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Tour of Native Yards, Tallahassee - Thursday, May 20, 2010

Meet at 8:15 a.m. at Civic Center parking lot (Registration is at Double Tree Hotel).

Carpool caravan will depart at **8:30 a.m.**

End Time: 12 noon

Degree of Difficulty: easy **Handicap access:** parts of gardens are accessible

Guide: Donna Legare and Jody Walthall, co-owners of Native Nurseries

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Description: Join the owners of Native Nurseries, Donna Legare and Jody Walthall, for a guided tour of three native or mostly native yards. The first two houses were built on forested lots and then planted extensively with more native plants over the years. We will see the properties of Richard Cantrell and Gail Sloan and Robin and Russ Frydenborg. Rick and Russ are planning to be home to guide us through their yards.

The third site is Donna and Jody's home in Betton Hills, an in-town location. When they purchased this house, it had nearly 100% traditional, non-native landscaping except for the large trees. This yard illustrates how to merge native plants with existing non-natives, gradually increasing the percentage of native plants each year. If time permits, we will end the tour at Native Nurseries to look at the mature native plantings on the grounds. Limited to 25.

Don't forget: Wear comfortable clothing, walking shoes or sneakers and a hat. Bring an umbrella or poncho if rain is forecast.

Restrooms: available at tour homes

Contact number for the day of the event: Jody Walthall 850-694-3245 cell