

NATL Visitor Information



PARKING

The two main parking areas for NATL are the UF Cultural Plaza parking lot (south of Hull Road, directly across from Southwest Recreation Center) and the Entomology & Nematology Department parking lot (surrounding the north end of the building). These parking lots are designated by a green "P" on the map.

Parking for these lots opens to the public at 3:30pm. If you have a UF Park & Ride permit or higher, you can park in these lots at any time (except for the east portion of the Entomology & Nematology Department parking lot, which requires a UF Orange parking permit).

Bike parking is available at Natural Area Park (black tree on the map) and the NATL pavillion (red star on the map).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Do not park a vehicle within the premises of NATL. This is reserved for authorized vehicles only and you may be subject to a parking ticket.

WHAT TO BRING

When visiting NATL, it is important to wear closed-toe shoes and long pants. These will make navigating the terrain much easier and help protect against poison ivy and thorny plants. Other recommended items include hats, sunscreen and insect repellent.

For volunteer events, the above items are an absolute must. The NATL TAs may have their own repellent on hand in case you forget, but it could be a limited amount, so be sure to bring your own!

Water and snacks will also typically be provided at these events. Unfortunately there are no bathrooms at NATL, but if you ask a TA they will be glad to direct you to either the Entomology & Nematology Department or the Florida Museum of Natural History to use their bathrooms.

MORE INFO

Additional information about NATL, including maps and nature trail descriptions, can be found on our website: **natl.ifas.ufl.edu**

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at: natl@ufl.edu

BUS INFO

There are eight bus routes that will bring you within close walking distance of NATL. They are grouped below based on where the bus drops off.

118: This route is the one taken most often by UF students. The dropoff point for this bus is located in the UF Cultural Plaza parking lot. Upon getting off the bus, walk south alongside the parking garage until you reach Natural Area Park (black tree on the map). From there, follow the wooden fenceline further south until you reach the pavillion (red star on the map).

1 and 12: These buses both drop off at the intersection of Archer Road and Surge Area Drive. You will see a blue sign that says "Surge Area" on the edge of Archer Road to let you know it is the right stop. From here, simply walk north along Surge Area Drive/Natural Area Drive until you see the pavilion on your left (red star on the map).

36 and 117: For these buses, exit at the last stop east of the Southwest Recreation Center. Walk south across Hull Road and continue south on Natural Area Drive until you reach the pavillion on your right (red star on the map).

20, 119 and 125: These buses drop off on Bledsoe Drive on the west side of Southwest Recreation Center. Upon getting off the bus, walk south across Hull Road and then head toward the bus dropoff for route 118. From there, walk south past Natural Area Park (black tree on the map) and follow the wooden fenceline further south until you reach the pavillion (red star on the map).

