

Longleaf Academy: Groundcover Restoration G201

November 12-13, 2026

Little Ocmulgee State Park, McRae-Helena, GA
and
The Orianne Indigo Snake Preserve, Lumber City, GA

Thursday November 12, 2026 – Little Ocmulgee State Park

8:30 am – 9:00 am	Classroom open, coffee and refreshments
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Welcome and Introductions
9:30 am – 10:20 am	Determining Restoration Needs – <i>Joan Walker, US Forest Service (Ret.)</i>
10:20 am—10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 11:10 am	Longleaf Pine Communities – <i>Carol Denhof, The Longleaf Alliance</i>
11:10 am – 12:00 pm	Seed Sources for Longleaf Ecosystem Restoration – <i>Joan Walker, US Forest Service (Ret.)</i>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch provided
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Native Seed Collection and Storage – <i>Blake Adams, The Orianne Society</i>
2:00 pm – 2:50 pm	Project Spotlight: Coastal Groundcover Native Seed Nursery – <i>Amaya Bragg, GA DNR</i>
2:50 pm – 3:10 pm	Break
3:10 pm – 3:40 pm	Pollinator and Invertebrate Conservation – <i>Guest presenter</i>
3:40 pm – 4:30 pm	Management and Monitoring of Groundcover – <i>Carol Denhof, The Longleaf Alliance</i>
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Wrap up and brief for field day

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<i>8:30 am - 9:00 am</i>	<i>Gates open, gather at the Barn</i>
9:00 am – 9:30 am	Facility overview and plans for the day
9:30 am – 10:30 am	Donor Field - discussion on yearly timing a site for seed collection
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	Seed Collection Demo with Seed Cleaning Station
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch at the Barn
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Planting Demo – Grasslander demonstration, calibration functions, seed rates
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Restoration Area – conversed site to native longleaf ecosystem
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Wrap up Academy
	Travel home safely!

Longleaf Academy

Groundcover Restoration

Groundcover Restoration Academy will guide students through the principles and practices of restoring groundcover to longleaf pine systems during classroom lectures, demonstrations and field tours of “**longleaf restoration, from the ground up**”.



What You'll Learn



Planning considerations of groundcover restoration projects



Site preparation, planting, and groundcover establishment techniques



Regional groundcover restoration examples



Longleaf Pine and Sustainable Forest Management Practices

Where:

McRae-Helena,
Georgia

When:

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2026

Landowner &
Professional rates
available.



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Contact Karen@longleafalliance.org or (803) 607-5466 for information.

