

Managing for Diversity Across Florida's Unique Landscapes

March 23-24 *or* 25-26, 2026, at Morningside
Nature Center & Longleaf Flatwoods Preserve



Natural Areas
TRAINING ACADEMY

Workshop Agenda

Day 1

9:15 *Check-in/Registration at the [Morningside Nature Center](#) pavilion*

9:30 Welcome & Introductions

9:55 Overview of online material and workshop objectives

10:15 Plant Identification & Activity

12:30 Lunch (*provided by NATA*)

13:15 Invasive plant prioritization and control exercise

15:15 Invasive reptiles and amphibians

16:45 Feral Swine and trapping demonstration

17:15 Summary discussion

17:30 Conclude for day

Evening - Optional group dinner (pay on your own) at local restaurant

Day 2

7:55 *Meet at [Longleaf Flatwoods Preserve](#) trailhead parking area*

8:00 Welcome & Warm-up

8:10 Overview of day

8:25 Van transport to Longleaf Flatwoods Preserve field site

11:30 Caravan to [Morningside Nature Center](#) pavilion

11:45 Lunch (*provided by NATA*)

12:30 Field exercise on restoring upland plant species composition

15:00 Restoration plans at Morningside and Rx burning in the WUI

15:45 Discuss workshop conclusions; workshop evaluations; certificates

16:30 Adjourn



Deadline	Unit	Assignment	Hours
25 February	Module 0 Welcome	LOGIN to Canvas; setup profile, change Display Name (~5 minutes) COMPLETE terms and conditions questionnaire (~10 minutes) REVIEW course overview, instructors, and agenda (~15 minutes)	<i>0.5 hour</i>
26 February		PARTICIPATE in the Virtual Session VIA Zoom at 3:30-4:30 pm EST (1 hour)	<i>1 hour</i>
3 March	Module 1 Biodiversity in Florida	WATCH 5 videos (~70 minutes) Video: What is Biodiversity? Video: Biodiversity in Florida Video: Sources of Information on Biodiversity Video: Threats to Biodiversity Video: Biodiversity Protection Laws REVIEW your knowledge with self-assessment (~20 minutes)	<i>1.5 hours</i>
6 March	Module 2 Introduction to Biodiversity	WATCH 1 video (~20 minutes) Video: Introduction to Restoration ASSIGNMENT: Restoration Suitability Exercise (~60 minutes) REVIEW your knowledge with self-assessment (~20 minutes)	<i>2 hours</i>
11 March	Module 3 Restoring Biodiversity	WATCH 3 videos (~60 minutes) Video: The Restoration Process Video: Restoring Sandhills Video: Role of Fire in Restoration REVIEW your knowledge with self-assessment (~20 minutes)	<i>1.5 hours</i>
13 March	Module 4 Coping with Invasive Plant Species	WATCH 2 videos (~30 minutes) Video: Invasive Plants Part 1 Video: Invasive Plants Part 2 READ Invasive Plant Control reading (35 min) REVIEW your knowledge with self-assessment (~15 minutes)	<i>1.5 hours</i>
16 March	Module 5 Monitoring to Assess Change Over Time	WATCH 1 video (~25 minutes) Video: Restoration Monitoring REVIEW your knowledge with self-assessment (~15 minutes)	<i>0.75 hour</i>
18 March	Module 6 Preparing for the Field Day	READ Wetlands Overview and Resources (~45 minutes) SUBMIT online course evaluation (~15 minutes)	<i>1 hour</i>
23-24 -or- 25-26 March, 2026	Day 1 Workshop	PARTICIPATE from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm at Morningside Nature Center	<i>16 hrs</i>
	Day 2 Workshop	PARTICIPATE from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm at Longleaf Flatwoods Reserve and Morningside Nature Center	