



# 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:*

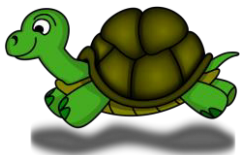
September program by  
Jeff Andrews.

### OKEEHHEELLEE NATURE CENTER

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

*Located in Okeehheellee 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!!**

### Upcoming Events:

#### Big "O"

Join us for another six days of hiking on the dikes of Lake Okeechobee on November 19<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>. Our home base once again being the KOA Kampground in Okeechobee. Look for details and application on our website at <http://www.loxfltrail.org>. This information should be posted by mid September.

#### Regional Conference

Set aside the weekend of October 13th to 15th and attend the regional conference. It's within driving distance and provides a great opportunity to meet our hiking friends from other chapters. The theme of this conference is the Kissimmee River Restoration and the FNST. Join us for an amazing array of speakers and events with camping at the newly built Lassiter building. RV and tent camping, meals and entertainment are offered. All events at [Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation](#)

8501 Southeast Boy Scout Road, Tequesta, FL



## Trail Report

### JDSP Trail Maintenance Weekend

*Join us on October 7th and 8th for a great weekend in Jonathan Dickinson State Park.*

- **Free camping**
- **Free food**
- **Social hour**
- **Campfire fun**

When: October 7th and 8th, 7:30AM to 4:30PM.

Where: Eagle's View Equestrian Camp, Jonathan Dickinson State Park.

Who: Loxahatchee Chapter, Florida Trail Association and Friends

All we ask is that you put on your working gloves for a few hours to help us maintain the hiking trails we love so much. Mow, clip, or paint blazes on some of our favorite hiking trails. The camp even has showers and flush toilets. We will provide trail snack lunches, Saturday dinner, and Sunday breakfast.

RSVP to Jeff Andrews at [jeff4sail@mac.com](mailto:jeff4sail@mac.com) for a registration form and additional information.



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FLORIDA TRAIL ASSOCIATION  
**South Regional Conference October 13 -15, 2017**



Location: **Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation**, Boy Scouts of America Gulfstream Council

501 SE Boy Scout Rd., Tequesta FL 33469 website: [www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/tanahkeeta](http://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/tanahkeeta)

Directions: From I-95 – Exit # 87 EAST (SR 706) travel ~ ½ mile to first traffic signal, turn Left on Island Way, follow Island Way to Country Club Dr., turn Left, ½ mile to Tanah Keeta. From FL Turnpike: Exit # 116 (SR706) Indiantown Rd., Jupiter- travel EAST ~3/4 mile to first traffic signal, turn Left on Island Way and follow above directions **From US #1** At Tequesta Dr. Tequesta, travel west ~ 2 miles to Country Club Rd, turn right follow Country Club Dr.~2.7 miles until you arrive at Tanah Keeta

**Theme: Kissimmee River Restoration and the FNST  
 REGISTRATION FORM**

Names of Adults: Please, please print clearly  
 (As to appear on Name Tags) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names and Ages of Children: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mailing Address/ City/St/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (Best # to contact you) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ First Conference? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE:** (9 and under free) Number over the age of 9 \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS:**

**RV** (no hookups/ or dump station) \$10.00 per night: Number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Tent camping** \$10.00 per night: Number of nights \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

To preserve the integrity of the sugar sand “roads” leading to campsites, we are asked to walk to sites, carry-all carts provided for gear. Once registered, you may drive your car closer to drop-off area

**MEALS:**

**Friday dinner POTLUCK, bring your specialty to share with everyone**

Saturday breakfast: Number \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Sausage gravy and biscuits, scrambled eggs cheese grits, orange juice, coffee, water)  
 Saturday lunch: Number \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (6” sub – either ham or turkey, chips, granola bar, apple)  
 Saturday dinner: Number \_\_\_\_\_ x \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Spaghetti and meatballs or vegetarian sauce, garlic bread, Caesar salad, Italian ice)  
 Sunday breakfast: Number \_\_\_\_\_ x \$7.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Scrambled eggs, bacon, biscuit, orange juice, coffee, water)

**COMMERATIVE TEE SHIRTS - White, Long-Sleeve Cotton**

Indicate Number you wish to purchase @ \$16.00 Sm \_\_\_ Med \_\_\_ Lg \_\_\_ X-Lg \_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** Include Registration Fees, Camping Fees, Meals, and Tee Shirts **Total** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: Fees for Registration, Overnight Accommodations, & Meals - September 15, 2017** Mail Registration form

with check made payable to FTA, Tropical Trekkers to Jeanne Couillard, 8556 SE May Ter., Hobe Sound, FL 33455 -

- Additional information call or email Jeanne: 772-485-8333 email: [jsc7@bellsouth.net](mailto:jsc7@bellsouth.net)

\*\*\*\* **We encourage you to bring your personal water bottle/insulated cup; hiking poles for a fantastic hike; folding chair(s) for campfire; and binoculars for stargazing.** \*\*\*\*

***THEME: KISSIMMEE RIVER RESTORATION AND THE FNST***  
**WEEKEND SCHEDULE**

**Friday, October 13th**

- 3:00 p.m. Registration Opens
- 3:00 - 9:00p.m. --- WazNu and Raffle items to Tanah Keeta Dining Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Social Hour- Lassiter Building porch, west side - No Alcohol Allowed
- 6:00 p.m. **DINNER**
- 8:30 p.m. Stargazing with Jim Kimball
- 9:00 p.m. Registration Closes, for the night

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:30 a.m. Coffee is Ready-- Lassiter Building Porch, west side
- 7:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST** – Dining Hall
- 8:00 a.m. to Noon - Registration Open
- 8:00 a.m. to Noon --- WazNu and Raffle items delivered to Dining Hall  
**All WazNu Items must be picked up by 5:00 p.m.**
- 9:00 a.m. Boy Scouts - Welcome to Tanah Keeta & Eagle Projects, How To Involve Scouts  
Dave Sunderman, Vice President of Programs, Gulf Stream Council
- 10:00 a.m. “Kissimmee River Restoration” Loisa Kerwin, Director Riverwoods Field Lab  
Asst. Director Florida Center for Environmental Studies at FAU
- 11:00a.m. The Florida Trail, From Big Cypress through Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park  
Sandra Friend, Hiker, Author, and Lover of the FNST
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK** Take a break, enjoy the camp, and/or take a nap
- 2:00 p.m. “The Effects of the Water to the South and the Trail”, Lawrence Glenn, Administrator,  
Lake and River Ecosystems, South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD)
- 3:00 p.m. A Conversation with Dean Prescott, Okeechobee Rancher/Landowner along the  
Kissimmee River, his history of the land and the river, including the FNST along his property
- 4:00 p.m. The Volunteer and the FTA  
Alex Stigliano, FTA Trail Program Director
- 5:00 p.m. Social Hour -- Lassiter Building Porch, west side - OR - Take a walk along the Mike  
Machek Trail to Grass Lake Boardwalk Gather at Registration Pavilion
- 6:00 p.m. **DINNER** –Dining Hall - Raffle Drawing After Dinner
- 7:30 p.m. Campfire – Storytellers, Maggie Hurchalla and Carol Herzog

**Sunday, October 15th**

- 6:30 a.m. Coffee is Ready -- Lassiter Building Porch, west side
- 7:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST** – Dining Hall
- 8:30 a.m. Closing Ceremony –Happy Hoofers, next SRC Hosts  
Between Lassiter Bldg. and Welcome Pavilion
- 9:00 a.m. Mike Machek Trail Walk with Audrey Minnis, Hiker Extraordinaire - 5 mile hike through  
a variety of habitats within Tanah Keeta – Plan to get your feet wet. This walk will  
take approximately 3 hours - moderate difficulty.

# ≡ Monthly Activity Calendar ≡

## September/October

<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>
9/2	<b>JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK.</b> Take a slow stroll or pick up speed as you choose your own hiking pace. One hour hike then it's off to breakfast at TooJays. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
9/3	<b>HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK.</b> Enjoy this very popular hike of 7 to 12 miles. Meet at the front gate of the park at 8:00 a.m. Bring plenty of water. Lunch afterward at the Dune Dog Café. Contact: Mary Miller, 561-213-2189. Public/Moderate.
9/4	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING. We will meet inside at the Okeehetee Nature Center. Social 7:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.</b> Program this month presented by Jeff Andrews. Contact: Margaret Brabham, 561-324-3543. (For those who want to honor our old tradition, you are welcome to bring ice cream and/or fixings to share.) Public/Leisure.
9/9	<b>TRAIL MAINTENANCE.</b> 6:00 a.m. Meet at the southern entrance to the Corbett area to do A little trail clearing on the Tomato Field loop. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906.
9/16	<b>OKEEHETEE PARK WALK.</b> Walk 4 miles then have breakfast afterward. Meet at Okeehetee south parking lot (turn south off Forest Hill Blvd). 7:30 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
9/23	<b>HIKE ON THE APOXEE WILDERNESS TRAIL.</b> Joe Rosenberg will lead you on a semi-rigorous 9-mile hike in West Palm Beach's urban wilderness. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the trailhead. Plenty of water is a must. Contact: 561-859-1954. Public/Moderate.
9/24	<b>SEACREST SCRUB AND HIGH RIDGE SCRUB NATURAL AREAS HIKE.</b> Walk about an hour in these two scrub and scrubby flatwood areas in Boynton Beach. Then join fellow hikers for breakfast. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Alan Collins, 561-586-0486. Public/Leisure.
9/30	<b>EASY CLIP AND WALK.</b> Join Paul Cummings for a little trail maintenance in Okeehetee Park. Meet at the nature center at 7:30 a.m. Contact: 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
10/2	<b>MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING.</b> Catch up with fellow hikers as you talk of your recent hiking adventures. Social: 7:00 p.m., Program at 7:30 p.m. Topic to be announced. Contact: Margaret Brabham, 561-324-3543. Public/Leisure.
10/7	<b>JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK.</b> Enjoy your surroundings as you 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.
10/7-8	<b>JDSP TRAIL MAINTENANCE WEEKEND</b> Contact: Jeff Andrews ( <a href="mailto:jeff4sail@mac.com">jeff4sail@mac.com</a> ) for more info.
10/8	<b>HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK.</b> This is a fairly rigorous outing (around 7 to 12 miles). Meet at the front gate at JDSP at 8:00 a.m. Bring lots of water. Lunch at the Dune Dog Café afterward. Contact: Mary Miller, 561-213-2189. Public/Moderate.
10/13-15	<b>REGIONAL CONFERENCE</b> Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, 8500 Southeast Boy Scout Road, near Tequesta.
10/21	<b>OKEEHETEE PARK WALK.</b> Hike around 4 miles in this popular park. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at the parking lot near the western entrance to the park. Breakfast afterward at Pete's Place. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
10/28	<b>HIKE ON THE APOXEE WILDERNESS TRAIL.</b> You'll be walking through wet prairies and tropical hammocks in West Palm Beach's water catchment area. The 9-mile hike begins at 8:00 a.m. Plenty of water a must. Contact: Joe Rosenberg, 561-859-1954. Public/Moderate.
10/29	<b>GRASSY WATERS HIKES.</b> Alan Collins will walk about an hour on two separate trails: Eagle Trail and Hog Haven Trail off Northlake Blvd. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: 561-586-0486. Public/Leisure.

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