



OFF THE BEATEN PATH

A nature-based fundraising series of hikes



Description: This series of four hikes will take place in beautiful areas tucked away within Brooker Creek Preserve in sites that are not open to the public. The hikes begin at 9:00 am and last 3-4 hours.

Cost: \$25/hike/person or \$80 for the hike series. Members of the Friends get 10% off.



Our guide, **Dr. Craig Huegel**, was the first land manager when the Preserve was born in 1990. He can identify everything from the tiniest moss to the tallest tree including animal prints, bird calls, lichens, and more. He is full of stories and very patient in answering questions. The hikes will be educational and fun!



Off the Beaten Path Hikes:

March 8, 2026 – Sandhills – The only true sandhills of Brooker Creek Preserve. This site is in the northern end of the preserve and will feature an abundance of spring wildflowers.

June 14, 2026 - Cypress Swamp – Located in the southern part of the preserve, this site features orchids, ferns, and epiphytes. Plan to get wet as we plunge into the swamp! The butterfly orchids should be in bloom!

Sep. 13, 2026 – In Search of Catesby's Lily – Located in the eastern part of the preserve, we will hunt for the threatened Catesby's Lily. In so doing, we will see a profusion of beautiful fall wildflowers in full bloom.

Dec. 13, 2026 – Interior Wildlands – We will be in parts of the Preserve so remote and so pretty you won't believe you are in Pinellas County!



For more information or to sign up, please email
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These hikes are popular and sell out quickly.
Early sign-up is encouraged to save your space!

