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Northwest Florida Resource Guide

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This 2017, 5th Edition has been updated and refined by Lynn Fabian and Margaret Stewart and they hope you enjoy it.

We hope you find this Resource Guide helpful. Any errors should be reported to elfabian@cox.net or mgstewart2008@yahoo.com. We will be happy to consider your suggestions for future editions of the Guide.

***The information in this Resource Guide
has been checked as
carefully as possible.
Even so, information changes.
Please call ahead before making your plans.***

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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 work days ahead of when you plan to dig

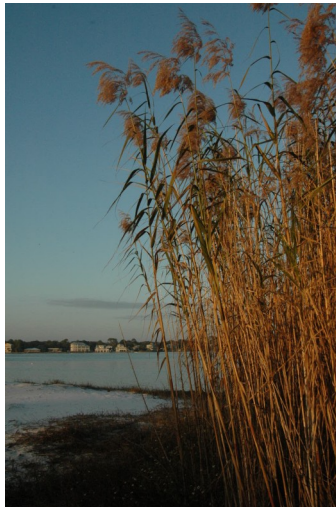
811 is the phone number you call before digging to protect yourself and others from unintentionally hitting underground utility lines.

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.

GENERAL GARDENING FACTS FOR NORTHWEST FLORIDA

- Our plant hardiness zones are 8a and 8b
- Our heat zone is 9
- The average annual temperature is 76°F. Summer highs can be in the 90's and winter lows can occasionally dip below freezing. Coastal areas experience more moderate temperature variations.
- Our first average frost date is November 15th
- Our last average frost date is March 15th
- Average yearly rainfall is 62 inches. The monthly average is 5.1 inches. Expect the most rain in July and the least amounts October - February.
- The best time to plant a tree is in January.
- The median soil pH is 6.1
- Average annual daily high and low relative humidity is 84.9% and 60.1%



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

okaloosa.ifas.ufl.edu/

Okaloosa County Master Gardeners

<https://ocmga.org/>

<https://ocmga.wordpress.com>

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

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>

Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants

<http://assessment.ifas.ufl.edu/assessments/>

Florida Yards and Neighborhoods

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

Florida Friendly Plant™ List/Interactive Landscape Design

www.floridayards.org

Horticulture Web Site

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

hort.ifas.ufl.edu/yourfloralawn/



Mobile Apps for Florida Gardeners

Florida Fresh

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-fresh/id1061646911?ls=1&mt=8>

Gardening Solutions

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/florida-gardening-solutions/id958289901?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://itunes.apple.com/us/app/landscape-pests/id898898477?
mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/landscape-pests/id898898477?mt=8)
[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)

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)
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.ufl.ifas.treesnfl>



Area Contacts of Interest

Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge

105 Santa Rosa Blvd, Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32548
(850) 650-1880

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

Federal Noxious Weed Program

[https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/plant-
pest-and-disease-programs/pests-and-diseases/SA_Weeds/
SA_Noxious_Weeds_Program](https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/planthealth/plant-pest-and-disease-programs/pests-and-diseases/SA_Weeds/SA_Noxious_Weeds_Program)

Florida Department of Agriculture

www.freshfromflorida.com

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

www.myfwc.com

Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

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

Six Rivers Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area

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

U.S. Department of Agriculture

www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usdahome

Search on gardening, noxious weeds or climate



Community Gardens

Common Ground Community Garden of Crestview, LLC

Main St, Crestview

(850) 758-8481

<http://www.crestviewcommunitygarden.org>

Mary Esther Community Garden

Springdale Park, Mary Esther Dr, Mary Esther

(850) 865-7590

maryesthergardens@aol.com

[http://cityofmaryesther.com/index.php?](http://cityofmaryesther.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=76&Itemid=207)

[option=com_content&view=article&id=76&Itemid=207](http://cityofmaryesther.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=76&Itemid=207)

Garden Clubs

Bluewater Bay

Karen Kirk-Williams - (850) 499-2214

karenkirwilliams@gmail.com

Meets 9:30 am 2nd Thursday, September-May

Bluewater Bay Club House, 2000 Bluewater Blvd, Niceville

DeFuniak Springs

Donna Davis

ddavis8453@aol.com

Meets 11:30 am 1st Wednesday

Life Enrichment Center, 312 College Ave, DeFuniak Springs

Destin

Pat Collins - (850) 654-7331

pat2mike1@cox.net

Meets 9:30 am 2nd Tuesday

Destin Library, 150 Sibert Ave, Destin

Dogwood

Ruth Herington - (850) 683-0839

hruth4769@cox.net

Meets 9:30 am 1st Monday, September-May

Meetings held in member's homes

Garnier Beach

Jennifer Yelverton - (850) 862-8067

yelvertonj@cox.net

Meets 10:30 am 2nd Saturday, September-May

Fort Walton Beach Library, Ft. Walton Beach

Green Thumb

Robbie Carrol - (850) 231-5725

robbiecarroll@cox.net or betsysellsavon@gmail.com

Meets 9:45 am 3rd Wednesday, September-May

Sandestin Linkside Conference Center, 158 Sandestin Blvd N,
Destin

Kelly Plantation

Kay Bonn - (850) 650-7400

kaybonn@cox.net

Meets 6:45 pm 3rd Thursday, September-May

Owner's Clubhouse, 303 Kelly Plantation Dr, Destin

Milton

Leave message - (850) 626-2003

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

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

September-April

5256 Alabama St, Milton

Miltongardenclub@yahoo.com

Navarre

Rachel Coggins

President@NavarreGardenClub.org

Meets 8:30 am 1st Tuesday, September-May

Hidden Creek Club House, 3070 P.G.A. Blvd, Navarre

Niceville

Lidia Webb

lidiawebb@cox.net

Meets 6:30 pm 4th Tuesday

Niceville City Hall, 208 Partin Dr N, Niceville

North Gate Estates

Sue Damm - (850) 499-2658

bdamm@cox.net

Meets 6:30 pm 1st Monday, September-May

Meetings are held in member's homes

Okaloosa Island

Kathy Foster - (850) 244-4490

fosterpk@gnt.net

Meets 9:30 am 2nd Wednesday, September-May

El Matador Condominium, 909 Santa Rosa Blvd, Ft. Walton Beach

Seagrove

Sharon Jenkins

info@SeagroveGardenClub.com

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

Various locations

Valparaiso

Darolyn Weiss - (850) 729-0866

darolynw@cox.net

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

George Mitchell Building, 459 Valparaiso Pkwy, Valparaiso



Groups of Interest

Choctawhatchee Hemerocallis Society (Daylily)

Carl Henderson - (850) 892-5452

Chender832@acninc.net

Meets 2:00 pm 4th Tuesday, January-June

Walton County Extension, 732 N 9th St, DeFuniak Springs

Fort Walton Beach Bonsai Society

Lee Vanderpool - (850) 862-7592

fwbbs127web@cox.net

www.bonsai-fwb.com

Meets 7:30 pm 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday, September-June

Okaloosa County Extension Annex, 127 Hollywood Blvd,
Ft. Walton Beach

Greater Fort Walton Beach Camellia Society

Cindy Warriner - (850) 803-1161

camelliafwb@cox.net

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

Meets 6:00 pm 3rd Tuesday, August-April

Okaloosa County Extension Annex, 127 Hollywood Blvd,
Ft. Walton Beach

Panhandle Native Plant Society

Rick Hastings - (850) 678-1110

hastings@aol.com

Meets last Monday

Various locations

Tri-County Beekeepers Association

William Hagan - (850) 830-3940

www.tri-countybeekeepersassociation.org

Meets 6:30 pm last Tuesday

Okaloosa Extension Office, 3098 Airport Rd, Crestview

Tri-County Horticulture Studies Group

Marie Harrison - (850) 699-6784

marieharrison166@yahoo.com

<http://m.mariesgardenanddesign.com/index.html>

Meets 10:00 am 4th Thursday, September-May

Various locations



Resources for Northwest Florida Gardeners

7 Pines Native Plant Nursery

2435 County Highway 192, DeFuniak Springs

Monday-Saturday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

(850) 830-8996

wildflowersmatter@defuniak.com

<https://www.facebook.com/7PinesNativePlantNursery/g>

Ace Hardware

Locations in most towns/cities in our area. Check for local addresses.

www.acehardware.com

Backridge Tree Service, Inc.

11 Miracle Strip Pkwy SW, Ft. Walton Beach

(850) 240-2829

backridge17@gmail.com

www.backridgetreeservice.com

Baker Farm Center

5847 Highway 189 N, Baker

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

Saturday 7:00 am - 12:00 pm

(850) 537-3661

www.bakerfarmcenter.com

Baldwin Turf LLC

1440 Live Oak St, Niceville

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

Seasonal hours 8:00 am - 12:00 pm March 15th - May 31st

(850) 502-4366

www.baldwinturfniceville.com

www.wehangchristmaslights.com (*Christmas light installation*)

Bastide Home & Garden

17 Tanglewood Dr, Hwy 30A, Santa Rosa Beach

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

(850) 622-9550

Bastidehome@aol.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Bastide-Home-Garden-515475985143965/>

Bayou Outdoor Equipment

489 Valparaiso Pkwy, Valparaiso
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(850) 729-2711
www.bayoulawnservice.com

Beal's Landscaping & Nursery, Inc.

2800 Hwy 98 W, Mary Esther
Wednesday-Saturday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm
(850) 581-0725

Butterfly Information

Mary Ann Friedman
(850) 729-2893
marsabones@hotmail.com

Clay Garden & Pottery

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

Crestview Nurseries

5908 Houston Ln, Crestview
Monday-Saturday 8:00am - 5:30 pm (*March-May*)
Sunday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm (*March-May*)
Monday-Saturday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (*June-October*)
Call for winter hours
(850) 682-3837
www.crestviewnurseries.com

Destin Palms Landscaping

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

Emerald Coast Nursery

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

Ewing Irrigation & Landscape Supply

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

Farm & Garden World

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

Floral Tree Gardens (*florist*)

9235 Pine Forest Rd, Pensacola
(850) 478-6292
www.floraltreegardensofpensacola.com

Floral Tree Gardens (*nursery*)

3601 North Davis Hwy, Pensacola
(850) 429-0222
ftgarden@bellsouth.net
www.floraltreegardensofpensacola.com

Florida Plants Online

www.floridaplants.com

Garden Gate Nursery

3268 Fordham Pkwy, Gulf Breeze
(850) 932-9066
Call for hours

Kodiak Tree Service

418 Government St, Valparaiso
(850) 279-6999
KodiakTreeService@valp.net
www.kodiaktreeservice.com

Mike's Garden

3774 Gulf Breeze Pkwy, Gulf Breeze
Monday-Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday-Sunday 8:30 am - 1:00 pm (*Sunday hours are seasonal*)
(850) 934-1043
www.mikesgardencenter.net

Native Nurseries

1661 Centerville Rd, Tallahassee
Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 6:00 pm (*EST*)
(850) 386-8882
www.nativenurseries.com

Pensacola Seed and Garden

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

Phil-dirt Inc.

5820 Phil Dirt Rd, Crestview
(850) 582-3478
sales@phil-dirt.com
www.phil-dirt.com

Rancho La Orquidea

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

Riverview Flower Farm's Florida Friendly Plants™

www.floridafriendlyplants.com
Wholesale grower only. Web site has informational databases.

SiteOne Landscape Supply

77 Shannon Ln, Santa Rosa Beach
(850) 622-1919
www.siteone.com

Sunbelt Compost & Garden Supply

8301 Hwy 90, Milton
(850) 623-8855

Willingham Construction

249 Willingham Ln, DeFuniak Springs
Monday-Thursday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday 7:00 am - 12:00 pm
(850) 678-1874 or (850) 892-4787
sales@willinghamconstruction.com
www.willinghamconstruction.com

Wise Equipment

1147 S Ferdon Blvd, Crestview
Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
(850) 634-3741
wiseequip@wiseequip.gccoxmail.com
www.wiseequipment1.com

Woerner Landscape

1316 Lewis Turner Blvd, Ft. Walton Beach
Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
(850) 863-2835
ftwalton@woernerlandscape.com
www.woernerlandscape.com



Farmers' Markets & U-Pick

Local produce is sold seasonally. Availability is based on local growing conditions.

Aker's of Strawberries

1074 Melton Rd, Baker
(850) 537-2768

www.facebook.com/AkersofStrawberries?fref=ts

Seasonal: Strawberries, blueberries, vegetables, fruits

Baker U-Pick Blueberries

5949 Dairy Rd, Baker

Tuesday-Saturday 7:00 am - 7:00 pm June 1st - July 31st

(850) 537-0340

Payment cash only. Free recipe handouts

Brooks Farm

1301 Lee Ave, Hwy 4, Baker
(850) 537-5373

Call for hours and availability

Bundrick Honey Farms

398 Walden St, Crestview

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

Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

bundrickhoney@yahoo.com

www.bundrickhoneyfarms.com

Crestview Farmers' Market

Spanish Trail Park, Stillwell Blvd and Industrial Dr, Crestview

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

(850) 689-5850 Jennifer Bearden

bearden@ufl.edu

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

Open year-round. WIC/FMNP coupons accepted

Destin Harbor Farmers' Market

314 Harbor Blvd (US Hwy 98), Destin

Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

(850) 499-4697 Diane Kolopanas

Open year-round

Downtown Fort Walton Beach Farmers' Market

Fort Walton Beach Landing Park, 139 SE Brooks St,
Ft. Walton Beach
2nd Saturday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
<https://www.facebook.com/downtownfwbfarmersmarket>
Open year-round

Eglin Air Force Base Reservation

Blueberry picking at various locations on the reservation. Must call Jackson Guard to purchase a license and receive information about the areas and maps.
(850) 882-4164

Flyin D Ranch

4166 Millside Rd, Laurel Hill
(850) 499-0777
<https://www.facebook.com/The-Flyin-D-Ranch-1468628650028280>
Grass and custom fed beef cattle and pork; eggs; 3 varieties of thornless blackberries. By appointment only.

Fort Walton Beach Farmers' Market

1954 Lewis Turner Blvd, Ft. Walton Beach
Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 7:00 am - 1:00 pm
(850) 689-5850 Jennifer Bearden
bearden@ufl.edu
<https://www.facebook.com/OkaloosaFarmersMarkets/>
Open year-round. WIC/FMNP coupons accepted

Horse Creek Farms

8145 Hwy 189, Baker
(850) 546-1283
Call for availability

Kiket Bay Farm

6471 Possum Ridge Rd, Crestview
(623) 680-0965
kbfarming@hotmail.com
<http://www.kiketbayfarm.com/>
By appointment only for farm tour. Contact directly for purchases.

Love Berry Farm

2273 New Harmony Loop, DeFuniak Springs
Tuesday-Saturday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
(850) 834-2832
loveberryfarm@gmail.com
<http://loveberryfarm.com/>

New Farms

8216 Looney Rd, Baker
(850) 546-0511

Niceville Farmers' Market

120 Parton Dr N, Niceville
1st Saturday 7:00 am - 2:00 pm
(850) 729-2120
<http://one20amondembistro.com>
www.facebook.com/NicevilleFarmersMarket

Raymond Cook

7638 Hwy 189 N, Baker
(850) 537-5571
Call ahead for product availability, dates, and hours of operation

Seaside Farmers' Market

2255 E County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach
Tuesday and Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (*May-September*)
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (*September-May*)
(850) 231-0043
info@rawandjuicylife.com
www.rawandjuicylife.com/farmers-market.html

Shockley Springs Blueberry Farm

7097 Old River Rd, Baker
Weekends 6:00 am - 6:00 pm (*or by appointment*)
(850) 902-0160
shockleysprings@gmail.com

That Farmers' Market at Palm Plaza

1003 C John Simms Pkwy, Niceville
Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm
Diane Kolopanas (850) 499-4697 or Melissa Miller (678) 481-2463
30AEventsLLC@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/ThatFarmersMarketatPalmPlaza/>

The Green Man's Garden

44 Carol Ln, DeFuniak Springs
Monday-Saturday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(850) 218-6998
Adonai3x@aim.com
<http://www.thegreenmangarden.com/>
Call ahead for availability and pricing.

Town and Country

5882 189 N, Baker
Monday-Thursday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday - Saturday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm
(850) 830-6502
Red and yellow barn

Triple J Farm

795 Melton Rd, Baker
(850) 537-4259
Call ahead for availability, dates, and hours..

Urban Farm Trading Post

2734 Hugo Ln, Crestview
Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
(850) 612-3126
urbantradingpost@cox.net
<http://urbanfarmtradingpost.com>

Whispering Pines Christmas Tree Farm

1603 Penton Rd, Milton
Open 7 days a week 10:00 am - 5:00 pm through December 18th
<http://www.floridachristmastree.com/>
After December 18th, call Mike at (850) 304-1559 to make sure there is staff available to assist you.



UF/IFAS Okaloosa County Extension

Okaloosa County Extension Office

3098 Airport Rd, Crestview
Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
(850) 689-5850

Okaloosa County Extension Annex

127 Hollywood Blvd, Ft. Walton Beach
(850) 651-7476

*Walk-in gardening support and soil testing **Fridays only**,
9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Call to verify.*

*Plant clinics are held the 2nd Friday of each month,
April-September from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at the
Ft. Walton Beach location*

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pha@ufl.edu

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jsims@co.okaloosa.fl.us

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Family and Consumer Sciences
Okaloosa and Walton Counties
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Okaloosa County Contacts

Emergency Management

90 College Blvd E, Niceville
(850) 651-7150

www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/ps/emergency-management

Hazardous Waste Disposal (North)

17859 S Ferdon, Crestview
Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Household Hazardous Waste Collection (South)

80 Ready Ave, Ft. Walton Beach
Tuesday-Saturday 7:00 am - 3:00 pm
(850) 301-2013

Mosquito Control

84 Ready Ave, Ft. Walton Beach
(850) 651-7394 or (850) 651-7395

Recycling Office

80 Ready Ave,
Ft. Walton Beach
(850) 651-7394
Jim Reese
jreece@co.okaloosa.fl.us
*Free mulch available,
pick-up only. Call for hours.*

Solid Waste Management

(850) 301-2822
Call for large item pick up



Department of Natural Resources

Jackson Guard

107 Hwy 85 N, Niceville
(850) 822-4164, 4165 or 4166
eglinisportsman.net

Manages public recreational permits and regulations for the Eglin Reservation.

Florida Forest Service (Okaloosa County)

7050 N Hwy 189, Baker
Maria Wilson Maria.Wilson@FreshFromFlorida.com
(850) 689-7838

US Fish and Wildlife Agency

(800) 344-9453
www.fws.gov/

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Crestview Service Center

934 N Ferdon Blvd, Crestview
(850) 682-2416
www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/site/national/home/



National, State and Local Organizations of Interest

Choctawhatchee Basin Alliance

109 Greenway Trail, Santa Rosa Beach
Julie Terrell, CBA Program Manager
(850) 729-6456
cba@owc.edu
www.basinalliance.org

Department of Environmental Protection Division of Recreation and Parks

Florida Division of Recreation and Parks
3900 Commonwealth Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32399
(850) 245-2157
www.floridastateparks.org/
<http://www.dep.state.fl.us/parks/>

Florida Association of Native Plant Nurseries

PO Box 972, Melbourne, FL 32902
Cammie Donaldson, Executive Director
(321) 917-1970
Cammie@FloridaNativeNurseries.org
www.FloridaNativeNurseries.org

Florida Exotic Pest Plant Council

www.fleppc.org

Florida Native Plant Society

PO Box 278, Melbourne, FL 32902-0278
(321) 271-6702
www.fnps.org

International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)

<http://www.isa-arbor.com>
Search for an ISA Certified Arborist

National Arbor Day Foundation

100 Arbor Ave, Nebraska City, NE 68411
(888) 448-7337
www.arborday.org

National Audubon Society

Choctawhatchee Audubon Society (*local chapter*)

PO Box 1014, Ft. Walton Beach

1st Thursday 6:30 pm

Student Services Building, Northwest Florida State College,
Niceville

(850) 862-2566

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

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

National Wildlife Federation

PO Box 1583, Merrifield, VA 22116-1583

(800) 822-9919

www.nwf.org



Gardening Information in the Media

Newspapers

Northwest Florida Daily News

Article each Sunday by Larry Williams, Okaloosa County Horticulture Agent

Crestview New Bulletin, 'Extension Connection'

Weekly article by a UF/IFAS Okaloosa County Extension Agent that provides information or activities pertinent to their area of expertise

Radio

WAAZ 104.7

Monday and Friday at 5:00 am and 12:00 pm (after the local news and weather)

Broadcast by Larry Williams and/or Jennifer Bearden on agricultural and horticultural information pertinent to our area

Magazines

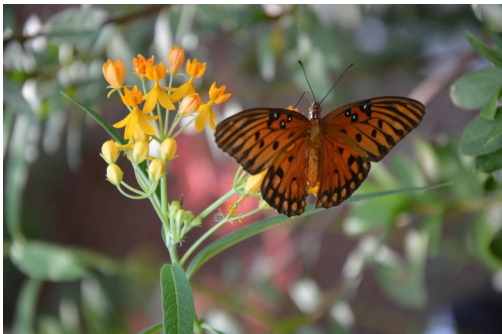
Florida Gardening

(800) 265-3600

www.floridagardening.com

Guides

Northwest Florida Resource Guide



Places to Visit

Coastal Dune Lakes

<http://www.basinalliance.org/page.cfm?articleID=7>

E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center

4956 FL-20, Freeport
(850) 835-1824

Open to the public during June and July only. 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
www.eowilsoncenter.org

Heritage Museum & Paradise Gardens

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

McMahon Environmental Center

132 Butler Ave, Crestview
By appointment only.
(850) 682-4715, (850) 682-6132 Ext 132, (850) 682-9685
georgehillsman@cityofcrestview.org

Northwest Florida State College Nature Trail

(South Walton Campus)

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

Oak Tree Nature Park

707 E Hollywood Blvd, Mary Esther
(850) 243-3566
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Oak-Tree-Nature-Park/132884986759985>

Okaloosa County Extension Native Plant Trail

3098 Airport Road, Crestview
(850) 689-5850
Self-guided tour or guided tour by appointment only.

Panhandle Butterfly House

8581 Navarre Pkwy, Navarre
Thursday-Saturday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
Seasonal May-August 27th
pbhcoordinator@gmail.com
Group tours pbhtours@gmail.com
<http://panhandlebutterflyhouse.org/>

Rosemary Beach Butterfly Garden

Highway 30A, Rosemary Beach
www.rosemarybeach.com/florida_beach_community.aspx

Turkey Creek Nature Trail

340 W John Sims Parkway, Niceville
Monday-Sunday 6:00 am - closing hours are posted at park
(850) 642-0072
<http://cityofniceville.org/turkey.php>

University of Florida - Milton Campus

5988 Hwy 90, Milton
Follow the signs for the gardens
Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
mderrick@ufl.edu

Watercolor Nature Trails

2063 County Road 395 S, Santa Rosa Beach
watercolorflorida.com/contents/PDF/WC_Brochure.pdf



Botanical Gardens to Visit

Atlanta Botanical Garden

1345 Piedmont Ave NE, Atlanta, GA 30309
(404) 876-5859
<http://atlantabg.org/>

Bellingrath Gardens and Home

12401 Bellingrath Gardens Rd, Theodore, AL 36582
(800) 247-8420 or (251) 973-2217
www.bellingrath.org

Bok Tower Gardens

1151 Tower Blvd, Lake Wales, FL 33853
(863) 734-1222
<https://boktowergardens.org>

Callaway Gardens

17800 US Hwy 27, Pine Mountain, GA 31822
(800) 852-3810
<http://www.callawaygardens.com>

Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens

829 Riverside Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32204
(904) 356-6857
<http://www.cummERMuseum.org/>

Edison & Ford Winter Estates

2350 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33901
(239) 334-7419
www.edisonfordwinterestates.org

Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden

10901 Old Cutler Rd, Coral Gables, FL 33156
(305) 667-1651
<http://www.fairchildgarden.org/>

Florida Botanical Gardens

12520 Ulmerton Rd, Largo, FL 33774
(727) 582-2100
<http://www.flbg.org/>

Harry P. Leu Gardens

1920 N Forest Ave, Orlando, FL 32803

(407) 246-2620

www.leugardens.org

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

4700 SW 58th Dr, Gainesville, FL 32609

(352) 372-4981

<http://kanapaha.org/>

Marie Selby Botanical Gardens

900 S Palm Ave, Sarasota, FL 34236

(941) 366-5731

<http://selby.org/>

McKee Botanical Garden

350 US Hwy 1, Vero Beach, FL 32962

(772) 794-0601

<https://www.mckeedgarden.org/>

Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens

4000 Morikami Park Rd, Delray Beach, FL 33446

(561) 495-0233

<https://morikami.org/>

Naples Botanical Garden

4820 Bayshore Dr, Naples, FL 34112

(877) 433-1874 or (239) 643-7275

<https://www.naplesgarden.org/>



Northwest Florida UF/IFAS Extension Offices

Bay County

2728 E 14th St
Panama City
(850) 784-6105
bay.ifas.ufl.edu

Escambia County Extension

3740 Stefani Rd
Cantonment
(850) 475-5230
escambia.ifas.ufl.edu

Holmes County

1169 E Hwy 90
Bonifay
(850) 547-1108
holmes.ifas.ufl.edu

Okaloosa County

3098 Airport Rd
Crestview
(850) 689-5850
okaloosa.ifas.ufl.edu

Santa Rosa County

6263 Dogwood Dr
Milton
(850) 623-3868
santarosa.ifas.ufl.edu

Walton County - Main

732 N 9th St
DeFuniak Springs
(850) 892-8172
walton.ifas.ufl.edu

Walton County - Coastal

70 Logan Ln
Santa Rosa Beach
(850) 231-0246
*Wednesdays and by
appointment*

Washington County

1424 Jackson Ave, Suite A
Chipley
(850) 638-6180
washington.ifas.ufl.edu

Northwest Florida UF/IFAS Research Centers

North Florida Research and Education Center

155 Research Rd, Quincy, FL 32351
(850) 875-7100
<http://nfrec.ifas.ufl.edu/>

West Florida Research and Education Center

4253 Experiment Dr, Jay, FL 32565
(850) 995-3720
<https://www.facebook.com/JayResearchFacility>

State Parks in Northwest Florida

Always call ahead for hours of operation, rules, and availability

Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park, Tallahassee

Big Lagoon State Park, Pensacola

Blackwater Heritage State Trail, Milton

Blackwater River State Park, Holt

Camp Helen State Park, Panama City Beach

Deer Lake State Park, Santa Rosa Beach

Eden Gardens State Park, Santa Rosa Beach

Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park, Wakulla Springs

Falling Waters State Park, Chipley

Florida Caverns State Park, Marianna

Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park, Niceville

Grayton Beach State Park, Santa Rosa Beach

Henderson Beach State Park, Destin

Lake Jackson Mounds Archaeological State Park, Tallahassee

Lake Talquin State Park, Tallahassee

Perdido Key State Park, Pensacola

Ponce de Leon Springs State Park, Ponce de Leon Springs

St. Andrews State Park, Panama City Beach

St. Marks River Preserve State Park, Tallahassee

T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park, Port St. Joe

Tarkiln Bayou Preserve State Park, Pensacola

Topsail Hill Preserve State Park, Santa Rosa Beach

Torreya State Park, Bristol

Yellow River Marsh Preserve State Park, Milton

MASTER GARDENER MISSION STATEMENT

To assist extension agents in providing research-based horticultural education to Florida residents.

MASTER GARDENER VISION STATEMENT

To be the most trusted resource for horticultural education in Florida.

Membership in the UF/IFAS Okaloosa County Master Gardener program is granted upon successful completion of training classes, final exam, final project, and by remaining a member in good standing. The program is open to all interested persons without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, disability, marital or veteran status, or any other legally protected status.

Upon completion of the Master Gardener training class conducted by the UF/IFAS Cooperative Extension Service, first year Master Gardeners are required to pay back 75 volunteer working hours in activities approved by the Master Gardener Coordinator and acquire an additional 10 hours of continued education within 12 months of the completion of their class.

To remain a Master Gardener in good standing after successful completion of their first year of service, one must:

- Complete 35 volunteer hours during the membership year
- Complete 10 learning hours during the membership year
- Comply with the Florida Master Gardener policy statement and code of conduct.

The Okaloosa County Master Gardener Association is an organization that provides a structure by which Master Gardeners may more effectively accomplish their mission.



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