



Two Tails Ranch & Kanapaha Gardens

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Williston & Gainesville, Florida

Citrus Hills Travel Itinerary

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Group Leader Information

Please be sure to save your Group Leader's contact information on your phone and prior to departure in case of an emergency or unforeseen situation. We also recommend that you secure a local emergency contact (friend, neighbor, etc.) in the event that someone needs to be reached on your behalf.

Your Group Leader is there to ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for everyone. While every effort will be made to follow the planned itinerary, adjustments may be made at the Group Leader's discretion if necessary. Any decisions will be made with the best interest of the group as a whole in mind. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we work to provide a safe and well-organized trip experience.

Bus Information

Please do not board the bus prior to checking in with your Group Leader. Plan to arrive with enough time to check in and get settled. We recommend allowing at least 10 minutes prior to departure.

Kindly use the restroom before boarding. Note that the Activity Center may *not* be open before the bus departs. A restroom is available on the bus for emergency use, if needed.

Seating on the bus is first come, first served. If you prefer to sit toward the front or with friends, you may wish to arrive early. Your selected seat will remain yours for the duration of the trip. Please note that the front seat directly behind the stairs is reserved for the Group Leader.

You are welcome to leave personal belongings on the bus, such as bags or small items. The driver will lock the vehicle while we are away.

If you've had a positive experience, gratuities for the driver are appreciated at the conclusion of our trip.

If You Are Running Late

If you anticipate being late, please notify your Group Leader immediately by calling or texting the number listed above. To ensure that we remain on schedule and honor our commitments to venues, attractions, and/or meal reservations throughout the day, the motorcoach must depart at the designated time. We regret that we cannot hold the bus for late arrivals and may have to leave without you.

What is included with my registration?

Registration includes roundtrip transportation aboard a motor coach, services of a professional Group Leader/Travel Guide, 1 ½ to 2-hour ranch tour at Two Tails Ranch, an option to hand feed the elephants, lunch on your own at Sister's Place, and admission to Kanapaha Botanical Gardens.

Mobility & Accessibility

Please note that this excursion involves a good amount of walking and standing throughout the day. Guests should be comfortable walking moderate distances over a variety of outdoor surfaces, including paved walkways, gravel paths, grass, and uneven terrain. While there will be opportunities to rest periodically, this trip may not be suitable for those with limited mobility or difficulty walking for extended periods. If you utilize a cane, walker, or other mobility aid, please

SCHEDULE

8:45 AM Depart Citrus Hills Activity Center

10:30 AM Arrive at Two Tails Ranch

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM Guided Tour of Two Tails Ranch

1:15 PM Depart for Lunch

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Lunch at Sister's Place

3:30 PM Arrive at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Explore the Gardens

5:00 PM Depart for Citrus Hills

6:15 PM Arrive Home

consider your comfort level carefully before registering. We encourage participants to assess their physical abilities and contact the Group Leader with any questions regarding accessibility.

What to Wear

Comfortable walking shoes are strongly recommended, as portions of this trip involve walking on outdoor pathways and garden trails. Dress comfortably and appropriately for the weather, as much of our time at both Two Tails Ranch and Kanapaha Botanical Gardens will be spent outdoors. We suggest wearing lightweight clothing, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat for added sun protection. You may also wish to bring a light jacket or sweater for the bus, as temperatures can vary.

What to Expect at Two Tails Ranch

Two Tails Ranch is one of the nation's premier elephant conservation and education facilities. During our guided tour, guests will learn about the history of the ranch, elephant behavior, training methods, daily care routines, and ongoing conservation efforts. The experience is educational in nature and offers a unique behind-the-scenes look at these remarkable animals.

In addition to the elephants, guests will have the opportunity to view several other animals that call the ranch home, including zebras, ring-tailed lemurs, tortoises, an ostrich, and an emu. Animal visibility may vary depending on the animals' activities and weather conditions.

As a special addition to our visit, we have included the opportunity for guests to hand-feed the elephants. This interactive experience is typically offered at an additional cost but has been included as part of our group tour. Participation is entirely optional.

The tour is conducted primarily outdoors and includes walking between viewing areas, so comfortable footwear, sun protection, and weather-appropriate attire are strongly recommended.

Lunch at Sister's Place

Following our visit to Two Tails Ranch, we will enjoy lunch at Sister's Place, a beloved local restaurant known for its Southern hospitality, homemade specialties, and charming small-town atmosphere. Lunch will be on your own, allowing you to order directly from the menu and enjoy a meal tailored to your preferences.

To help keep our group together and ensure efficient service, Sister's Place has reserved a dedicated dining area exclusively for our group. Whether you're in the mood for a fresh salad, sandwich, seafood, or one of their signature Southern comfort dishes, you'll find a variety of options to choose from. We've also heard from past travelers that the Cuban sandwich is particularly delicious and comes highly recommended!

What to Expect at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

Kanapaha is a 68-acre collection of themed gardens showcasing Florida's natural beauty and plant diversity. Guests will have approximately 90 minutes to explore the gardens at their own pace – a map of the gardens is on the third page of this itinerary for your convenience. In total, someone trying to see most of the property could easily walk 2–3 miles.

Highlights include bamboo groves, water gardens, native plant collections, and a variety of seasonal blooms. The gardens feature a network of walking paths that wind through both shaded and open areas, providing numerous opportunities for photography and quiet enjoyment. Restrooms and a gift shop are available on-site.

A Note of Appreciation

Thank you for choosing to travel with Citrus Hills! If you're interested in being among the first to hear about upcoming trips and travel opportunities, we would be happy to add you to our travel email list. Simply send a quick note to emily@citrushills.com, and you'll be included in future email announcements.

We also love seeing photos from your travels. If you capture special moments along the way, please feel free to share them with our Marketing Director, Lisa Malone, at lisa@citrushills.com. Your photos may even be featured in our Connections Newsletter or on our social media pages.

Thank you again for traveling with us, and we look forward to many more adventures together!

– Emily Will; Activities Director

