



# Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve

**2021-2022**

## ***OFF THE BEATEN PATH***

**A nature-based fundraising hike series**

**Description:** This series of four hikes will take place in beautiful areas tucked away within Brooker Creek Preserve in sites that are closed to the public. Our guide, Dr. Craig Huegel (SPC Biology Professor), 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 not only educational, but a lot of fun as well! The hikes will begin at 9:00 a.m. and be about 3-4 hours long. Bring water and lunch.

**Cost:** \$80 donation for the series or \$25 donation per hike with a 10% discount for members of Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve

### **Sites Off the Beaten Path:**

**Sep. 26, 2021 – In Search of Catesby’s Lily** – Located in the eastern part of the preserve, we will search for the threatened Catesby’s Lily and enjoy the profusion of beautiful fall wildflowers in full bloom.

**Dec. 12, 2021 - Cypress Swamp Stomp** – Located in the central part of the preserve, this site features orchids, ferns, and epiphytes. Plan to get wet, or maybe not, as we plunge into the depths of the swamp!

**March 20, 2022 – Sandhill Scramble** – 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.

**July 17, 2022 – Central Wildlands** – We will be in parts of the Preserve so remote that cell phones won’t work, areas so pretty you won’t believe you are in Pinellas County!

**Reservations Required:** Sign up early! Only 20 spots are open for these fabulous hikes *off the beaten path!* For questions or to register: Email [info@friendsofbrookercreekpreserve.org](mailto:info@friendsofbrookercreekpreserve.org) or call 727-934-2680.