

WHO WE ARE

The Oakland Nature Preserve is a 501 (C) 3, non-profit organization dedicated to environmental education and habitat restoration in central Florida. Our beautiful 128-acre preserve and visitor center are entirely funded by the generous donations of our visitors, patrons and benefactors.

Our Mission

To promote an understanding of the fragile balances among land, water, mankind and the environment by **EDUCATING** present and future generations about the natural ecosystems of the Lake Apopka Basin and by **RESTORING** and **CONSERVING** the lands within the Preserve.

Our Vision

To inspire children and adults to become stewards of the natural environment using our classroom and outdoor facilities to explore and understand the history and ecology of Central Florida.



Membership Application

Date: _____
Name: _____
Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____

Annual Membership

Student \$5.00
Individual \$10.00
Family \$25.00
Sponsor \$50.00
Patron \$125.00
Life \$500.00

Want to receive information about ONP in your Email?
Yes! No!

Please complete and mail this form with your check made payable to:

Oakland Nature Preserve
P.O. Box 841, Oakland
Florida 34760

Plan a Visit Today

Open 365 Days a Year

8am-Sundown
Phone 407-905-0054

747 Machete Trail
Oakland, Florida 34787

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Educating - Restoring - Conserving

Come Explore 128 Acres of
the *Real Florida*

Wooden Boardwalk
Hiking Trails • Visitor Center

“Preserving the natural resources of tomorrow through education and restoration today.”

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“To a person uninstructed in natural history one’s country or seaside stroll is walk through a gallery filled with wonderful works of art, 9/10 of which have their faces turned to the wall.”

-Thomas Henry Huxley



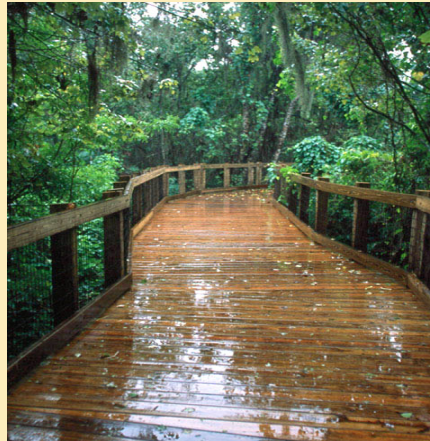
Educating

The Oakland Nature Preserve is dedicated to environmental education. We strive to inspire a curiosity and reverence for the environment in the present and future generations of Central Florida.

Our beautiful, sustainably built pioneer-style visitor center, lecture hall and natural/cultural history museum, give us the opportunity to educate students and adults of all ages. Our bimonthly lectures are open to the public and guest academic speakers hold classes on a multitude of topics. A 50% discount on all programs, classes and lectures is extended to our members and free for anyone under the age of six.

“Every creature is better alive than dead, men and moose and pine trees, and one who understands it aright will rather preserve life than destroy it”.

- Henry David Thoreau



Conserving

The beautiful 128-acre Oakland Nature Preserve is situated on some of the last forested land in central Florida. Over the last 150 years, much of the area was cleared for cattle grazing, citrus production and later suburban development, leaving little land left for native wildlife.

With miles of lush nature trails, native habitat gardens and a beautiful wooden boardwalk leading to an observation deck on the southern shore of Lake Apopka, the Oakland Nature Preserve is a great place to hike, bird watch or just contemplate the beauty of Florida.

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“We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect”.

- Aldo Leopold



Restoring

Restoring a degraded habitat is like rebuilding a demolished city. It requires a lot of patience, hard work and inspiration. Over the past 12 years, volunteers have spent thousands of hours removing exotic plants and replanting native species to ecologically restore the landscape to the historic Longleaf Pine–Turkey Oak habitat once common in the area.

Many insects, reptiles, birds and mammals adapted to this community have returned to the preserve since the restoration began. With the continued hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of public donations, we can restore the 128-acre preserve to its natural state.