

**ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE LANDS PROGRAM  
VOLUNTEER WORKDAY SCHEDULE**

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September 2009 to March 2010

Tasks and workday locations are planned based on current conditions and may be subject to change depending on priorities, weather, site conditions, and progress on other work. If unsuitable weather forces cancellation of a workday, we will try to schedule a makeup date.

Saturday, September 26, 2009 – Fickett Hammock Preserve- Boundary line clearing in advance of fence construction. This workday will be conducted as part of National Public Lands Day.

Meet at 8:00 AM at the parking lot at 15482 Centralia Road (just west of Citrus Way). Following a short talk about the Preserve and the needed work, volunteers will cut back small vegetation along the property lines to allow access for boundary fence construction. Work will be completed by 11:30 AM. Lunch will be provided to participants at an after-party at Tom Varn Park in Brooksville.

Volunteers should wear long pants and bring their own gloves, eye protection, insect repellent, sun screen, drinking water, and a hand tool for cutting shrubs and smaller vegetation. Useful tools might include clippers, pruning saws, long-handled pruning shears, and other implements for cutting shrubs and small vegetation.

Saturday, November 7, 2009 – Fickett Hammock Preserve- Boundary line clearing in advance of fence construction.

Meet at 8:00 AM at the parking lot at 15482 Centralia Road (just west of Citrus Way). Following a short talk about the Preserve's vegetation communities and the needed work, volunteers will cut back small vegetation along the property lines to allow access for boundary fence construction. Work will be completed by noon.

Volunteers should wear long pants and bring their own gloves, eye protection, insect repellent, sun screen, drinking water, and a hand tool for cutting shrubs and smaller vegetation. Useful tools might include clippers, pruning saws, long-handled pruning shears, and other implements for cutting shrubs and small vegetation.

Saturday, January 23, 2010 – Fickett Hammock Preserve Hiking Trail Creation.

Meet at 8:00 AM at the parking lot at 15482 Centralia Road (just west of Citrus Way). After a short talk about the Preserve and its planned hiking trail loops, volunteers will remove vegetation to create new hiking trail along a marked route. Work will be completed by noon.

Volunteers should wear long pants and bring their own gloves, eye protection, insect repellent, sun screen, drinking water, and a hand tool for cutting shrubs and smaller vegetation. Useful tools might include clippers, pruning saws, long-handled pruning shears, and other implements for cutting shrubs and small vegetation.

Saturday, February 20, 2010 – Cypress Lakes Preserve Trash and Debris Removal.

Meet at 8:00 AM at the gate on Ridge Manor Boulevard at Olancha Road. After a short talk about the Preserve and needed work, volunteers will remove several trash piles and other debris. Work will be completed by noon.

Volunteers should wear long pants and bring their own gloves, eye protection, insect repellent, sun screen, drinking water, and a five gallon bucket or other container for collecting trash. Heavy duty garden rakes and cultivating (potato) rakes would also be helpful.

Saturday, March 20, 2010 – Fickett Hammock Preserve Hiking Trail Creation.

Meet at 8:00 AM at the parking lot at 15482 Centralia Road (just west of Citrus Way). After a short talk about the Preserve and its planned hiking trail loops, volunteers will remove vegetation to create new hiking trail along a marked route. Work will be completed by noon.

Volunteers should wear long pants and bring their own gloves, eye protection, insect repellent, sun screen, drinking water, and hand tools, such as clippers, pruning saws, long-handled pruning shears, and other implements for cutting shrubs and small vegetation.

Thursdays Year Round

In addition to the Saturday workdays listed above, I regularly schedule field work on Thursdays throughout the year. Some tasks require an extra pair of hands and eyes. Volunteers are needed for assistance with Thursday field work.

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