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## **Pitcherplant Prairies of Apalachicola National Forest, near 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)**

**End Time:** 2:30 p.m.

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

**Guide:** Guy Anglin, botanist. Contact info: qanglin@hughes.net

**Co-leader:** Patricia Stampe, amateur botanist and photographer

**Description:** After re-grouping at the Hosford school parking lot, we will head into the forest to visit a pitcher plant bog. The months of April and May are the best times to see these bogs at their prime and in bloom. These bogs contain more carnivorous plant species than anywhere else in the United States. We are likely to see numerous orchid species as well as wiregrass, sedges and many other species, including insectivorous plants such as butterworts, sundews, pitcher plants and bladderworts, which are components of these fascinating landscapes. After lunch, we will visit other habitats in the National Forest before heading back to Tallahassee at 2:30 pm to arrive at 4 pm.

**Entrance fees:** none

**DON'T FORGET:** Water, sun screen, hat, insect repellent. Light, long-sleeved shirt and long pants are recommended to protect against biting insects. You might get wet or at the minimum, muddy, depending on recent rainfall –wetable shoes or water proof boots would be appropriate.

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

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

Cell phone reception: Intermittent during travel; not dependable.

**Contact number** for the day of the event: Guy Anglin 850/694-0999 (cell).

**Hosford School Parking Lot:** Take highway 20 west from Tallahassee to Hosford, approximately 30 miles; at the junction of highway 20 and highway 65, turn south onto highway 65, look for the Hosford School which is located just to the left side of the highway (East side) less than 50 feet just south of the highway 20 junction. Turn left into Hosford school parking lot.

**GPS:** 30.388989, -84.797791 (these are the coordinates for the Hosford school meeting place)

See attached map:

<http://maps.google.com/maps?q=30.388887,-84.797673&num=1&t=h&sl=30.388425,-84.798403&ssp=0.012716,0.018818&gl=us&hl=en&ie=UTF8&ll=30.388425,-84.798403&spn=0.01342,0.019248&z=16>