



# Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve



## Announces: *Florida Master Naturalist Freshwater Wetlands Course*

Through classroom, field trip and practical experiences, learn about:

- Florida's Natural Freshwater Wetland Systems: Marshes, Swamps, Rivers, Lakes, and Springs
- General wetland ecology, habitats, plants, and wildlife
- Naturalist interpretation skills
- Environmental ethics and conservation issues

This course consists of 40 contact hours, which includes about 20 hours of classroom presentations, instructional videos, interpretive speaking practice and completion of group projects; and about 20 hours of field trips. Students receive a Certificate of Completion, Embroidered Patch, Wetlands lapel pin, and comprehensive two-volume FMNP Freshwater Wetland Systems Student Workbook.

**COURSE FEE: \$225** Registration Deadline March 31, 2008. For more information about the course and to register go to:

<http://conference.ifas.ufl.edu/fmnp/>

### Tentative Course Schedule (all times are Eastern)

<b>Fri. April 11, 6:30 PM-9:00 PM</b>	Apalachicola NERR: Course Intro, Ecology, Birds I
<b>Sat. April 12, 8:45 AM-4:30 PM</b>	ANERR: Reptiles & Amphibians, River Field Trip
<b>Fri. April 18, 6:30 PM-9:00 PM</b>	ANERR: Mammals, Interpretation, Video
<b>Sat. April 19, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM</b>	Field Trip: Apalachicola National Forest Wet Prairies
<b>Fri. May 2, 6:30 PM-9:00 PM</b>	ANERR: Wetland Birds II, Herbaceous Wetland Plants, Project Planning
<b>Sat. May 3, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM</b>	Wakulla Springs State Park & St. Marks Nat'l Wildlife Refuge: Invertebrates, Project Planning, Marshes & Springs Field Trip
<b>Fri May 9, 6:30 PM-9:00 PM</b>	St. Joseph Bay State Preserves Center: Project Planning, Woody Wetland Plants, Fish, Video
<b>Sat. May 10, 8:45 AM-3:00 PM</b>	St. Joe Preserves Center: Field Trip, Ethics, Video, Project Planning (Optional overnight free room Fri 5/9)
<b>Sat. May 17, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Bradwell Bay: Swamps Field Trip
<b>Sat. May 24, Time TBA</b>	St. Joe Preserves Center: Group Project Presentations & Graduation (Optional overnight room Fri 5/23)

*NOTE: May 16 (Fri), and/or May 23 (Fri) = Makeup dates, if needed.*

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