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## Pitcherplant Prairies of Apalachicola National Forest, south of Sumatra, Florida - Thursday, May 20, 2010

**Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Civic Center.** Carpool caravan will depart for the Hosford school parking lot at **7:45 a.m.**

Or arrive on your own at the Hosford school in Hosford, Florida.

**Start time at field trip location: 8:30 a.m.** Meet at Hosford school parking lot. **(see map below)**

7:45-8:30 leave civic center -drive to Hosford

8:30 Meet at school parking lot in Hosford

8:45-9:30 drive to wet prairie site 9:30-11:30 hiking wet prairie site 11:30-12:15 drive back to Lake Talquin park for lunch

12:30-1:30 Lunch at pavilion

1:30-3:00 Lake Talquin Park walking tour

3:00-3:45 leave park and drive back to civic center

**End Time:** 4:00 p.m.

**Degree of Difficulty:** Moderate **Handicap access:** no

**Guide:** Dr. John Tobe, Botanist/Plant ecologist, ERC, Inc. Contact info:

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**Co-leader:** Gary Schultz, field botanist, Florida Natural Areas Inventory

**Description:** The wet prairies of the Apalachicola National Forest are floristically rich, flat landscapes shaped by fire, water and soils. Wiregrass, sedges and many other species, including insectivorous plants such as butterworts, sundews, pitcherplants and bladderworts, are components of these fascinating landscapes. Lake Talquin State Park has ravines and beech-magnolia forests, lake views and picnic pavilion, located 10 miles west of Tallahassee on State Road 20 on Jack Vause Landing Road.

**Entrance fees:** No charge in Apalachicola National Forest; \$3 per vehicle at Lake Talquin State Park – fee envelopes are located by park entrance – bring exact change.

**DON'T FORGET:** Water, sun screen, hat, insect repellent. Light, long-sleeved shirt and pants are recommended to protect against biting insects. You will likely get wet or at the minimum, muddy, depending on recent rainfall –water proof boots would be appropriate in wet prairies. Ravines at Lake Talquin State Park have dry foot trails – regular walking shoes are fine.

**Nearest Restrooms:** Hosford: use rest room at the gas stations in Hosford.

Nearest gas station if remote: Hosford, across street from school.

Cell phone reception: Intermittent during travel; not dependable.

**Contact number** for the day of the event: John Tobe 850-933-8107 mobile



