



trail tales



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CHAPTER MEETINGS

First Monday of every month

*Topics of interest to hikers,
outdoor enthusiasts and
naturists held at:*

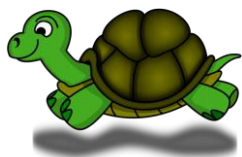
OKEEHEELEE NATURE CENTER

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

*Located in Okeehlee 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!!



BZ's Creek Bridge

For a long time the trail crossing at BZ's Creek has been a problem. Cypress knees, slippery and muddy bottom, combined with high water have made this an inconvenient crossing for hikers and a nearly impossible one for trail crews with the brush mowers. This is no longer the case. In just one week's time, a new boardwalk was planned, materials ordered and delivered, supports prefabricated and the boardwalk constructed. Thanks to Fred Davis, our VP of Trails, and Bill Helfferich, boardwalk designer and builder, this project went together very quickly. In addition to Fred and Bill, the onsite builders included Jeff Andrews, Jim Frost and the Old Fa.. with a camera. Bea Rogers, for whom the crossing is named showed up to supervise the beginning of construction. When you are hiking the OTLHT north from Riverbend Park after about a mile, you'll cross this beautiful and functional boardwalk. You can thank yourselves for the most important and absolutely essential part, the financial support that keeps funds in our bank account. It is so wonderful to be able to quickly implement a project without first having to raise funds for it. Thank you members of the LOX Chapter.

-by Roy Moore

Chapter Meetings & Events

Monthly Meeting

May

Program to be announced.

June

Program to be announced.

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Help Wanted

We STILL have out the help wanted sign!

A few jobs where help is needed:

- Someone to maintain the "treat list". It's a simple but important job – signing up people to bring refreshments to our meetings and following up with a phone call as a reminder.
- Program presenters and ideas. Jeff Andrews is coordinating programs so he'd love to hear from you.
- Helpers for our promotional booths.
- People willing to become activity leaders.



Fred Davis

The FTA Annual meeting was held April 7th at Gainesville. There were a number of awards presented to our chapter members, but the most special and significant one was a Lifetime Achievement Award that was presented to Fred Davis. Our sincere congratulations to Fred for his many years of support to the Florida Trail Association.

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Trail Update

New benches are being installed on both sides of Hobes Grove Canal. A good place to change to dry socks.

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Monthly Activity Calendar

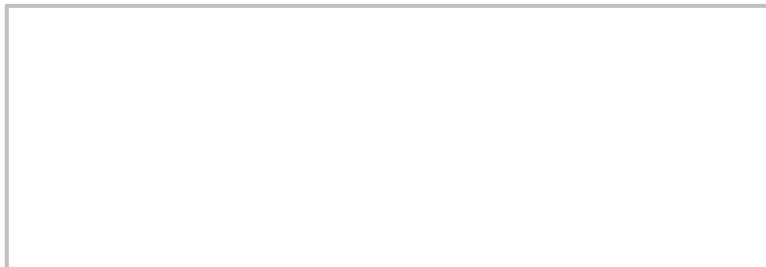
May/June

Date Description- *Please arrive early to check in*

- 5/5 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, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.
- 5/6 HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK, Long hike (around 7 to 12 miles) in JDSP. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the front gate. Bring lots of water. Lunch afterward at the Dune Dog Café Contact: Mary Miller, 561-213-2189. Public/Moderate.
- 5/7 MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING, Okeeheelee Nature Center 7715 Forest Hill Blvd. Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.; program begins at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Roy Moore, 561-422-2189. Public/Leisure.
- 5/12 TRAIL MAINTENANCE. 6:30 AM. Meet at intersection of hiking trail and South Grade Road. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423.
- 5/13 MOTHER'S DAY WALK Meet 9 AM at the gate to Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423 Public/Leisure.
- 5/19 OKEEHEELEE PARK WALK. Meet at Okeeheelee Park South, 7500 Forest Hill Blvd, Assemble at the Hiking/ biking Trails Parking lot. 7:30 a.m. Public/Leisure. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.
- 5/20 FRENCHMAN'S FOREST WALK. 12201 Prosperity Farms Rd, Meet at 7:30 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.
- 5/26 HIKE IN APOXEE, 3125 North Jog Road. Joe Rosenberg will lead you through 9-12 miles in this urban wilderness off Jog Rd. 8:00 a.m. Bring plenty of water. Contact: Joe, 561-859-1954. Public/Strenuous.
- 5/27 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.
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- 6/2 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, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.
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- 6/4 MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING, Okeeheelee Nature Center 7715 Forest Hill Blvd. Refreshments at 7:00 p.m.; program begins at 7:30 p.m. Contact: Roy Moore, 561-422-2189. Public/Leisure.
- 6/9 TRAIL MAINTENANCE. 6:30 AM. Meet at intersection of hiking trail and South Grade Road. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423.
- 6/10 WINDY WATERS 7:30 AM Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.
- 6/16 OKEEHEELEE PARK WALK. Meet at Okeeheelee Park South, 7500 Forest Hill Blvd, Assemble at the Hiking/ biking Trails Parking lot. 7:30 a.m. Public/Leisure. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.
- 6/17 FATHER'S DAY Walk 7 AM, meet at Green Cay Wetlands for an early morning bird walk. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423 Public/Leisure.
- 6/23 HIKE IN APOXEE, 3125 North Jog Road. Joe Rosenberg will lead you through 9-12 miles in this urban wilderness off Jog Rd. 8:00 a.m. Bring plenty of water. Contact: Joe, 561-859-1954. Public/Strenuous.
- 6/24 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.
- 6/30 OKEEHEELEE CLIP & WALK, Okeeheelee Park Nature Center, 7:30 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-596-4423. Public/Leisure.

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