

## Take a walk on the wild side... with a Master Gardener

Well, maybe not too wild, but you can take a leisurely walk along The **“Parks That Teach”** corridor of the *City of Punta Gorda Pathways*. Guided tours will be led by the University of Florida’s Master Gardener Volunteers, individuals who have completed an extensive



training course in gardening sponsored by the University of Florida. As you walk thru the pathway, you will view the unique ecosystems of the mangroves, identify trees and shrubs, and learn how these plants can fit into your home landscape. In addition, you will experience the habitats that support many different Florida creatures including alligators, wading birds, turtles, fish, raccoons, and crabs.

The Master Gardener Volunteer guides will introduce native and non-native Florida Friendly (good to plant) and invasive plants

(not good to plant) and the difference between each. Learn about the importance of the mangrove community, it’s value as a habitat and the support it provides as nursery grounds for fish, birds, crabs and other creatures as well as the ability of the mangroves to survive under low oxygen and saline environments.

Additional information and guided walks will be posted in the kiosk on the Parks That Teach corridor of the Punta Gorda Pathways at the Shreve Street and West Virginia Avenue crossing.

The Master Gardener Volunteer program is sponsored by the University of Florida. The Master Gardener Volunteers conducting these tours have had specialized training regarding the flora along the pathways. Each is excited to share this special walking adventure with you.



## All tours are free!

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday  
And  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
9:30 AM  
October-May

Tours depart from the Punta Gorda Library at 401 Shreve Street. Walkers may park in the library parking lot. Tour will last approximately one and a half hours. Please wear comfortable clothing & footwear.

Master Gardener Volunteers are happy to accommodate individual, bicycle, special groups or “doggie” groups wishing to schedule guided walks outside of regularly scheduled tours.

*Master Gardener Volunteers*  
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to schedule your group or  
for more information.



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# Parks That Teach

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