



trail tales



Loxahatchee Chapter, Florida Trail Association

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CHAPTER MEETINGS

First Monday of every month

*Topics of interest to hikers,
outdoor enthusiasts and
naturists held at:*

OKEEHEELEE NATURE CENTER

Social 7:00 p.m.
Program 7:30 p.m.

*Located in Okechee Park on
Forest Hill Blvd. east of the
turnpike. Follow the main park
road for about a mile, turn left
at the Nature Center sign and
continue to the building.*

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Happy Hiking!!



New Bridge #4

In the last newsletter, we had a picture of the old bridge, literally falling in and an appeal to raise funds to rebuild it via \$5.00 planks. Well, You guys responded beyond the trail maintenance team's expectations. The money was raised, materials ordered and a new walkway has been constructed.



Photo by Duncan

Thanks to all of you who supported this needed effort.

Newsletter Presentation

Throughout the history of our chapter, this newsletter has been a regular feature and has long been edited and produced by Gail Irwin. A few months ago Gail retired from the editing phase. Additionally, a recent serious fall has caused her to give up the assembly and mailing phase as well. Many of you are aware that Shannon Moore agreed to take over the editing phase of the newsletter. While we work out details as how best to do the distribution phase, Shannon has agreed to take care of this. If you have an interest in helping with the assemble/mailing phase of the newsletter, drop Shannon an email at shanroy@bellsouth.net.

If you are not aware, the newsletter is also published online at our website (<http://loxfltrail.org>) where it's done in color.

Chapter Meetings & Events

Monthly Meeting

July

Program to be announced.

August

Program to be announced.

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Our activities program continues through the summer months.

Our regular monthly activities include monthly meeting with great programs: Hike in Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Hike in Apoxee, Walk in Okeeheliee Park, Walk in John Prince Park. plus a Walk in one of the natural areas. In addition to these Alan Lapotasky is leading some longer hikes (15 miles or so) at various locations. While most FTA Chapters shut down for the summer, we continue with our regular schedule, good turnouts and some new members. These continued activities throughout the year, PR from local media outlets, our Meetup presence, and support from the trail running community have resulted in 30% growth in membership during the last year. Thanks goes to all members for supporting and enjoying our robust and productive schedule.

Trail Report



Summer Trail Maintenance

We continue trail maintenance on a year round basis by doing early morning clip and walks in Corbett led by Paul Cummings. On a recent Saturday we did a short hike, all in water, to and through the "Hole in the Wall" where summer flowers, knee deep water and a light cool rain made for a fantastic morning on our beautiful trail.

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For Sale

A wide variety of slightly used hiking/camping gear for sale.

Call Paul - 561-963-9906

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Monthly Activity Calendar

July/August Description
Date

- 7/1 **JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK.** Walk 2 to 4 miles at your own pace. Perfect outing for beginning hikers. Breakfast afterward at TooJays. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
- 7/2 **HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK.** Meet at the front gate of the park at 8:00 a.m. Bring plenty of water for this 7 to 12 mile hike. Lunch afterward at the Dune Dog Café. Contact: Mary Miller, 561-213-2189. Public/Moderate.
- 7/3 **MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING.** Talk about your latest hiking adventures while you have refreshments at: 7:00 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Topic to be announced. Contact: Margaret Brabham, 561-324-3543. Public/Leisure.
- 7/8 **TRAIL MAINTENANCE.** Meet at 6:30 a.m. at the intersection of the Florida Trail and South Grade in the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area. We will clear the trails west of that area. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
- 7/15 **OKEEHEELEE PARK WALK.** Margaret leads a walk in this expansive park. Meet at Okeeheelee Park South, Hiking/biking Trails Parking lot. Walk then have breakfast at Pete's Place. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Margaret, 561-324-3543. Public/Leisure.
- 7/22 **HIKE ON THE APOXEE WILDERNESS TRAIL.** Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the trailhead for this semi-rigorous 9 mile hike in West Palm Beach's urban wilderness off Jog Rd. Plenty of water is a must. Contact: Joe Rosenberg, 561-859-1954. Public/Moderate.
- 7/23 **YAMATO SCRUB HIKE.** For south county hikers this area is located off Clint Moore Rd. Hike, then join fellow hikers for breakfast. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Alan Collins, 561-586-0486. Public/Leisure.
- 7/29 **EASY CLIP AND WALK IN OKEEHEELEE PARK.** Payback time in exchange for our use of the nature center meeting room. Meet in the center's parking lot at 7:30 a.m. Contact: Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
- 8/5 **JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK.** Stroll in the park for about one hour before heading out for breakfast at TooJays. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
- 8/6 **HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK.** This is a fairly rigorous outing (around 7 to 12 miles) in JDSP. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the front gate. Bring lots of water. Lunch at the Dune Dog Café afterward. Contact: Mary Miller, 561-213-2189. Public/Moderate.
- 8/7 **MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING.** Talk about your latest hiking adventures while you have refreshments at: 7:00 p.m. Program at 7:30 p.m. Topic to be announced. Contact: Margaret Brabham, 561-324-3543. Public/Leisure.
- 8/12 **TRAIL MAINTENANCE.** To be announced. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
- 8/19 **OKEEHEELEE PARK WALK.** Margaret leads a walk in this expansive park. Meet at Okeeheelee Park South, Hiking/biking Trails Parking lot. Walk then have breakfast at Pete's Place. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Margaret, 561-324-3543. Public/Leisure.
- 8/26 **HIKE ON THE APOXEE WILDERNESS TRAIL.** Joe Rosenberg will take you through Apoxee on an approximate 9 mile hike. 8:00 a.m. Plenty of water a must. Contact: 561-859-1954. Public/Moderate.
- 8/27 **FRENCHMAN'S FOREST STROLL.** Alan Collins will walk about an hour on trails that traverse shady pined areas off Prosperity Farms Rd. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: 561-586-0486. Public/Leisure.

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