

Upcoming Events

Hillsborough River State Park

Hillsborough River State Park & Fort Foster Historic Site
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www.floridastateparks.org/hillsboroughriver
www.historyandnature.org



Location

Hillsborough River State Park is located about nine miles north of Tampa and six miles south of Zephyrhills on US Highway 301.

The Fort Foster State Historic Site is located adjacent to Hillsborough River State Park on U.S. 301 North.

More Information

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19th Annual Haunted Woods Event

Fri-Sat • October 21–22, 2011 • 6 – 10 PM

Description:

Sponsored by the Hillsborough River State Park Preservation Society this event includes the Haunted Woods Trail, Coloring Contest, and Family Tram Ride (Tram runs Saturday Night ONLY!). Refreshments will be available by our parks concession. There will be a Costume Contest both nights. All ages - 6:00 pm - Prizes! It is a safe alternative to Trick-or-Treating! Bring the whole family and come walk through our Haunted Woods for a scary, fun time.
Special Notice: Fort Foster Historic Site tours are cancelled Saturday–Sunday, October 21-22.

Fees: Ages 6 and up \$5 donation. Ages 5 and under Free!



Candlelight Tours of Fort Foster

Fri-Sat • December 9-10, 2011 • 6 – 9 PM

Description: Historic Fort Foster brings Christmas on the Florida Frontier to life! Guests follow a lantern-lit experience through the Fort, where they encounter living history scenarios. Soldiers far from home sing carols in the barracks. The officers and their guests enjoy a fine dinner in the Officers' Mess, while fiddle music and song enliven the program. Friendly Natives gather just outside the Fort's walls, exchanging gifts of furs, feathers, hides, and Native crafts for goods from traders and the military; the exchange is followed by Native drumming and dance. After their tour, guests enjoy hot spiced cider and holiday cookies, while living history interpreters mingle and interact.

Fees: Ages 6 and up \$5 donation. Ages 5 and under Free!



Fort Foster Rendezvous

Thu-Sun • February 9-12, 2012 • 10 AM – 3 PM

Description:

This Annual Event at the Fort Foster State Historic Site is a living history reenactment featuring military, Seminole, and civilian reenactors, sutlers, traders, and craft demonstrations. Refreshments will be available for visitors' enjoyment. Battle reenactment will be on Saturday 2/11/12 and Sunday 2/12/12 where there will be skirmishes after 1 pm, as the Seminoles try to burn the bridge and the soldiers defend it.

Fees: Ages 13 and up \$5 donation. Ages 12 and under Free!



HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK

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Who knows what lurks within!!!

Bring your family to Hillsborough River State Park for some spooky fun...

Hillsborough River State Park's annual Haunted Woods has been a favorite unique outdoor haunted attraction for the past 19 years. We feature a spooky guided trail through the woods after dark with strange and scary things that may make you scream (NOT for small children). For those more cautious family members, we have a fun harvest celebration including costume contests, children's activities, and tram rides (Saturday night only) through our Halloween decorated campground.

Contact: patrick.potts@dep.state.fl.us for more details.

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Creatures of the Night Volunteers



For some, Halloween is an excuse to dress up in costumes and have a good time with friends; for others it is also an opportunity to volunteer.

There are several opportunities to partake in, ranging from a children's coloring contest, tram rides in the park, spooky displays on the hunted trail or guiding tours through haunted trail. "There is a lot to do and it's a great time for community service," said CSO President Dan Casella.

If you desire a more interactive and ghostly experience, volunteer at the Haunted Trail. Volunteers are needed to set up and take down decorations, lead

tours, and dress up as the ghosts of virulent patients and sketchy, uncertified doctors. We also need event support volunteers on Friday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 22 working the main entrance.

Those interested can attend a Haunted Woods planning meeting: Tue., Sept. 13, Wed., Sept. 21, Thur., Sept. 29, Tue., Oct. 4, Wed., Oct. 12, and Thu., Oct. 20. All meetings will be at 7 pm at the recreation hall (parking lot #3) at Hillsborough River State Park. All volunteers will need to submit a Florida State Park Volunteer application to participate in this event. For more details, email patrick.potts@dep.state.fl.us.

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Experience Florida's History

Special School Days:

Friday • December 9, 2011 • 10 AM – 3 PM

Thu-Fri • February 9-10, 2012 • 10 AM – 3 PM



Experience the Real Florida frontier at Fort Foster Historic Site. Fort Foster was one of the original Seminole War forts constructed in Florida during the early 1800s. Today a replica wood picket style fort has been constructed on the original site. Park Rangers and reenactors provide tours, and explain the Fort operations and living conditions, as well as telling the history of the Seminole Wars in Florida.

The Hillsborough River State Park is excited to present “living history” events at the Fort Foster State Historic Site in December 2011, and February 2012. These living history reenactment events feature military, Seminole, and civilian reenactors, as well as craft demonstrations, with special days (listed above) set aside for schools. Plan a field trip to one of these events and let your students experience what life was like 200 years ago in Florida.

School registration forms are available by calling (813) 987-6771, or email patrick.potts@dep.state.fl.us. Admission is a \$2 donation per student (Teachers/Chaperones are free).

Battle reenactment—On December 9, 2011 and February 9-10, 2012, there will be skirmishes after 1 pm, as the reenactor Seminoles try to burn the bridge and the reenactor soldiers defend it.



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**Engage your
students with
Florida's past**

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Fort Foster Living History & Candlelight Tour

Friday-Saturday, Dec. 9-10, 2011

Additional Information

- ★ Early Arrival: December 7th, 2011
- ★ No PETS at the Historic Site
- ★ Each volunteer needs a current FPS volunteer application on file.
- ★ Firewood & Water Available
- ★ Port O Lets
- ★ Showers available at State Park (See park staff for access)
- ★ Schools invited Friday December 9, 2011
- ★ Night time firing Friday and Saturday evenings after 8:00 PM

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Reenactor Registration Form

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number (with area code): _____ Day Eye Cell

Please CHECK: Army Navy Marine Militia Native American Civilian Demonstrator Medical

Arrival Date: _____

Do you require special ADA parking? Yes No

Make of Car: _____ License Plate#: _____

Total # attending: _____ Adult: _____ Children: _____

Mail or Fax Form to:

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15402 US Hwy 301 North • Thonotosassa, Florida 33592
Attn.: Patrick Potts, Park Services Specialist, Florida Park Service
Fax: (813) 987-6773 • Phone: (813) 987-6870

Questions?

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