2024 Florida Land Steward of the Year Tour: Forest Stewardship Property of Ronnie Stephenson



Jackson County, Florida

Date: Thursday, May 2, 2024 Meet at 9:00 AM CT

Ronnie Stephenson's property, 1611 Justic Road near Cottondale FL (see next page for location). <u>Lunch will be served</u> after the tour at Campbellton Community Center (see back page for location).



Congratulations to Ronnie Stephenson, our 2024 Florida Land Steward of the Year! Habitat for northern bobwhite quail and wild turkey are priority objectives at his properties and he has worked with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Landowner Assistance Program (LAP) and other partners to improve habitat for both of these species and many others. The work has focused on opening up dense stands of hardwoods, treating invasive species, planting longleaf pine, and prescribed burning. He has also done extensive work producing fruit trees, like pear and persimmon, for wildlife use. Join us for a tour to meet this exemplary land steward; gain some valuable, hands-on information about wildlife habitat management; and network with professionals and other landowners who share your interests.

<u>This will be a walking tour</u> of reasonable length. Wear appropriate clothing for the field and bring a water bottle.

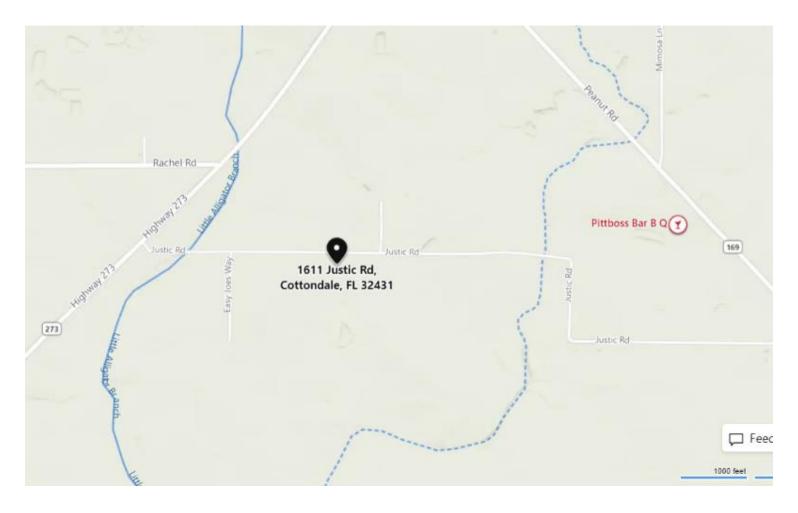
Register: Register online <u>https://tinyurl.com/3jvv656m</u>. **Space is limited so register soon!** We will meet at the property at 9:00 am CT for the tour. Lunch will be served after the tour at Campbellton Community Center. See following pages for location details. Contact Chris Demers for more information, <u>cdemers@ufl.edu</u>, (352) 846-2375.



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Ronnie Stephenson Farm 1611 Justic Road Cottondale, FL 32431

Justic Road can be accessed from Peanut Rd (Hwy 169) from the east or Hwy 273 from the west.



Campbellton Community Center 2236 Hwy 2 East Campbellton, FL 32426

Lunch will be served after the tour at the Campbellton Community Center on the north side of Hwy 2 near the intersection of US Hwy 231 and SR 2 in Campbellton, FL. This is approximately 10 minutes from Ronnie Stephenson's farm. It's right next to Southern Fields Brewing.



Lunch will be provided by FARM CREDIT OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA. THANKS FARM CREDIT!

