**DEP’s Stream Biological Assessment Methods Training**

**November 6, 2025**

**When:** Thursday, Nov. 6, 2025, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

**Where:** Bear Creek Educational Forest

Bear Creek Educational Center (lat/longs 30.476562, -84.625686)

 8125 Pat Thomas Parkway

Quincy, FL 32351

(Do not use location name, mapping programs will take you to forest office, not the education center)

**Directions:**

* From Interstate 10: Exit south onto Highway 267, go 4.8 miles. The entrance will be on your left.
* From Highway 20: Go north on Highway 267, go 7.5 miles. The entrance will be on your right.

**What to bring:** Chest waders, rain gear, clipboard with appropriate forms and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP, see table below), dipnet and brush (if you have them).

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| **Method** | **SOP** [**s**](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/sas/qa/62-160-drafts.htm)**ections (**[**click**](https://floridadep.gov/dear/quality-assurance/content/dep-sops) **to access most current SOP)** | **Form** [**(**](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/sas/qa/forms.htm)[**click**](https://floridadep.gov/dear/quality-assurance/content/dep-sops) **for current versions)** |
| Stream Condition Index (SCI) | SCI 1000 | None |
| Stream Habitat Assessment (HA) and Physical/Chemical forms Habitat Assessment Training LogStream Condition Index Training Log | FT 3000 and FT 3100 | FD 9000-03FD 9000-04FD 9000-05FD 9000-34FD 9000-35 |
| Rapid Periphyton Survey (RPS) | FS 7230 | FD 9000-25 |
| Linear Vegetation Survey (LVS) | FS 7320 | FD 9000-32 |

**Course Schedule (times may be approximate)**

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| **Time** | **Activity** | **Location** |
| 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Introduction and Overview | Bear Creek Education Center |
| 9:30-10:00 a.m. | Break and Field Preparation | - |
| 10:00-10:30 a.m. | Physical-Chemical Characterization  | Bear Creek |
| 10:30-11:45 a.m. | Habitat Assessment | Bear Creek |
| 11:45-1:00 p.m. | Lunch (We suggest you bring a lunch) | On your own |
| 1:00-2:30 p.m. | Field Prep and Stream Condition Index | Bear Creek |
| 2:30-3:30 p.m. | RPS and LVS | Bear Creek  |
| 3:30-3:45 p.m. | Break  | - |
| 3:45-4:15 p.m. | Habitat Assessment Examples  | Bear Creek Education Center |
| 4:15-4:30 p.m. | Evaluations and Wrap-Up | Bear Creek Education Center |
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