



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!!



Pantano Trail Dedication

By Dean Drake

A dedication of the newly completed portion of the Pantano multi-use trail was held at nine o'clock on Tuesday, August 5, in Riverbend Park. It was a beautiful, sunny morning. County Commissioner Hal Valeche led the ceremony. Other speakers were the director of the county Department of Environmental Resources Management, an official from Metropolitan Planning, and Susan Kennedy, an official with the state Greenways and Trails Commission. Susan is also very active in the Northeast Everglades Trails Association (NETA) group in Jupiter Farms.

A good crowd was there representing the non-motorized, outdoor recreational public as well as officials with South Florida Water Management District and various county departments. Roy Moore and I accounted for the Loxahatchee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association representation. *(continued on Page 2)*

The clip and walk group poses in the Corbett Wildlife Management Area in July. It was an excellent day to be swamp tromping with summer wildflowers in full bloom.



Chapter Meetings & Events

Monthly Meeting

September 1

Program:
Audience Participation -Talk About Your Experiences in the Outdoors

Remember, it's Labor Day and we meet in the nature center's outdoor screen room for an ice cream social. Bring a quart of your favorite ice cream.



October 6

Program:
Eliot Kleinburg Talks About Palm Beach County History

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The Pantano Trail is an official trail in the county's Northeast Everglades Natural Area (NENA) project, and when complete, will follow the west bank of the C-18 canal and the north bank of the C-18 West leg from this location to the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area.

The county improves the treadway along the canal bank and puts in sheltered rest areas on these official multi-use trails. #

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything. – Mark Twain

Solid Waste Authority Walk

By Alan Collins

Many people would wonder and say, "Who would want to walk at the solid waste site. It sounds terrible. Oh, the odor!" However it is perhaps one of the most attractive walks in Palm Beach County. "There is no smell!"

Let me take you around the trail. You can enter on Jog Road either at the administration building or at Jog Road and 45th St. The walk from the administration building is the nicest.

We start behind the building on the Malachite Trail (malachite is a species of butterfly often considered as one of the prettiest in South Florida). The trail is shaded and very old Florida, and very beautiful.

We leave Malachite and go on the loop Trail where we have access to Grassy Waters and also a nice lake. After a few miles we come to the Dragonfly Trail which like the Malachite, is old Florida and extremely picturesque.

We then come out of the trail where we can see the SWA building, but no smell. We then walk up to the Owahee Trail (a berm trail) which goes along the canal. On our side is the SWA and on the other side is Grassy Waters. We walk until we come to the Malachite, then take that back to the administration building.

The walk was three and a half to four miles long. Ten of us enjoyed the hike and expressed pleasure. Nine of us gathered together afterward for a sumptuous breakfast at Denny's. #

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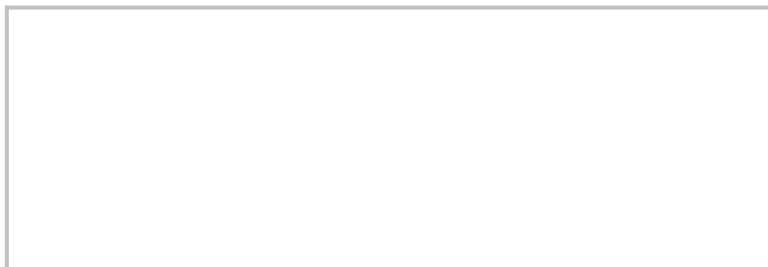
≡ Monthly Activity Calendar ≡

September/October

Date	Description
9/1	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING. Ice cream social: 7:00 p.m. Program: 7:30 p.m. Meet in the nature center's outdoor screen room. Talk about your own experiences in the outdoors. Contact: Sherry Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
9/6	JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK. A spirited one-hour walk will get your appetite up for breakfast at Toojay's afterward. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
9/7	HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK. Start off your day with a hike in JDSP. Then eat at the Dune Dog Café afterward. Two full bottles of water is a must. Meet at the front gate at 8:00 a.m. Contact: Mary Miller, 561-391-7942. Public/Moderate.
9/13	TRAIL MAINTENANCE. To be announced. Contact: Fred Davis, 561-585-6386. Public/Leisure-Moderate.
9/20	OKEEHHEELLEE PARK ADVENTURE. Take a leisurely stroll in the park – always a new route, always a new adventure. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: Daisy Palmer, 561-439-5780. Public/Leisure
9/21	WALK THE RAFAEL SANCHEZ TRAIL. Located in Port Mayaca. Meet at the new Pete's Place at 1760 N. Jog Rd - SE corner of Jog and Okeechobee at 6:30 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure-Moderate.
9/27	HIKE IN APOXEE. Join Joe Rosenberg at 8:00 a.m. for an approximate 9-mile hike through urban wet prairies and tropical hammocks. Bring plenty of water. Contact: 561-859-1954. Public/Moderate
9/28	FRENCHMAN'S FOREST WALK. Enjoy this beautiful natural area containing seven Florida native ecosystems off Prosperity Farm Road. Nice and shady. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: Alan Collins, 561-586-0486; Cell 954-681-2100. Public/Leisure.
10/4	JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK. Choose the length and speed of your walk in the company of your hiking buddies. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward at Toojay's. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
10/5	HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK. Gather at the front gate at 8:00 a.m. Bring two full bottles of water to keep hydrated. Lunch afterward. Contact: Mary Miller, 561-391-7942. Public/Moderate.
10/6	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING. Social w/refreshments: 7:00 p.m. Program: 7:30 p.m. Eliot Kleinberg talks about Palm Beach County History. Contact: Sherry Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
10/11	TRAIL MAINTENANCE. To be announced. Contact: Fred Davis, 561-585-6386. Public/Leisure-Moderate.
10/18	OKEEHHEELLEE PARK WALK. Hike around 4 miles in the park that's the best-kept secret in Palm Beach County. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: Daisy Palmer, 561-439-5780. Public/Leisure.
10/19	GREEN CAY WETLANDS STROLL. View the birds as you take a walk on the boardwalk. 7:00 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: Sherry Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
10/25	HIKE IN APOXEE. Join Joe Rosenberg at 8:00 a.m. for an approximate 9-mile hike to enjoy this beautiful wilderness area. Plenty of water is a must. Contact: 561-859-1954. Public/Moderate.
10/26	SEACREST SCRUB & HIGH RIDGE HIKE Walk through these scrub and scrubby flatwoods in Boynton Beach which support a large population of gopher tortoises. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: Alan Collins, 561-586-0486; Cell 954-681-2100. Public/Leisure.

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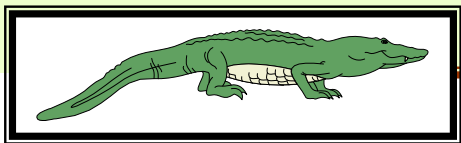
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SPECIAL NOTICE (PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD)

THE 2014 BIG “O” HIKE IS CANCELLED

Due to half of the Lake Okeechobee Section of the Florida National Scenic Trail being closed to the public through this November, the 23rd Annual Big “O” Hike will be tentatively rescheduled for November 2015, pending the reopening of some of the trail.



For chapter information go to
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