

# 2009 Fall Events

## Hillsborough River State Park

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### Location

Hillsborough River State Park is located about nine miles north of Tampa and six miles south of Zephyrhills on US Highway 301.

The Fort Foster State Historic Site is located adjacent to Hillsborough River State Park on U.S. 301 North.

### More Information

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## 17th Annual Haunted Woods Event

Fri-Sat • October 23–24, 2009 • 6 – 10 PM

### Description:

Sponsored by the Hillsborough River State Park Preservation Society this event includes the Haunted Woods Trail, Coloring Contest, and Family Tram Ride (Tram runs Saturday Night ONLY!). Refreshments will be available by our parks concession. There will be a Costume Contest both nights. All ages - 6:00 pm - Prizes! It is a safe alternative to Trick-or-Treating! Bring the whole family and come walk through our Haunted Woods for a scary, fun time.

*Special Notice: Fort Foster Historic Site tours are cancelled Saturday–Sunday, October 24-25.*

**Fees:** Ages 6 and up \$5. Ages 5 and under Free!



## Fort Foster Reenactment and Living History Event

Fri-Sun • December 11–13, 2009 • 10 AM – 3 PM

### Description:

The Hillsborough River State Park would like to present a "Reenactment and Living History Event" at the Fort Foster State Historic Site. This special event is a living history reenactment featuring military, Seminole, and civilian reenactors, and craft demonstrations.

School Day—Friday 12/11. On-line school registration forms are available or by calling (813) 987-6870. The general public is also welcome on the 12/11, but no battle will be fought on this date. Admission is a \$2.00 donation per student (Teachers/Chaperones are Free).

Battle reenactment—On Saturday 12/12 and Sunday 12/13 there will be skirmishes after 1:00 pm, as the reenactor Seminoles try to burn the bridge and the reenactor soldiers defend it.

**Fees:** Ages 6 and up \$5. Ages 5 and under Free!



## Candlelight Tours of Fort Foster

Sat • December 12, 2009 • 7 – 9 PM

### Description:

Historic Fort Foster brings Christmas on the Florida Frontier to life! Guests follow a lantern-lit experience through the Fort, where they encounter living history scenarios. Soldiers far from home sing carols in the barracks. The officers and their guests enjoy a fine dinner in the Officers' Mess, while fiddle music and song enliven the program. Friendly Natives gather just outside the Fort's walls, exchanging gifts of furs, feathers, hides, and Native crafts for goods from traders and the military; the exchange is followed by Native drumming and dance. After their tour, guests enjoy hot spiced cider and holiday cookies, while living history interpreters mingle and interact.

**Fees:** Ages 6 and up \$5. Ages 5 and under Free!

