



DUDLEY FARM HISTORIC STATE PARK
An authentic 19th-century working farm

18730 W. Newberry Road
Newberry, FL 32669
352-472-1142

Dear Educators,

We would like to inform you of our many educational opportunities at Dudley Farm Historic State Park. We offer a variety of educational tours for school groups free of charge. Dudley Farm gives students of any age a glimpse into Florida's unique history and cultural heritage. Students can experience day to day life as it was on an 1880's pioneer farm.

School tours are available by reservation only. We prefer that reservations be made at least two months in advance. Tours can be scheduled by calling (352) 472-1142. If you are unable to speak with park staff, please leave a message with your contact information. School tours are free of charge, however a letter stating that the tour is for educational purposes must be provided. The fee waiver letter must be written on the school's letterhead. This letter can be faxed to (352) 472-1145 or mailed to 18730 W. Newberry Rd. Newberry, FL 32669 prior to your visit.

By reviewing this 3 page packet you will have the information that is necessary for making a reservation and for your class's visit to Dudley Farm Historic State Park.

We look forward to bringing Florida History to life for your students.

Thank you,

Ashley B. Pass
Park Services Specialist
Dudley Farm Historic State Park



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Teachers' Information and Guidelines for Visiting Dudley Farm Historic State Park

Select a Program

Choose the program that is right for your group based on the attached descriptions. Tours begin at 9:30 AM and must end by 1:00 PM.

Group Size

Please note that each program is limited to a specific group size. If your group exceeds the number of participants, we will schedule additional programs on subsequent days. We can accommodate **40 students per day (20 per tour)**. Pre-school groups are limited to **25 children per day**. Be prepared to divide students into groups of 10 to 20.

Request a Program

Complete the **Program Reservation Form** at least two (2) months in advance and **SEND to Dudley Farm Historic State Park, 18730 W. Newberry Road, Newberry, FL, 32669** or **FAX** your request to **352-472-1145**.

Chaperones

Please provide one (1) adult chaperone for every ten (10) students. Teachers should be sure all chaperones understand their duties before the visit.

Chaperones should:

- *Assist the teacher and docent in providing a positive learning experience.
- *Stay with their students at all times and help them move through the farm.
- *Supervise their group and maintain order.
- *Please turn off cell phones during the tour.

Arrival

Groups must arrive on time to keep their reservation.

When you arrive for your program you will be met in the school bus parking area.



Safety

There are many hands-on activities available, however, many of the structures, fences, and items on the farm are over 100 years old; please no handling or climbing fences. **For your safety, do not feed or pet farm animals or livestock.**

Admission Fee

School groups may **waive** the admission fee **by providing an official letter** from the principal or department head stating that the visit is for educational purposes. **This is REQUIRED for free admission.**

Clothing

Wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing. **NO open-toed shoes and sandals.**

Lunch

A picnic area and hiking trail are located near the restrooms and parking lot.

Location

Dudley Farm is located 7 miles west of I-75 (exit 387) on St. Road 26 (Newberry Road) west of Gainesville and 4 miles east of Newberry. The entrance is on the north side of the road.

Weather

For weather information the day of your tour, please call a park ranger's cell phone at 352-258-6646, 352-258-6651 or 352-258-6648. **You must call to inform us if you are cancelling your reservation.**

Restrooms

Restrooms are available at the Visitor Center.



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Take Education beyond the Classroom

Dudley Farm Historic State Park is an early Florida pioneer farm established before the Civil War and operated by the Dudley family for three generations. It is one-of-a-kind in Florida as an authentic farm complex, not a re-creation. The 18 existing historic structures date from the 1880's to the 1940's. Dudley Farm attained a prominent place in the area during the 1870's when it became known as the community of "Dudley". The old road to Gainesville and the Dudley general store/post office, as well as their cane syrup complex and cattle dip vat used by the neighbors, helped establish their farm as a community center.

We would like to introduce you to our School Programs for grades K-12. These living history programs provide realistic, hands-on experiences that directly correlate to the Florida Sunshine State Standards.

<p>Fresh from the Farm Grades: K-3 Length: 1 hr. Max Students: 25</p> <p>SSS: SC.B.1.1, SC.C.2.1, SC.D.1.1, SC.F.1.1, SC.F.2.1, SC.G.1.1, SC.G.2.1, SS.A.1.1, SS.A.2.1, SS.B.2.1, SS.D.1.1, SS.D.2.1</p> <p>This program focuses on food grown on the Farm with emphasis on the house garden, corn-grinding, feeding the chickens, and old fashioned toys and games.</p>	<p>Dudley Farm: Step Back in Time Grades: 4-8 Length: 2 hrs. 1 hr. Farmstead Tour 30 min. Visitor Center 30 min. picnic & games Max Students: 40</p> <p>SSS: SC.C.2.2, SC.C.2.3, SC.D.1.2, SC.D.1.3, SC.D.2.3, SC.F.1.2, SC.F.1.3, SC.F.2.3, SG.G.2.2, SC.G.2.3, SC.H.3.2, SS.A.1.2, SS.A.2.2, SS.A.5.2, SS.A.6.2, SS.B.1.2, SS.B.2.2, SS.D.1.2</p> <p>This tour covers five major topics: Food and Its Sources The Water Cycle and Household Uses Outdoor Play and Basic Equipment Clothing and Shelter Family and Community</p>
<p>Pioneer Agriculture Grades: 9-12 Length: 2 hrs. 1 hr. Farmstead Tour 1 hr. activities Max Students: 40</p> <p>SSS: SC.D.1.4, SC.D.2.4, SC.G.1.4, SC.G.2.4, SC.G.1.2, SC.D.1.3, SC.F.1.3, SC.F.2.3, SS.A.1.4, SS.A.3.4, SS.A.5.4, SS.B.1.4, SS.B.2.4, SS.D.1.4, SS.D.2.4</p> <p>Overview of Florida: agricultural history and the importance of pioneer family farms in the State's development.</p>	<p>Dudley Farm Tree-sure Hunt Grade: 4-12 Length: 1 hr. Self-guided</p> <p>SSS: SC.G.1.2, SC.D.1.3, SC.F.1.2, SC.F.2.3, SC.G.2.2, SC.G.2.3</p> <p>This self-guided walk highlights the trees around the Dudley Homestead. These include native upland trees and introduced species.</p>



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Program Reservation Form

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fax #: 352-472-1145.

Reservations must be made first by calling (352) 472-1142

Teacher's Name: _____

School/Group: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Fax Number: _____

Number of students attending: _____

Grade Level: _____

Program/Tour Title: _____

Arrival Date: _____

Arrival Time: _____

Departure Time: _____

Will you need the Picnic Area? _____

Please send or fax a letterhead from your school stating this trip is for an educational program for fee waiver.

Reservation received by: _____

Date: _____

Confirmation: _____