



Celebrate with Mom or the other important women in your life this Mother's Day weekend with a leisurely stroll in the beautiful Florida sunshine at one of Pinellas County's remarkable destinations. Florida Botanical Gardens and Heritage Village in Largo offer acres of winding paths and blooming landscapes to delight nature lovers of the feminine sort. For those with a more adventuresome streak, Brooker Creek Preserve in Tarpon Springs and Weedon Island Preserve in St. Petersburg reveal the wilder side of Pinellas County.

To learn more about all the Pinellas County destinations, visit www.pinellascounty.org to plan the perfect Mother's Day celebration this weekend.

This Week – Saturday, May 9 and Sunday, May 10

- Try on costumes and experience some wonderful living history activities at Heritage Village at this *Mini-Camp for Grown-ups* from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. A *Basket Weaving Workshop* is also scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To learn more about costs and to register, go to www.pinellascounty.org/heritage or call (727) 582-2426.
- Enjoy an evocative photographic essay about the butterfly at Weedon Island Preserve on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. *This How a Butterfly Works: A Photo Essay* presents a collection of images that work together to tell an amazing story about what makes a butterfly, a butterfly. To register, call (727) 453-6500.
- Celebrate Migratory Bird Day by looking at the fascinating influence of birds in the diverse cultures of North America Saturday at 1 p.m. at Brooker Creek Preserve. From ancient pictographs to modern stories, birds have played an important role in the everyday lives of humans. To register, call (727) 453-6800.
- Learn how to prepare yourself and your home if we are impacted by a storm. On Saturday morning, a *Becoming Storm Savvy Information Session* is planned at Oldsmar Public Library. On Saturday afternoon, a *Hurricane 101 Information Session* is scheduled at Tarpon Springs Public Library. To learn more, check with your local library.

Next Weekend – Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17

- On Saturday at 1 p.m., take an entertaining and engaging look at the lives of dynamic dragonflies of the air. Discover how they travel, eat and make more dragonflies at a great, fun program at Brooker Creek Preserve.

- On Saturday, see what life in Florida was like in the 1860s for pioneers and soldiers during this fun annual event at the Heritage Village *Civil War Days featuring the 26th Annual Heritage Village Skirmish*. The fun begins at 10 a.m. and continues through 4 p.m.
- On Saturday morning, take a walk through time on a guided hike along the Brooker Creek Preserve Education Trail. Join in this walk, see how the land has changed over time and discuss the ecological footprints left by those changes.
- On Saturday, explore the outdoors and discover plants naturally found in wetlands and pine flatwoods at Chesnut Park in Palm Harbor.
- On Saturday and Sunday morning, come and enjoy the beauty of Ft. De Soto Park with a free one-hour nature walk great for the entire family. A different walk is planned for each day. Call the park for tour information and meeting locations. Registration required by calling (727) 582-2267.

Looking Ahead in Pinellas County

- Enjoy a guided hike at the new *History Mound Trail* at Weedon Island Preserve in St. Petersburg . Discover the prehistory of a shell mound as well as discuss colorful, recent history of the Preserve on Sunday, May 24. The hike is free.
- Spring has sprung and the time is right for working in the yard and starting a butterfly garden. Learn how to install a butterfly garden with your family helping out in the yard at Brooker Creek Preserve on Saturday, May 23.
- Explore the joys of container gardening with expert Pinellas County Master Gardeners at the West St. Petersburg Community Library on the St. Petersburg College campus Wednesday, May 27.
- Catch the fishing fever at a free *Family Fun Fishing Day* at Taylor Park in Largo. Poles and bait provided. Prizes for First Fish, Largest Fish and many other fun categories on Saturday, June 6.
- Join in the fun as Brooker Creek celebrates *National Trails Day®: Providing a Healthy Environment for People and Wildlife* and the role of the key people in the acquisition of the Wilde Tract for the preserve on Saturday, June 6. Take home ideas for living a more sustainable lifestyle. Activities include interpretive bus tours of the new Wilde Tract property, live music, guest speakers, demonstrations, interactive exhibits, a family trail scavenger hunt, food and drinks.
- Get the advice of local experts on your treasures at the *Antique Appraisal Fair* at Heritage Village in Largo on Saturday, June 13.