



trail tales



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CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Nov & Dec Program TBA

Dec-Cookie exchange- bring some, take some

OKEEHEELEE NATURE CENTER

Located in Okeeheliee 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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Big O Hike

It's that time of year to be thinking about the Big "O" Hike. This year will be the 27th annual hike, held Nov. 18-23 (Thanksgiving week). Hikers can decide on how many days they want to participate, from the entire six days to just one. Each day is a different day-hike on portions of the dike around Lake "O". The hikers will share transportation from the campground to the start of each day's hike with hikes ranging from eight to twelve miles in length.

Camping is available at the KOA Kampground in Okeechobee, FL which will serve as our base for activities. Hikers aren't required to camp; but if they do, we have a group rate of two tents per campsite (maximum two vehicles per campsite) at \$40 per night for each campsite. Hikers should not reserve those through KOA, but come to our area where we will assign campers

to campsites. This rate also applies to an RV site. For tent and rv sites we do ask to be paid by check (made out to FTA Lox Chapter) or cash.

If hikers are interested in KOA Kabins, reserve those directly with KOA and mention the Big "O" to obtain a discount.

There are also several hotels close by. The KOA Kampgrounds, however, will be our center of activities. Each afternoon we have a Happy Hour where we share conversation and goodies.

Again this year we will share a Thanksgiving meal with other KOA Kampers. Our fee is a side to share. (There's a grocery near by.)

There's an application on page 3 and further details can be found on our website: loxfltrail.org

Holiday Picnic

This year's holiday picnic will be held in Okeeheliee Park at the Tuskegee Pavilion. It will be SUNDAY, Dec. 16, and we plan to eat at noon. The Chapter will provide turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy. Please bring a potluck dish to share. We'll have a sheet to pass around at the December meeting.

Chapter Activities for Nov/Dec

All these activities are open to the public unless noted.

Date	Event	Location	Diff	Time	Leader	Notes
11/3	Walk	John Prince Park, W Ent	Mod	7:15A	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Exercise for 1 hr, then brkfst at TooJays
11/4	Hike	JD State Park	Mod-Stren	8:00A	Mary Miller 561-213-2189	Bring 2 liters water. Lunch at Dune Dogs following hike
11/5	ChaptMtg	Okeeheelee Nature Ctr	NA	7:00P	Roy Moore 561-422-2189	
11/10	Trail_Maint	To be determined	Mod	8:00A	Fred Davis 561-779-0273	Recommend long sleeves and long pants plus snack and water
11/11	Walk	Green Cay	Leisure	7:00A	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Enjoy birds, gators and wild life followed by breakfast
11/10	Backpack	Lake Arbuckle	Stren		Ryan Lusk 904-891-4479 cell	For beginners but tough. First day 6 to 9 miles. Second shorter
11/17	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
11/18	Walk	The Big "O" Port Mayaca 1st day	Mod	8:00A	Roy Moore 561-422-2189	Hike every day thru Friday the Big "O" Way. KOA Okeechobee
11/24	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)
11/25	Walk	R Palm Beach Pines 110 Nature's Wy	Leisure	7:30A	Alan Collins 561-586-0486	Bring wtr, Access from Royal Palm Beach Blvd to Saratoga to Natures Way, Breakfast after walk.
12/1	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
12/2	Hike	JD State Park	Mod-Stren	8:00A	Mary Miller 561-213-2189	Bring 2 liters water. Lunch at Dune Dogs following hike
12/3	ChaptMtg	Okeeheelee Nature Ctr		7:00P 7:30P	Roy Moore 561-422-2189	Cookie exchange- Bring some to share and exchange.
12/7	Conference	Jupiter		All Day	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	FTA S Reg Conference Three days, 7th thru 9th
12/8	Backpack	DuPuis Governor's House	Mod-Stren	Overnight	Ryan Lusk 904-891-4479 cell	
12/15	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
12/16	Celebration	Okeeheelee Park, Tuskegee Pavilion		11:00A to 3:00P	Roy Moore 561-422-2189	For FTA Members only
12/16	Walk	Wakodahatchee Bird Stroll	Leisure	7:00A	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	13026 Jog Road, Delray Beach
12/22	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)
12/23	Walk	Hypoluxo Scrub	Leisure	7:30A	Alan Collins 561-586-0486	Optional brkfst after walk
12/29	Trail_Maint	Okeeleehee Park Nature Center	Leisure	7:30A	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Clipping nature trails followed by breakfast at Pete's
12/30	Walk	Riverbend	Leisure	8:00A	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	9060 Indiantown Rd, Jupiter
1/1	Hike	Cypress Crk Nat Area E Ent	Mod	7:45A	Bea Rogers 561-644-0777	Join us for Bea's annual NYear day hike. Varying routes 2 to 12 miles.

27th Annual Big "O" Hike Registration Form

November 18-23, 2018

With Okeechobee KOA, Okeechobee, FL, as our Center of Activities

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Registration fee.....\$ 10.00
(Onsite Registration is \$15, so it pays to register now.)

T-Shirts (Short sleeved only, will not be mailed - must be picked up at the hike) Please indicate number of each size. Cost \$20/each. This is the only opportunity to order T-Shirts as no extra T-Shirts will be ordered. Orders for T-shirts must be placed by Nov. 2	Size	Number
	Small	
	Medium	
	Large	
	XL	
	XXL	
	XXXL	

Total No. of T. Shirts _____ X \$20 each\$ _____

Total Enclosed (Make Checks payable to FTA, Lox Chapter) \$ _____

For planning purposes--- We join KOA Kampground for a Thanksgiving meal. (We each bring a potluck item.) Total including yourself..... _____

Are you interested in camping at KOA? If so, probable number of nights? _____

For Kabins, arrange with KOA, stating you are with the Big O to obtain a discount. For Campsites, we'll handle assigning/collecting fees (cash/check). Camping fees will be collected on site when you check in.

Campsite probable days: Sat. , Sun. , Mon. , Tues. , Wed. , Thurs.

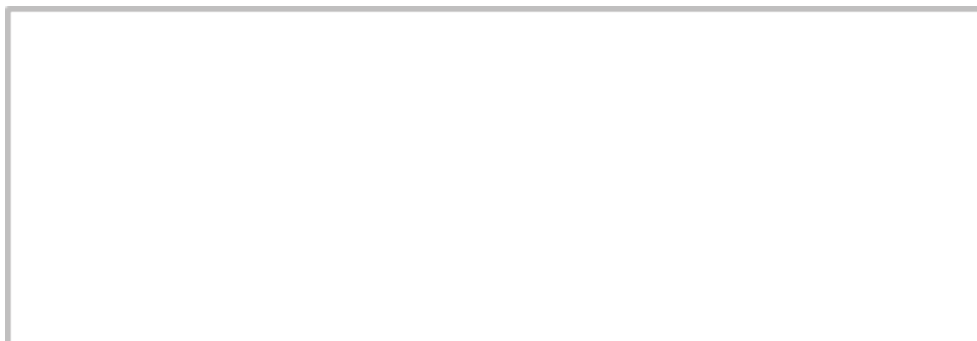
Please mail this Registration Form with check/money order by Nov. 2, 2018
For Questions email Roy, shotgun.mgc@gmail.com or call 561-307-7792

Mail registration form and check to:
Florida Trail Association, Lox Chapter
2179 Amesbury Cir
Wellington, FL 33414

If you have provided an email address, you'll receive an email confirmation.
Please visit our website at loxfltrail.org for further information.

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***Don't forget the December Cookie Exchange
-Bring some -Take some***

***Also remember the Holiday Picnic at Okeeheelee Park Dec. 16th.
The Chapter provides turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy.***

*For all FTA information: www.floridatrail.org
Chapter Web site: <http://loxfltrail.org/>*

