



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 Okeehelée 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!!



Bridge #4 Replacement

After a number of years of continuous repairs, it's apparent that Bridge #4 must be replaced. This over 200 foot long boardwalk in Jonathan Dickinson State Park is essential to avoid knee deep water in the wet season on this section of the Ocean to Lake Hiking Trail.

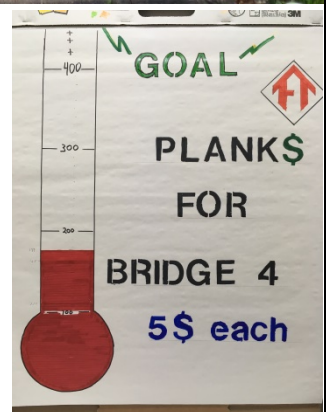
The estimate for materials on the new one is \$3000.00 Jeff Andrews, the section leader for the OTLHT in JD, has started a fund raiser to help defray the cost.

The chapter is currently accepting \$5.00 "plank" donations with a goal of raising funds for the materials. If you are interested in supporting this cause, please mail donations to:

**FTA Loxahatchee Chapter
PO Box 19393
West Palm Beach, FL 33416-9393**

Please indicate if you desire a donation receipt. FTA is a 501(c)3 association.

The graph to the right shows where we stood after our April Chapter Meeting.



Chapter Meetings & Events

Monthly Meeting

May

Program to be announced.

June

Program to be announced.

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Welcome

We have two new activities leaders who have stepped forward to help us out. Thank you goes to *Brynn (Reiner) Kramer* and *Ryan Lusk*.

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Play Ball

Join the Loxahatchee chapter of the Florida Trail Association for Dollar Nights of Baseball at Roger Dean Stadium in Abacoa, Jupiter! Tickets are one dollar and many concessions are too, like hotdogs and sodas. The home teams are the Jupiter Hammerheads and the Palm Beach Cardinals.

The dates are 4/20, 5/18, 6/15, 7/20, and 8/17. See our calendar for exact times. Or you can see the schedules at <http://rogerdeanstadium.com>.

We meet at the box office early and head in 15 minutes before game time.

J W Fenner

Trail Report from Fred Davis



As the 2016-17 trail maintenance seasons draws to a close I would like to thank all the volunteers that help make this season one of the best ever. Although we had some issues with the mowers the dry conditions allowed us to get the trails in excellent shape. Our work on the trails would not be possible without the support from Dean Drake and Bea Rogers who transported us and our mowers to and from the work sites. I must also recognize Jeff Andrews and Sylvia for organizing the very successful 3 day trail project in Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Jeff is setting a very high standard for what it means to be a section leader for all his work in JD. I should also mention that we continue to get great support from our land manager partners

Unfortunately the high winds from hurricane Matthew did major damage to our storage shed at Lainhart. However due to the leadership of Jeff Andrews and Bill Helfferich we repaired the shed and got it cleaned up and organized. We have talked about this for years but necessity made us do it.

Last week we did some repair work on the boardwalks in Loxahatchee Slough South and may tackle another boardwalk project in JD before it gets too hot.

We should be very proud of the work we do for the hiking public. This year we have had a significant increase use of the trails by day hikers, backpackers and trail runners and received many expressions of thanks for our work.

As the Loxahatchee Chapter Trail Coordinator I greatly appreciate all dedication of the volunteer workers.

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Monthly Activity Calendar

May/June

Date Description

- 5/1 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.
- 5/6 JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK. Stroll in the park for 2 to 4 miles before heading out for breakfast at TooJays. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
- 5/7 HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK. Bring plenty of water for this 7 to 12 mile hike. Meet at the front gate of the park at 8:00 a.m. Lunch afterward at the Dune Dog Café. Contact: Mary Miller, 561- 213-2189. Public/Moderate.
- 5/13 TRAIL MAINTENANCE. 6:30 AM. Meet at intersection of hiking trail and road seven We will clip and walk to the west. (enter from the north) Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906
- 5/14 MOTHER'S DAY WALK Meet 9 AM at the gate to Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906 Public/Leisure.
- 5/18 DOLLAR NIGHT OF BASEBALL. Join other chapter members & friends for Dollar night at Roger Dean Stadium in Abacoa, Jupiter! Meet at the box office early, before 6:15pm, to buy \$1 ticket, head in, and get seated. Game time, 6:30pm. Contact John Fenner johnwf001@yahoo.com or 586-350-3235
- 5/20 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.
- 5/27 HIKE IN APOXEE. Take a 9 mile hike in West Palm Beach's urban wilderness off Jog Rd. 8:00 a.m. Bring plenty of water. Contact: Joe Rosenberg, 561-859-1954. Public/Moderate.
- 5/28 JUPITER RIDGE NATURAL AREA HIKE Alan Collins will take you down a path to a small beach and will circle around on natural trails to the beginning point. Walk about 4 miles. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: 561-586-0486. Public/Leisure.
- 6/3 JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK. Stroll in the park for 2 to 4 miles before heading out for breakfast at TooJays. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
- 6/4 HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK. Bring plenty of water for this 7 to 12 mile hike. Meet at the front gate of the park at 8:00 a.m. Lunch afterward at the Dune Dog Café. Contact: Mary Miller, 561- 213-2189. Public/Moderate.
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- 6/18 FATHER'S DAY Walk 7 AM, meet at Green Cay Wetlands for an early morning bird walk. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906 Public/Leisure.
- 6/24 HIKE IN APOXEE. Take a 9 mile hike in West Palm Beach's urban wilderness off Jog Rd. 8:00 a.m. Bring plenty of water. Contact: Joe Rosenberg, 561-859-1954. Public/Moderate.
- 6/25 SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY GREENWAY TRAIL SYSTEM HIKE. These trails include a large rookery that harbors thousands of native birds. Alan Collins will lead a 4-5 mile hike beginning at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: 561-586-0486. Public/Leisure.

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