

Nature Trails of the Crystal River Preserve State Park


Aardvark's offers guide hikes led by Eco-Heritage Certified guides. The day hikes take from 2-4 hours depending on location and the itinerary can be set to include any of the following trails.

Eco-walk Trail is a 2.5-mile loop trail and has 11 Discovery Zones that offer Sensory Sensitivity tips to increase your outdoor skills. The trail begins in a wet prairie and travels along the swamp, edging a hammock. During the spring and fall, neo-tropical birds and hawks can be seen on their migration. Deer, turkey, and wading birds also frequent the area. The trailhead to the Eco-walk Trail is located at the intersection of North Tallahassee Road and Curtis Tool Road.

Ranch Trail is a 9 mile loop trail offering varied habitats from the Hardwood Hammock to Pinewoods and fringes a salt marsh.

Churchhouse Hammock Boardwalk and Path to the Past Trails. The Boardwalk Trail is 1/3 mile in length and is fully ADA accessible. It begins in an old Pinewoods that is slowly becoming a Mesic Hammock. Habitat restoration is underway to encourage the return of species such as the Longleaf Pine, gopher tortoise, and fox squirrel. The Path to the Past Trail is $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile long, looping off the Boardwalk Trail and winding slowly out to a sawgrass marsh. Florida's *karst limestone topography can be seen at the surface, demonstrating the unique geology feature that typifies where springs find their beginnings.

*Karst - An area of irregular limestone in which erosion has produced fissures, sinkholes, underground streams, and caverns.

 ADA Clivus Multrims are located at the Churchhouse Hammock Trail Head.



Cost is \$40 pp for public tours and \$60 pp for private tours. A 2 person minimum fee applies. 6% Sale Tax is applied. Call 352-795-5650 for Reservations.