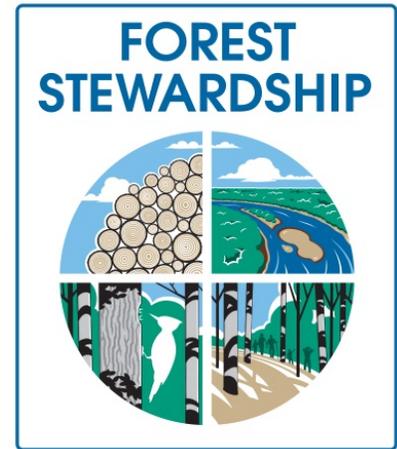

Florida Forest Stewardship Tour: Sandhills Farm

Property of David and Cindi Stewart
Jackson County, FL



Date: Thursday, October 5, 2017
Meet at the property at 9:00 AM CT, directions on the back
Adjourn after lunch

Tour: When Cindi and David Stewart first saw the mosaic of sandhills, swamps, flatwoods and loblolly pine forest making up this 222-acre Jackson County property, they knew they would buy it. Avid hikers from the south-central Florida suburbs, they loved being in the forest. That was 14 years ago, and they have come a long way towards their goal of managing their property for wildlife habitat. After beginning their land management education with the Master Tree Farmer and Master Wildlifer short courses offered by Clemson University and University of Florida IFAS Extension, they sought advice and a Forest Stewardship management plan from the Florida Forest Service and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Following some hard work managing underbrush, they planted 50 acres of longleaf pine. With diverse wildlife habitat as a primary goal, they burn every two years and have some beautiful groundcover plants like wiregrass and blazing star (photo above by Billy Boothe). In 2006 they were awarded Jackson County Tree Farmers of the Year. Join us for a walking tour of this property. This will be a relatively short hike on trails. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the field.



Register: Cost is \$10 per person, lunch and materials included. Register on-line at <https://fsp-tour100517.eventbrite.com/>. You can also reserve a space by contacting UF/IFAS Jackson County Extension at (850) 482-9620, and pay at the event with cash or check payable to University of Florida. *Space is limited so register early.* A map and directions to the property are on the back. Please share this announcement with others who may be interested.



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Directions to David and Cindi Stewart's Sandhills Farm

357 Pittman Hill Road
Marianna, FL 32448
(850) 579-8848

From I-10, Marianna:

- Exit at the western-most Marianna exit (Exit #136), SR 276.
- Turn **left** on SR 276 West and go less than 1 mile to **CR 167 South** (signs to Panama City & Fountain)
- Turn **left on CR 167 South**
- Travel about **9.8 miles** south on CR 167 to **Nortek Blvd.** (yellow intersection sign indicating Nortek Blvd & second sign for Compass Lakes in the Hills) – turn **left (east)** on Nortek Blvd.
- Travel east on Nortek Blvd. until the pavement ends – our property begins on your left as the pavement ends.
- Stay on Nortek Blvd./Hasty Pond Road (the name changes as the pavement ends) for another ½ mile.
- Turn **left (north)** at the first intersection onto **Pittman Hill Road.**
- We are the first real driveway (with a mailbox) on the left, after you pass the pond on the left – less than ½ mile. The house number “357” is on the mailbox. Follow the power poles to the house.

