



trail tales



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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

March 4 - TBA

April 1 - TBA

OKEEHEELEE NATURE CENTER

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

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Chapter Diverse Activities

In my opinion one of the things that makes our chapter so viable is our diversity in events. The weekend of February 9-10 was no exception. A trail maintenance event, a publicity event, a wildlife stroll, a backpacking event, a kayak event and an ultra-runner race were all being held sometime during the weekend. Of course our members had to pick and choose which event/s to attend. Here's a little glimpse of each activity. Thank you to all the activities leaders!



The first activity to be highlighted is Trail Maintenance. On February 9th, the maintenance team worked close to Indiantown Road. With thirteen volunteers, there were enough people to divide into three groups. One group of four blazed, mowed and clipped north of Lainhart cabin. The second group of four blazed, mowed and clipped south along the Loxahatchee and east along the north side of Indiantown Rd. The third group drove up to access the trail on the north side of Indiantown Rd. From there they carried decking to finish building a twelve foot bridge over a ditch formerly "hopped across" on concrete blocks. Immediately after the group put the finishing touches on this project, ten backpackers heading for the ocean put the bridge to use! These hikers were from a Miami Seventh Adventist Church and had done the first half of the OTLHT from the Big "O" to the Beeline last year and were finishing the trail this year.

Thanks to Fred Davis, Scott Lunsford, and Jeff Andrews for leading the volunteers, and special thanks to all the volunteer workers!



Also on Saturday, Paul Cummings along with other FTA members set up and manned a "booth" to promote the FTA Lox Chapter at Everglades Day held at the Arthur R Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

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Taking place the entire weekend was the Advanced Backpacking Adventure. It started on Friday evening and ran until Sunday late afternoon. They hiked from River Ranch to Forever Florida with the longest day 18 miles while carrying a pack.



Also on Sunday Rita Dale Black led an inaugural kayak adventure. Nineteen paddled their way 6.5 miles on the Ten Mile Creek from Becker Preserve to White City Park and back. It was a perfect day to be on the water.



On Sunday Paul Cummings led a group of wildlife watchers to Wakodahatchee Wildlife area where they strolled along the boardwalks and enjoyed the sites

Another event that some of our members participated in or helped with was "Death at Dupuis." This event for ultra runners was held at Dupuis on Loop 1, where the runners ran a 4.2-mile loop over and over until only one person could complete the last loop on time. This started on Saturday morning early and after 31 hours (a bit over 129 miles) a winner was proclaimed. Thirty three started the race. (All I can say is WOW!)

JOHN D. MACARTHUR BEACH STATE PARK PUBLICITY EVENT, 10900 Jack Nicklaus Dr., North Palm Beach, FL. Help build FTA membership and participate at the chapter Booth for **NatureScaping, An Outdoor Festival**, at John D. MacArthur Beach State Park. **from 10-3:00 p.m.**
 Contact: John Fenner,
johnwf001@yahoo.com.

RIVERBEND PARK YOUTH HIKE, 9060 Indiantown Road, Jupiter, Get kids excited about hiking! This 1.5 mile walk on the Florida trail instructs what blazes are, to Leave No Trace, and coexisting with wildlife. For ages 6 and up, parent must attend. Get a new generation involved! Journey starts 9 am. from main parking lot, lasts about 1.5 hours. Bring water, a snack, and wear sneakers. May be wet! Space is limited so **RSVP**: Brynn Kramer, brynnjkramer@gmail.com. Public/Leisure.

Chapter Activities for March / April

All these activities are open to the public unless noted. Times listed are departure times, be early to sign releases.

March

3/2 **JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK**, 2520 Lake Worth Rd, West Entrance.. Choose your pace & distance. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward at TooJays. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure-Moderate

3/2 **MACARTHUR BEACH STATE PARK PUBLICITY EVENT**, see page 2.

3/3 **J DICKINSON ST PARK HIKE**, 16450 S.E. Federal Highway, Front gate 8:00 a.m.. 7- 12 miles. Bring 2 liters water Contact: Mary Miller, 561- 213-2189. Lunch afterward at Dune Dogs. Public/Moderate-Strenuous.

3/4 **MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING** Okeeheelee Park Nature Center, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd, WPBeach. Social: 7:00 p.m. Program/meeting: 7:30 p.m. Contact: Roy Moore , 561-307-7792. Public.

3/9 **TRAIL MAINTENANCE**. To be determined. Contact: Fred Davis, 561-779-0273

3/9 **RIVERBEND PARK KAYAK**, 9060 Indiantown Rd., Jupiter. 8 a.m. Lox. River Picnic Island boat launch. Paddle 5 miles to the dam and back. (Return about Noon.) Bring water, snacks, gear and kayak. **RSVP**: Rita Black, crblack97@yahoo.com. Public/Leisure.

3/16 **OKEEHEELEE PARK WALK**, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd, WPB, FL. Meet at Okeeheelee Park S Hiking/biking Trails Parking lot, 7:30 a.m. Contact: Bruce, 772-333-1837. Breakfast afterward at Pete's. Public/Leisure-Moderate.

3/17 **PEACEFUL WATERS SANCTUARY WALK**, 11676 Pierson Rd., Wellington. Meet at the preserve on Flying Cow Road at 8AM. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.

3/23 **ROYAL PALM BEACH PINES HIKE**, 110 Natures Way. Access from Royal Palm Beach Blvd to Saratoga to Natures Way, Limited parking (Carpool please) 8:00 a.m, 9 miles, Bring 2 liters water. Contact: Joe Rosenberg 561-859-1954. Public/Strenuous.

3/24 **CYPRESS CREEK NATURAL AREA WALK**, 10035 W Indiantown Rd., Jupiter. This area contains seven native Florida ecosystems. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Alan Collins, 561-586-0486. Breakfast afterward. Public/Leisure.

3/30 **CLIP & WALK**. Meet at the Okeeheelee Nature Center, 7715 Forest Hill Blvd, WPB.; 7:30 a.m. Bring your clippers & gloves. Wear long pants and long sleeves for protection. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.

3/31 **RIVERBEND PARK YOUTH HIKE**, 9060 Indiantown Road, Jupiter, see details page 2. Space is limited so **RSVP**: Brynn Kramer, brynnjkramer@gmail.com. Public/Leisure.

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4/13, 4/14, 4/16, 4/18, 4/19, 4/21, 4/23, 4/25 **OTHLT DAY HIKES**, Complete 62 miles of the Ocean To Lake Hiking Trail in 8 days all in one month. This popular series of day hikes covers the whole OTLHT for those who prefer to sleep in their own bed! Details from the Contact: Scott Lunsford 561-441-1251, Public/Moderate-Strenuous.

4/13 **TRAIL MAINTENANCE**. To be determined. Contact: Fred Davis, 561-779-0273

4/14 **MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS PRESERVE WALK**, 33491 Flying Cow Ranch Rd., Wellington, 8 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.

4/20 **RIVERBEND PARK WALK**, 9060 Indiantown Road, Jupiter, Fl. Meet at the main parking lot and Visitor Center before 8a.m. Contact: Bruce, 772-333-1837. Breakfast afterward. Public/Moderate.

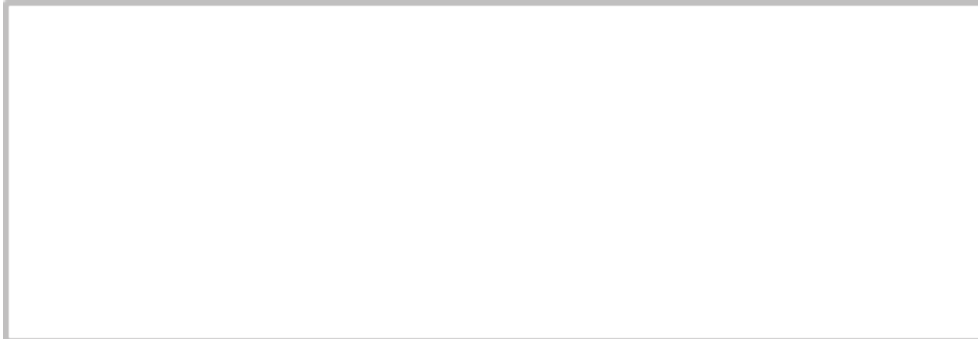
4/21 **BLOWING ROCKS PRESERVE WALK**, Coral Cove Park Beach, FL. WALK with Paul and FTA members n this wildlife preserve. Arrive before 7:30AM Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.

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4/28 **APOXEE WILDERNESS TRAIL WALK**, 3125 N Jog Rd., WPB. 7:30 a.m. Alan Collins will walk about 5 miles on trails in the wet prairies and tropical hammocks. Bring plenty of water. Contact: Alan Collins, 561-586-0486. Breakfast afterward. Public/Leisure

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