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CHAPTER MEETINGS

First Monday of every month
Social 7:00 p.m.; Program 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 7 - Sara Ayers-Rigsby see col.2

Feb. 4 - TBA

OKEEHEELEE NATURE CENTER

Located in Okeehetee 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

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Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area presented by Sara Ayers-Rigsby

Sara Ayers-Rigsby is the Southeast/Southwest Regional Director for the Florida Public Archaeology Network. She specializes in cultural resources management and historic preservation. Sara earned her MA in Archaeology for Screen Media from the University of Bristol, UK, and her BA in Classical Archaeology from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland. She is certified as a member of the Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA). Prior to beginning her director role she spent 10 years working as an archaeologist throughout the United States, with a regional focus on the archaeological of the southeast and Mid Atlantic.

Sara will speak at our January Loxahatchee chapter meeting on the Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area. Fisheating Creek is home to the Fort Center Archaeological Site, a series of mounds, circular ditches and constructed ponds occupied by indigenous groups from before 450 to European Contact. The site is similar to a modern city, with areas for residences and ritual use. The site was used again during the Seminole War. In her talk on January 7th, she will explore the fascinating history of the site.

On Sunday, Jan. 27 there will be a hike to the publicly accesible parts of the site including the moat, pictured above. The photo was taken following Hurricane Irma in 2017. Jeff Andrews, [561-310-5960](tel:561-310-5960), will be coordinating the hike. Bring water and be prepared for a 5 mile wilderness trek of moderate difficulty. Please contact Jeff to register to hike.

Bea's New Years Day Hike



New Year's Day is just around the corner. Celebrate it twice with Bea Roger's hike in the morning and the chapter meeting in the evening. Bea has been leading a hike on New Year's Day for 22 years. This year, the hike will be moved to a new location in order to keep it on mostly dry trail. The complete information is on Meetup but the hike will begin at the east trailhead to the Cypress Creek Natural Area 10035 W. Indiantown Road, Jupiter, FL. The location is on the north side of Indiantown Road, just a few hundred feet west of the Jupiter Farms Road traffic signal. Hiking begins at 8:00 am so be there by 7:45 to get signed in.

This hike is designed for all of you to have a great time with options varying from two to eleven miles. Hikers will enjoy some of the Cypress Creek trail and then connect to the Ocean to Lake Hiking trail. They will be able to see the cabin where we store our equipment for

trail maintenance. Those on the longer route will cross BZ's Creek on the fairly new bridge, enjoy great views of the Loxahatchee river, complete with old Cypress trees and knees and then go on to Cypress Creek bridge where they will turn and return. This will be a great opportunity to start the year with friends, celebrate Bea's 24 year leading the group, and enjoy some of our prettiest trail.

Big "O" Roundup by Roy Moore

Great weather and friendship combined to make the 27th Big "O" a wonderful week. Highlights included the Gordon family from North Carolina and NE Florida showing up again; brothers, cousins, nephews, wives make this a unique family reunion. It included the Johnson family of grandparents and grandkids coming for the third year and looking forward to more family and more days next year. Scott Lunsford and Suzanne Niemann filled the sweep roles. A great dinner at KOA with participants bringing a side dish while KOA management provided the basics; turkey, ham, potatoes, dressing, gravy and rolls. We had a fabulous evening hosted by hiker Terri Coule (daughter of our own Daisy Palmer). The talent show featured music by Ginny Detzner, Shira (Laura Levene's daughter) and friend Ray. Jeff and Sarah Fisher were there for all the hikes as was Laura Levene. As usual blisters limited time on the dikes for some but it was a great week. My special thanks to Shannon who is stepping aside after five years of serving as the "do-everything person." The Big "O" will go on but it won't be quite the same without the lady in the pink hat.



Woodland Cemetery Tour

We have reserved space for a tour of the Historic Cemetery Jan 18th at 7PM . If you are interested, contact Paul Cummings so he can confirm the number of attendees. cummingsps@att.net or 561-596-4423

Chapter Activities for Jan/Feb

All these activities are open to the public unless noted.

Date	Event	Location	Diff	Time	Leader	Notes
1/1	Hike	Cypress Crk Nat Area E Ent N Side Indiantown Rd.	Mod	7:45A	Bea Rogers 561-644-0777	Join us for Bea's annual NY day hike. Varying routes 2 to 12 miles.
1/5	Walk	John Prince Park, W Ent	Mod	7:15A	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Exercise for 1 hr, then brkfst at TooJays
1/6	Hike	JD State Park	Mod-Stren	8:00A	Mary Miller 561-213-2189	Bring 2 liters water. Lunch at Dune Dogs following hike
1/7	ChaptMtg	Okeeheelee Nature Ctr	NA	7:00P	Roy Moore 561-422-2189	Presentation on Fish Eating Creek by archeologist Sara Ayers Rigsby
1/12	Trail_Maint	To be determined	Mod	8:00A	Fred Davis 561-779-0273	Recommend long sleeves and long pants plus snack and water
1/13	Walk	Green Cay Bird Walk 12800 Hagen Ranch Rd	Leisure	7:00A	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Breakfast after
1/18	Walk	1301 South Dixie Hwy, WPB	Leisure	6:30P	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Historic Cemetery tour
1/19	Walk	Okeeheelee Park South	Mod	7:30A	Bruce Brown 772-333-1837	7500 Forest Hill Blvd turn S to lot. Breakfast at Pete's after walk
1/20	Walk	Pondhawk Natural Area 1501 NW Spanish River Blvd,	Leisure	7:30	Alan Collins 561-586-0486	Meet in Library lot
1/26	Hike	R Palm Beach Pines 110 Nature's Wy	Mod-Stren	7:45A	Joe Rosenberg 561-859-1954	2 ltr wtr, Access from Royal Palm Beach Blvd to Saratoga to Natures Wy (limited pkgng. Carpool please)
1/27	Hike	Fish Eating Creek	Mod-Stren	8:00A	Jeff Andrews 561-310-5960	Bring plenty of water. Must call Jeff for meetup location
2/2	Walk	John Prince Park, W Ent off Congress	Mod	7:15A	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Exercise Walk for 1 hr, then breakfast at TooJays
2/3	Hike	JD State Park	Mod-Stren	8:00A	Mary Miller 561-213-2189	Bring 2 liters water. Lunch at Dune Dogs following hike
2/9	Trail_Maint		Mod	8:00	Fred Davis 561-779-0273	To be determined
2/10	Stroll	Wakodahatchee Bird Watching	Leisure	7:00A	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Breakfast after
2/16	Walk	Okeeheelee Park South	Mod	7:30A	Bruce Brown 772-333-1837	7500 Forest Hill Blvd turn S to lot. Breakfast at Pete's after walk
2/16	Backpack	Annual OTHLT 6 day event. 16th to 21st	Stren		Fred Davis fdavis6539@msn.com	For experienced backpackers only. Must register for detailed calendar and instructions.
2/23	Hike	Royal PB Pines 110 Nature's Wy	Stren	7:45A	Joe Rosenberg 561-859-1954	2 ltr wtr, Access from Royal Palm Beach Blvd to Saratoga to Natures Wy (limited pkgng. Carpool please)
2/24	Walk	Winding Waters S side Dyer Rd. W of Haverhill	Leisure	7:30A	Alan Collins 561-586-0486	Optional brkfst after walk

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