

## OUR NEW “SELF-GUIDED NATURE TRAIL”

On Saturday, Feb. 9, at 10AM, our monthly nature walk will coincide with the official opening of Victoria Gardens new “Self-Guided Nature Trail”. A brand-new booklet has been written by resident Naturalist, John Serrao, and printed by resident Garry Tiffany’s Independent Printing Company in Daytona Beach as a donation to Victoria Gardens. The booklet includes 24 separate stops along the one-mile loop-trail, beginning and ending at the Trail kiosk across Gardenshire Road from the Clubhouse.

Each numbered stop features one of the trail’s dominant plants, animals, or habitats, such as 7 different species of oaks, 2 pines, 4 Lyonias, prickly pear cactus, gopher tortoise burrow, pond vista/sandhill crane nest, and wetland, and provides interesting information on how to identify it and its importance in our natural

community. The booklet includes a full-color photo accompanying each of the 24 subjects, as well as a map showing the placement of the numbered wooden stakes in front of each stop along the trail.

These booklets will be available in the lucite container on the kiosk at the trailhead so that our residents can walk this easy trail through our beautiful South Preserve at their leisure and enjoy experiencing and learning about the diversity of plants and animals that live there. Please join our 2 Naturalists, Margaret Goldschneider and John Serrao for our “maiden walk” on Feb. 9.