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March 23-29, 2023



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Tour Hand-Painted Murals Taking Shape at the Walldogs Dive into High Springs Mural and History Festival

Now through Sunday, March 26 | High Springs

Walldogs mural artists from across the country and around the world descend into High Springs for their annual gathering. After this weekend, 10 new murals will dot the High Springs landscape with themes of history and local culture. Take a self-guided tour throughout High Springs and enjoy a variety of scheduled events throughout the festival. Explore the Santa Fe River on a paddling trip, learn from freediving experts at Gilchrist Blue Springs State Park, try out the sport of disc golf under the lights, enjoy live music from the sinkhole stage, visit Poe Springs for a day of fun, meet cave divers and more. Learn more, view the event schedule, download a map and plan your visit online.



See One of the Most Popular Ballets of All Time as Dance Alive National Ballet Presents Swan Lake

**Saturday, March 25, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. | UF Phillips Center
3201 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611**

Follow the story of a prince's fiancée who is transformed into a swan by an evil sorcerer. Gorgeous choreography is paired with the timeless Tchaikovsky score. The 2 p.m. performance features principal dancers Carla Amancio and Gabriel Lopes. The 7:30 p.m. showing features guest artists from the Philadelphia Ballet, Oksana Maslova and Sterling Baca.

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Sample Brews and Meet Craft Beer Makers at the Hogtown Craft Beer Festival

**Saturday, March 25, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. | Cuscowilla Nature and Retreat Center
210 SE 134 Ave., Micanopy, FL 32667**

Stroll through Cuscowilla Nature and Retreat Center and visit with craft breweries and brew clubs. Over 100 brews are available to sample. Enjoy live music and food vendors including Monsta Lobsta, Cajun Knights, Strega Nona's Oven, Germain's Chicken Sandwich and Stubbies Pop-Up Sausages.



Get a Close-Up View of Historic Aircraft and Book a "Swamp Tour" Flight at Gator Fly-In and Armed Forces Appreciation Day

**Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | University Air Center
4701 NE 40th Terr., Gainesville, FL 32609**

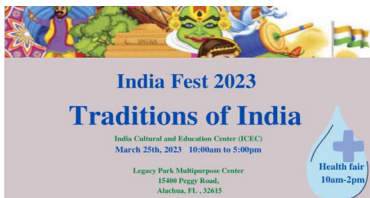
Enjoy a display of military and civilian aircraft, a car show from Gainesville Street Rods, kids activities, live music and food trucks. This year's event is dedicated to Gator Aviator Col. Joe Kittinger and features a "Flown West" ceremony with a squadron of T-6 Texan and T-34 Mentor aircraft. Admission is free.

For an additional fee, book a flight with "Warbird Rides" in a Beechcraft T-34B Mentor or "Swamp Tours" to Ben Hill Griffin Stadium and back in a Cessna 172 or Robinson R-44 helicopter.



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Celebrate Cultural Traditions at India Fest 2023

**Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Legacy Park Multipurpose Center
15400 Peggy Rd., Alachua, FL 32615**

Enjoy a day celebrating traditions of India with a display of fashion and jewelry, music and dance, and fun kids activities. Browse traditional clothing for sale including colorful sarees, lehengas and men's kurtas. Culinary offerings include onion pakora, hot chai, veg pulao, crispy dosa, samosas and more. Admission is free.



View Rare Animals at Carson Springs Wildlife Spring Safari Open House

**Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Carson Springs Wildlife
8528 E CR 225, Gainesville, FL 32609**

Roam on your own and meet over 100 animals. See big cat feeding demonstrations and a raptor flight show. Enjoy food trucks on-site.

Carson Springs is located on 275 acres of lush Florida woods and farmland providing a home environment to approximately 30 rare and endangered species. Voted TripAdvisor Traveler's Choice 2022, reviews from travelers placed Carson Springs Wildlife in the top 10 percent of attractions worldwide.

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Experience the Rise of "The Dreams" at the Opening Weekend of the Tony Award-Winning Broadway Musical Dreamgirls

Friday, March 24 – Sunday, April 16 | Gainesville Community Playhouse

A young female singing trio from Chicago get their big break at an amateur competition and attempt to make it in the entertainment business. Gospel, R&B, pop and disco provide a backdrop for the tumultuous rise to fame with themes of ambition, hope and betrayal. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Stroll Through a Park-Like Setting and Browse Fine Artists at the Thornebrook Spring Arts Festival

**Saturday, March 25 – Sunday, March 26, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Shoppes at Thornebrook
2441 NW 43 St., Gainesville, FL 32606**

View a display of art including painting, sculpture, photography, glass works, fiber arts, wood carvings, pottery, jewelry, and more. Enjoy additional shopping at boutiques and relax with dining options at restaurants throughout Thornebrook. Admission is free.



View Local Examples of Mid-Century Modern Architecture at Gainesville Modern Sacred Spaces Tour

Friday, March 24, 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Various Locations

Gainesville Modern's first Sacred Spaces Tour takes place on Saturday and highlights places of worship in Gainesville and High Springs from architects Bob Broward, Gordonn Dirk, Jim McGinley, Albert Wynn Howell, Harry Merritt, Jack Moore and Lester May. Tickets for the self-guided tour or VIP bus tour can be available online.

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