

**Hundred Acre Hollows, Inc - Protect/Restore/Engage**

**Sunset in the Hollows will be from 6 to 8 p.m. on July 7 and July 21.** Bring the family and some friends and enjoy a beautiful walk in nature. Make sure to bring a water bottle, and wear close-toed shoes and a hat.

We continue to work on our mission to “Protect the wildlife, Restore the habitat, and Engage the public.”

**Protect the Wildlife**: The threatened gopher tortoises and other animals that live here are thriving. One example is that the sandy apron of the baby gopher tortoise burrow near the pavilion is getting larger. The commensal species that live in the burrows have space to roam. There are numerous birds and hawks that fly in HAH. The native flowering plants in our gardens help the birds, butterflies, and bees. We are working to save our local ecosystem. The gates are locked because we need to be there when HAH is open to make sure the animals are protected.

**Restore the Habitat**: Part of restoring the habitat is trying to eradicate and manage invasive species. Brazilian Pepper trees surround the property and are growing in and around the basins. Tommy, a Boy Scout Eagle candidate, had a work morning on June 8 to cut down Brazilian Pepper trees. The northeast basin looks much better now, and other plants can grow where the trees were cut down. We are planting more native plants and trees to improve the land.

**Engage the Public: There will be a Special Event on July 21 at Sunset in the Hollows.** Space Coast Audubon Society’s “Audubon in Action” native plant garden will have a festive opening on July 21. The garden, which is in full bloom, now has bird baths, a bee hotel, a pavilion, and beautifully painted rain barrels. The event will begin at the Springs of Suntree clubhouse at 4:00 p.m. with I-Naturalist training. This is an App you can put on your phone to keep track of all kinds of wildlife and plants. People will walk to the Rock Springs entrance around 5:45 p.m. From there, it is a 10 minute walk to the garden in the southeast of HAH where the celebration will take place. You can also participate by meeting us at the gate at 6:00 p.m. For information about accessibility concerns, call 321-757-3637 or email the address below.

Please help keep Hundred Acre Hollows the green place we all want it to be! We are 2½ years into our 5 year lease with the county. We need your help to make sure we can keep making improvements to ensure the county will renew our lease. Please renew your membership or join HAH, Inc! **Annual Membership suggested donation**: Student/Teacher $10, Individual $15, Family $25. You can join online or checks can be sent to: Hundred Acre Hollows, Inc. 1170 Ida Way Melbourne, FL 32940. Our website link goes to PayPal which is a secure site. **Hundred Acre Hollows, Inc** is a 501c3 nonprofit foundation formed to be caretakers of 114 acres of Brevard County land in north Suntree. Please visit our website: [www.hundredacrehollows.org](http://www.hundredacrehollows.org) and our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HundredAcreHollows/> Our email address is: hundredacrehollows@gmail.com HUNDRED ACRE HOLLOWS, INC IS DULY REGISTERED WITH THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS REQUIRED BY ITS SOLICITATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS ACT. OUR REGISTRATION NUMBER IS CH52596. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE (800-435-7352) WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL, OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.