

Friends  of Brooker Creek Preserve

## ***Off the Beaten Path* Hike Series at Brooker Creek Preserve!**

Please join us for our nature-based fundraising hike series, *Off the Beaten Path!*

**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, 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:**

March 27 – 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 26 - Cypress Swamp – Located in the central part of the preserve, this site features orchids, ferns, and epiphytes. Plan to get wet, really wet, as we plunge into the depths of the swamp!

Sept. 25 - Pine Flatwoods Catesby's Lily Site – Located in the eastern part of the preserve, this site features the endangered Catesby's Lily in full bloom along with a profusion of other fall wildflowers.

Jan. 22, 2012 - Anclote Spur – this site was once part of the preserve but is now a preserve in itself. We will start in Brooker Creek Preserve, then traverse from woodlands into saltmarsh to a secluded spot along the beautiful Anclote River.

**Reservations Required:** Reserve your spot by emailing [fobcp@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:fobcp@tampabay.rr.com). Sign up early! Only 20 spots are open for these fabulous hikes *off the beaten path!* Questions? Email [fobcp@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:fobcp@tampabay.rr.com) or call 727-934-2680.