

Master Gardeners conduct FREE tours the first Friday and second Saturday each month starting at 9 AM. Tour sizes are limited to 12 people. Reservations must be made through the Master Gardener office (Monday - Friday, 9AM-4PM, 722-4524).

The tours will start at the parking area for the Observation Tower. The leisurely walking tour takes about two hours.

A portion of the tour is handicap accessible, but the remaining trails are not. The balance encounters some rough terrain.

The Master Gardeners= mission is to showcase the fantastic nature preserve and identify plants, wildlife and parts of this area. These ecosystems include salt marshes, beaches, lagoons, grass flats, mangrove swamps, hardwood hammocks and semi-upland wooded areas.

Tour participants should be able to identify many plants, insects and other species of wildlife after this free tour.

Emerson Point is located in Palmetto on the west end of Snead Island and is reached by going west on 10th Street. When you cross the bridge to the island, turn right on Tarpon Avenue, then left on 17th Street. This ends at the park.