



Property Tour / Hike

Spring Canyon LLC

Property of Helen and Tom Roth

Gadsden County, FL



Date: Thursday, April 23, 2015
Sign in, meet and greet at 9:00 AM Eastern
Adjourn after lunch

Tour: This will be a moderately strenuous hike on some steep terrain but well worth the effort! Spring Canyon LLC is a beautiful 100-acre property owned by Helen and Tom Roth. The property is home to steephead ravines and longleaf pine-wire grass sandhills. Helen has traced the history of the property back to 1926 near the end of the turpentine era. Their goal is to improve the upland habitat for threatened and endangered plants and animals. Through a lot of hard work and assistance from the Forest Stewardship Program and USDA Conservation Programs, Helen and Tom are working to restore the uplands back to what they were before many decades of fire exclusion. They are removing hardwoods to allow light to reach longleaf pine seedlings and understory grasses and forbs, and getting fire back in the system. Some larger flowering and fruiting hardwoods are left for wildlife and aesthetic value. In addition to working on and enjoying her property, Helen loves to use the property to educate others about the benefits of active management in restoring the plant and animal communities at Spring Canyon. Join us for a tour. Unique plants in bloom at the time of the tour should include mountain laurel, Florida anise and others. Be prepared for walking.



Register: Cost is \$10 per person, lunch and materials included. Register on-line at <https://fsp-tour042315.eventbrite.com/>. Alternatively, you can reserve a space by calling Gadsden County Extension at (850) 875-7255. Payment can be made on-site with cash or a check, payable to University of Florida. ***Space will be limited so please register early.*** Directions to the property are on the back. Please share this announcement with others who may be interested. Contact Chris Demers, (352) 846-2375, cdemers@ufl.edu, for more information about Forest Stewardship Program events.



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