest Florida State College

Florida Association of Native Plant Nurseries

(321) 917-1960, Cammie Donaldson, Executive Director

Cammie@FloridaNativeNurseries.org

www.FloridaNativeNurseries.org

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council

www.fleppc.org

Florida Native Plant Society

(321) 271-6702

P.O. Box 278

Melbourne, FL 32902-0278

www.fnps.org

Florida Wild Flower Advisory Council

floridawildflowercouncil.org

International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)

<http://www.isa-arbor.com>

This site allows you to search for an ISA Certified Arborist in your area and includes educational publications.

National Arbor Day Foundation

(888) 448-7337

100 Arbor Avenue

Nebraska City, NE 68411

Online tree guides, tree purchases, volunteer opportunities

www.arborday.org

National Audubon Society

Choctawhatchee Audubon Society (local chapter)

(850) 862-2566

P.O. Box 1014, Ft. Walton Beach

www.audubon.org/chapters/choctawhatchee-audubon-society

Meets 6:30 pm on the 1st Thursday of each month in the

Student Services Building on the main campus of

Northwest Florida State College

<http://www.facebook.com/choctawhatcheeaudubon>

National Wildlife Federation

(800) 822-9919

PO Box 1583

Merrifield, VA 22116-1583

www.nwf.org

Works to inspire Americans to protect wildlife for the future of our children

Places to Visit

Eden Gardens State Park

(850) 267-8320, 181 Eden Gardens Road, Santa Rosa Beach, 8:00 am until sunset, 365 days a year. Guided tours of the Wesley House are Thursday through Monday, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm hourly. Admission fee: \$4.00 per vehicle (honor box--exact change is required)

Heritage Museum & Paradise Gardens

(850) 678-2615
115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso
Tuesday-Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
info@heritage-museum.org or www.heritage-museum.org

McMahon Environmental Center

(850) 682-4715
(850) 682-6132 Ext 132
(850) 682-9685
132 Butler Avenue, Crestview, FL
(adjoining the fire tower)
Parks and Recreation Dept
A museum and arboretum displaying local native flora and fauna.
8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday. Call to check
appointment hours
georgehillsman@cityofcrestview.org

Northwest Florida State College

South Walton Campus – Nature Trail

<http://www.basinalliance.org/page.cfm?articleID=46>
109 Greenway Trail, just north of the intersection of US 331 &
US 98

Oak Tree Nature Park

(850) 243-3566
Corner of Highway 98 & Doolittle Drive, Mary Esther
Call Mary Esther City Hall for information
Always open, Free.

Panhandle Butterfly House

Highway 98, Navarre, FL

At the foot of the Navarre Bridge to Santa Rosa Island

An educational and interactive exhibit. Butterfly life cycle, nursery and butterflies in flight

www.panhandlebutterflyhouse.org

Volunteer Opportunities.

Open May 3 - Labor Day, Thursday-Saturday, Spring thru Fall

grouptours@panhandlebutterflyhouse.org for groups of 10 or more.

Pensacola State College

University of Florida – Milton Campus

Highway 90, Milton, FL

Teaching, Research, Display, Extensive Gardens

Rosemary Beach Butterfly Garden

Hwy. 30A

Rosemary Beach, FL

South Walton County

Very informative; self-guided walk.

www.rosemarybeach.com/florida_beach_community.aspx

Turkey Creek Nature Trail

340 John Sims Parkway

Niceville on Highway 20

(between Highway 85 North and Highway 85 South)

(850) 642-0072 to schedule handicapped or senior rides on the boardwalk. FREE. Pavilion, restrooms, swimming, security on site.

Opens at 6:30 am 7 days a week. Closing time is seasonal and posted at the facility

<http://www.cityofniceville.org/turkey.html>

Watercolor Nature Trails

2063 County Road 395 South

Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

Trails meander throughout almost 200 conserved acres

surrounding Western lake and along the beach. Many unusual plants, animals and habitats.

watercolorflorida.com/contents/PDF/WC_Brochure.pdf

Botanical Gardens to Visit

Atlanta Botanical Garden

(404) 876-5859

1345 Piedmont Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30309

<http://atlantabg.org/>

Bellingrath Gardens and Home

(251) 973-2217

(800) 247-8420

12401 Bellingrath Gardens Road, Theodore, AL 36582

www.bellingrath.org

Bok Tower Gardens

(863) 734-1222

1151 Tower Blvd., Lake Wales, FL 33853

<https://boktowergardens.org>

Callaway Gardens

(800) 852-3810

17800 US Hwy 27, Pine Mountain, GA 31822

<http://www.callawaygardens.com>

Harry P. Leu Gardens

(407) 246-2620

1920 North Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803

www.leugardens.org

Edison & Ford Winter Estates

(239) 334-7419

2350 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901

www.edisonfordwinterestates.org

NWF County Extension Offices

Escambia County Extension (850) 475-5230

Santa Rosa County Extension (850) 623-3868

Walton County Extension (850) 892-8172

Holmes County Extension (850) 547-1108

Washington County Extension (850) 638-6180

Bay County Extension (850) 784-6105

Media for Gardening Information

NEWSPAPERS

Northwest Florida Daily News, an article each Sunday by Larry Williams, Okaloosa County Horticulture Agent.

Crestview News Bulletin, 'Extension Connection', a weekly article by a University of Florida Okaloosa County Extension Agent; covers information or activities pertinent to their area of expertise.

RADIO

WAAZ 104.7, a twice weekly radio program by Larry Williams and/or Jennifer Bearden on agricultural and horticultural information pertinent to our area. Monday and Friday at 5:00 am and 12:00 noon, after the local news and weather.

MAGAZINES

Florida Gardening,
www.floridagardening.com. Gardening for Florida by North, Central or South areas. (800) 265-3600

GUIDES

Northwest Florida Resource Guide
www.ocmga.org

State Parks in Northwest Florida

For information on the parks contact:

**Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Recreation and Parks**

(850) 245-2157

www.floridastateparks.org/

<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/>

Florida Division of Recreation and Parks
3900 Commonwealth Blvd.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Big Lagoon State Recreation Area, Pensacola, FL

Blackwater Heritage State Trail, Milton, FL

Blackwater River State Park, Holt, FL

Eden State Park, Point Washington, FL

Falling Waters State Recreation Area, Chipley, FL

Florida Caverns State Park, Marianna, FL

Grayton Beach State Recreation Area, Santa Rosa Beach, FL

Henderson Beach State Recreation Area, Destin, FL

Maclay State Gardens/Lake Overstreet Trail, Tallahassee, FL

Perdido Key State Recreation Area, Pensacola, FL

Ponce de Leon Springs State Recreation Area, Ponce de Leon, FL

Rocky Bayou State Recreation Area, Niceville, FL

St. Marks Wildlife Refuge, St. Marks, FL

Topsail Hill State Preserve, Santa Rosa, FL

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