

Lake Barbara Boardwalk

A short stop at Lake Barbara Boardwalk will provide an opportunity to stretch your legs and enjoy a serene walk above the water. Lily pads are in bloom from midsummer through the fall.



Fire Tower

A historic “retired” forestry tower overlooks the Glendale Memorial Nature Preserve.



Gift Shop

A stop at the gift shop of Glendale Memorial Nature Preserve is the perfect finale to your tour. This building is built on “rustaphoric principles” to house various refreshments to cool your palate and “must-haves” to remind you of your tour! We hope you will find something that suits your tastes.



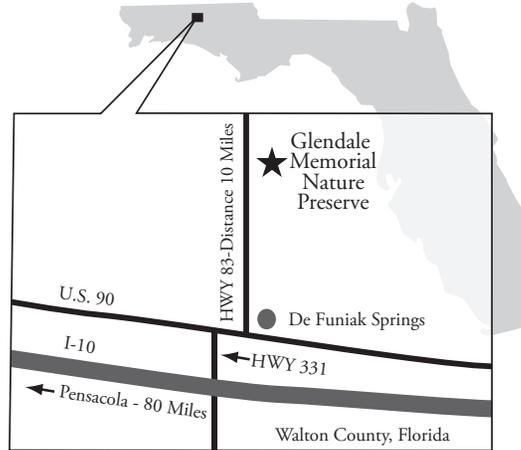
Tours for the General Public

Thursday - Sunday, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Extended hours by request. Tour groups of 15 or more, call ahead. The tour takes approximately 1.5 hours excluding time in the gift shop.

Requested Donation

\$10 per person (minimum 4 persons)

How to Get Here



GLENDALE MEMORIAL NATURE PRESERVE

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**Hayride Farm Tour
emphasizes local color
with a light touch
on protecting nature!**

“The caring mission of Glendale Memorial Nature Preserve is counterbalanced by whimsical recycling efforts and humorous banter to make the tour an unforgettable experience!”

GGH, Tour participant, '05

Glendale Memorial Nature Preserve Hayride Tour

Don't let the humor of this tour blind you to the serious mission behind the Glendale Memorial Nature Preserve. Here, like-minded individuals who care about our planet are dedicated to protect 350 acres of countryside from being spoiled by encroaching suburban development. Protected by law through a 501(c)(13) corporation, Glendale Memorial Nature Preserve is made up of pines, hardwoods, wetlands, clear-water creeks, broad fields, serene ponds, and rich earth. See how the growing of a specialty crop supports GMNP in celebrating the lives of individuals who have passed by providing a burial place in quiet, natural surroundings. The protective mission, creative recycling efforts, and humorous presentation make this a tour to remember!

Hayride



Our tractor-drawn hay wagon will protect you from the elements as you tour Glendale Memorial Nature Preserve (GMNP). You'll be seated upon clean, comfortable bales of oat straw, detested by critters and insects.

Flora and Fauna

GMNP is home to the endangered white-topped pitcher plant, gopher tortoises, and fox squirrels. Your tour guide will weave a rich fabric of entertainment and education about the plants and animals that show up.



Rustaphoria

In numerous places along the route, you will see artifacts of modern civilization, repurposed in useful and creative ways. Watch for "rustaphoric" creatures!



The Laura Moretz Wilkerson Bamboo Grove



De-stress in the calm, serene atmosphere of two square acres of 30-foot-high bamboo canes. Weather permitting, you may want to spend additional time in the grove after the main tour.

Sawmill

Old-time sawmill uses 100-year-old technology to turn trees into lumber. With luck, it may be in operation during your tour! The mill produces lumber for furniture, caskets, and specialty purposes.



Turpentine Collection Site

A demonstration of one of Florida's original industries called "naval stores." It's a sticky business!

Chufa Fields



Chufas are one of two specialty seed crops grown at the Glendale Memorial Nature Preserve to help support the enterprise. Discover why chufas make turkeys "get down and dirty"!

Green Burial Site

GMNP is home of the nation's second cemetery to return to the original tradition of inexpensive and ecologically sound burials (green cemetery). The park's beauty inspires all to ponder how they want their earthly remains to be returned to the nutritive cycles that perpetuate life.



Open-Air Chapel

A towering, sheltered space for funeral services, weddings, social gatherings, and other uplifting events.