

Cuscowilla Nature Center

Friends of Cuscowilla, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Florida, seeks to renovate and enhance the Educational Nature Center located at Cuscowilla Nature and Retreat Center (Cuscowilla). The Nature Center will serve as the focal point for nature education and experiential learning related to the Florida environment. The Nature Center will be used for environmental education by youth groups and environmental educators. The Nature Center is located the heart of a diverse ecosystem in Cuscowilla comprised of wetlands, upland forest, and a pond, creating an outdoor living laboratory. The Nature Center consists of a pavilion with bathrooms, a storage facility, primitive camping space, an outdoor cooking space, and nature trails.

Recommendation	Estimated Costs
Pavilion: 1. Pavilion power washed and screened with two sets of double doors. 2. Outdoor tables/chairs 10 tables/30 chairs 3. Two dry erase board on wheels 4. Two discovery carts	\$4,200 \$3,000 \$1,000 \$1,200
Two Bathrooms updated: 1. One bathroom meeting ADA,; other Unisex bathroom 2. New toilets/vanities in bathrooms 3. Ceiling added to bathrooms 4. New bathroom doors 5. Outdoor showers, water heater and purifier removed, outdoor faucet/sink added	\$12,000
Electrical upgraded to meet code for LED lighting 1. New lighting in bathrooms 2. Six outdoor commercial fans in the pavilion 3. Six outdoor six foot LED lights in the pavilion	\$500 \$1,800 \$2,000
Grounds surrounding the Nature Center will be cleared to re-introduce primitive camping sites and nature trails. 1. Portions of the Nature trails will be enhanced with appropriate ADA foundations. 2. Interpretive signage will be installed describing the different ecosystems. 3. Outdoor cooking facility will be refurbished 4. Pavilion will be made ADA accessible 5. Firepit will be added	\$5,000 \$4,500 \$400 \$1,200
Total Estimated Costs	\$36,800