
Florida Land Steward Tour: Jenkins Family Property Walton County, Florida



Date: Thursday, September 25, 2025

Meet at the property at 9:00 AM CT

Tour location: 953 Braxton Rd., Westville, FL 32464

Join us for a tour of the Jenkins family property in Walton County. The Jenkins Family purchased this land in 1998 and began management by converting a 30-acre peanut field to loblolly pines in 2001. Since then much of the property has been planted with longleaf pine for the wildlife, economic, and aesthetic values this species has to offer. The property contains excellent gopher tortoise habitat and has recently been enrolled in the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission's (FWC's) Gopher Tortoise Recipient Site Program. Working with FWC, Florida Forest Service, and University of Florida IFAS Extension, the family has made great progress in improving the forestry and wildlife benefits of the property. They are managing productive longleaf pine stands, retaining fruit- and nut-bearing hardwoods for wildlife, and promoting flowering groundcover for pollinators. The family is also actively planning for the stewardship legacy of the property to continue for generations. Pictured here is Mike Jenkins receiving his Wildlife Habitat Recognition Program sign and certificate from FWC Landowner Assistance Biologist, Ed O'Daniels.



Register: Register online at <https://fls-tour-2025-09-25.eventbrite.com>. Lunch included and sponsored by Farm Credit of Northwest Florida. **Space is limited so register soon!** For more information contact Ed O'Daniels at edward.odaniels@myfwc.com, (850) 819-9538



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