



The GTM Research Reserve Environmental Education Center contains natural & cultural history exhibits, aquariums, an audiovisual theatre/auditorium, a laboratory and a nature store.

Outdoor recreational activities include a picnic pavilion, 10 miles of multiuse trails, 4 beach access points, fishing area and 2 small boat ramps.

Reservations are required for groups of 10 or more interested in visiting the GTM Research Reserve.

School Groups:

Minimum group size to reserve program: 10

Maximum group size: 45

Exhibit Hall Capacity: 25

Student/chaperone ratio: 10:1 required.

No fee for school groups with reservation.

Environmental Education Center admission:

\$2 per adult, \$1 per child (ages 10-17), free for children under age 10.

Open 9 am to 4 p.m. Closed state holidays.

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Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve Education Programs



The GTM Research Reserve's Environmental Education Center provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity for people of all ages to learn about the many functions of the coastal and estuarine ecosystem and the natural history of Northeast Florida.

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Public Programs

Environmental Education Center Open to the public 9am-4pm daily. Learn about the importance of the estuary and the Research Reserve's role in protecting our coastal resources. Examine live and replica estuary animals and plants. Other program components may include an informative 20-minute video about the Reserve, visiting the Nature Store for books, clothing and artwork by local artists. For groups of 10 or more tour guide may be available, ask at time of reservation.



Brown Bag Lunch Presentations

Bring your lunch to the Education Center on the first Friday of each month at noon for an informative presentation. A wide variety of topics are offered ranging from endangered species, to science, world travels, and more!

Nature walks or Photo Expeditions Enjoy a guided, exploratory walk through beautiful coastal habitats. Programs include bird walks, beach or upland habitat discovery walks and photography opportunities.



Family Programs Round up the family and bring them to the GTM Research Reserve! Hear a nature story and create a special nature craft, go on a behind the scenes tour or be a researcher for the day. Class offerings vary, so please call for a current schedule. Children must be accompanied by an adult. (one adult for every two children). **Reservations required.**

Guided Kayak Tours

Contact the Friends of the Reserve for dates and reservations by calling (904) 823-4527 or visit www.gtmnerr.org

School Programs (K-College)

All school programs are aligned with Sunshine State Standards. Reservations are required and an adult/student ratio of 10:1 is preferred. Teacher workshops may be required, please inquire for dates and requirements when making your reservation.

High School/College Watershed Studies Program

Teachers can choose from the following labs and activities:

- Water quality & seining field lab (required first visit)
- Marsh vegetation field lab & trail walk
- Oyster ecosystem & plankton diversity lab
- Beach profiling & sand characterization lab
- Exhibit hall scavenger hunt

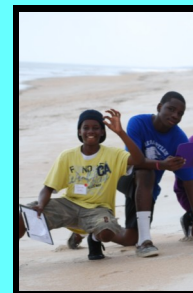


4th and 2nd Grade: Estuary Explorers Program

Learn about estuary food chains, life cycles and animal adaptations. Practice data recording skills while observing wildlife, explore the exhibit hall during an educational scavenger hunt and interact with live animals during this great program.

K through 8th grade Eco-Investigators Program

Investigate the plants and animal habitats of the Reserve on a trail or beach walk and scavenger hunt. You lead your group using our materials and training.



Adult & Community Outreach Programs

Teacher Workshops

Field and indoor activities to prepare teachers to bring classes to the GTM NERR and enhance student achievement in ocean & estuarine literacy. Teaching materials and in-service credits available. Topics and schedules vary, please see the website for more information.



The Coastal Training Program provides scientific information and skill-building opportunities to individuals who are responsible for making decisions that affect coastal resources. Through this program, the Reserve can ensure that decision-makers have the knowledge and tools needed to address critical resource management issues. Elected officials and professionals participate in workshops and activities to better understand how decisions today will affect our community tomorrow.



For more information please visit:
www.dep.state.fl.us/coastal/sites/gtm/default.htm
or our Friend's website at www.gtmnerr.org
For program reservations please call
904-823-4500.