



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:*

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!!



New Mowers for Trail Maintenance

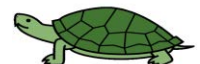
By Roy Moore

After our recent successful fund raising campaign for trail maintenance, combined with a summer sale on DR Mowers, we have purchased two new DR mowers. These are large heavy duty units that should serve for years of use. We received these mowers in early August and they have been assembled and prepared for duty.

Our sincere thanks to the membership for your generous support which led to the purchase of this equipment. The photo shows the unpacking of the mowers.

The Trail Maintainers

Thanks to your generous support, the Loxahatchee Chapter of the FTA was able to purchase two new mowers to use in the upcoming trail maintenance season.



Chapter Meetings & Events

Monthly Meeting

September 7

Celebrate Labor Day with an ice cream social in the screen room in back of the Okeehelée Nature Center. Look for a sign on the entrance road to the screen room. Bring a quart of ice cream and/or your favorite toppings.



October 5

**To Be
Announced**

Wanted

Volunteer to help with the newsletter mail out. This involves only about 2.5 hours every other month.

Contact Gail Irwin at 561-968-3887 if interested.

Big "O" Hiking Event

By Roy Moore

The 24th annual Big "O" Hike will be held from November 22 to November 27, 2015. There will be six days of hiking around or near the north half of Lake Okeechobee.

Camping and afternoon activities will be centered at the KOA campground in Okeechobee, Florida. Daily transportation from the campgrounds to the beginning of each day's hike will be shared by the participants

For more detailed information, see the Loxahatchee Chapter website, www.loxfltrail.org, or call Roy Moore at 561-422-2189. A registration form is included in this newsletter and also on line.

The first 23 Big "O" hikes included approximately 70,000 miles of individual hiking, great friendships, fabulous afternoons in relaxing camaraderie, some sunburn, chattering teeth, and more than a few blisters. Make your plans now and get set to enjoy the 2015 Thanksgiving week with a hike on the dike.

Sherry Cummings' Birdwatching Strolls

SEPTEMBER 20

WAKODAHATCHEE WETLANDS

Meet at the boardwalk at 7:00 a.m.
Bring binoculars.

OCTOBER 18

GREEN CAY WETLANDS

Meet at the boardwalk at 7:00 a.m.
Bring binoculars.

For more information contact Sherry at 561-963-9906.

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≡ Monthly Activity Calendar ≡

September/October

Date	Description
9/5	JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK. This is a leisure walk of 2 to 4 miles through this attractive park. Breakfast afterward at TooJays. 7:30 a.m. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure.
9/6	HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK. Meet at the front gate of JDSP at 8:00 a.m. Bring plenty of water for this 7 to 12 mile hike. Lunch afterward at the Dune Dog Café. Contact: Mary Miller, 561-391-7942. Public/Moderate
9/7	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING. Socialize with fellow members; bring guests for our yearly Labor Day ice cream social extravaganza. We'll meet in Okeeheelee Park's screen room behind the nature center. A road turn-in sign will be displayed. Contact: Margaret Brabham, 561-324-3543. Public/Leisure
9/12	TRAIL MAINTENANCE. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at Jonathan Dickinson State Park for a little trail clean- up work. Contact: Steve Meyers, 561-317-3631. Public/Leisure
9/19	OKEEHEELEE PARK WALK. Get up and at 'em for the 7:30 a.m. 3 rd Saturday walk in Okeeheelee Park. Breakfast afterward at Pete's Place. Contact: Daisy Palmer, 561-439-5780. Public/Leisure.
9/26	HIKE IN APOXEE. Join Joe Rosenberg at 8:00 a.m. and hike in this urban wilderness for about 9 miles. Bring plenty of water. Contact: 561-859-1954. Public/Moderate
9/27	SEACREST AND HIGH RIDGE SCRUB NATURAL AREAS HIKES. Enjoy these unique scrub habitats; look for signs of gopher tortoises. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: Alan Collins, 561-586-0486. Public/Leisure
10/3	JOHN PRINCE PARK WALK. Enjoy companionship as you take your morning stroll. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward at TooJays. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure
10/4	HIKE IN JONATHAN DICKINSON STATE PARK. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the front gate of JDSP for this 7 to 12 mile hike. Bring two full bottles of water. Lunch at the Dune Dog Café afterward. Contact: Mary Miller, 561-391-7942. Public/Moderate
10/5	MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING. Social: 7:00 p.m., Program: 7:30 p.m. To be announced. Contact: Margaret Brabham, 561-324-3543. Public/Leisure
10/10	TRAIL MAINTENANCE. To be announced. Contact: Fred Davis, 561-585-6386.
10/17	OKEEHEELEE PARK WALK. Hike around 4 miles in the park that's the best-kept secret in Palm Beach County. 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: Daisy Palmer, 561-439-5780. Public/Leisure
10/24	HIKE IN APOXEE. Join Joe Rosenberg at 8:00 a.m. for his 4 th Saturday hike on the Apoxee Wilderness Trail. Plenty of water is a must. Contact: 561-859-1954. Public/Moderate
10/25	GRASSY WATERS HIKES. Reconnect with natural Florida on two different trails in the 23 square mile Grassy Waters Watershed. Join Alan Collins at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast afterward. Contact: 561-586-0486. Public/Leisure
10/31	OKEEHEELEE CLIP & WALK. Meet at the Okeeheelee Nature Center at 7:30 a.m. for an easy trail clearing/cleanup activity. Contact: Paul Cummings, 561-963-9906. Public/Leisure

24th Annual Big "O" Hike Registration Form

November 22-27, 2015

with Okeechobee KOA, Okeechobee, FL, as our Base Camp

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Registration fee.....\$ 10.00 / person
(After Oct 31 or 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 \$18/each. This is the only opportunity as no extra T-Shirts will be ordered. No T-Shirt orders after Oct 31.

Size	Number
Small	
Medium	
Large	
XL	
XXL	
XXXL	

Total No. of T. Shirts _____ X \$18 each =.....\$ _____

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

For planning purposes only---

Will you be attending Thanksgiving dinner? (Guests are welcome.) Total including yourself _____

Will you need a site at the KOA campgrounds _____

Please mail this Registration Form with check/money order by October 31, 2015

Mail registration form and check to:

Florida Trail Association, Lox Chapter

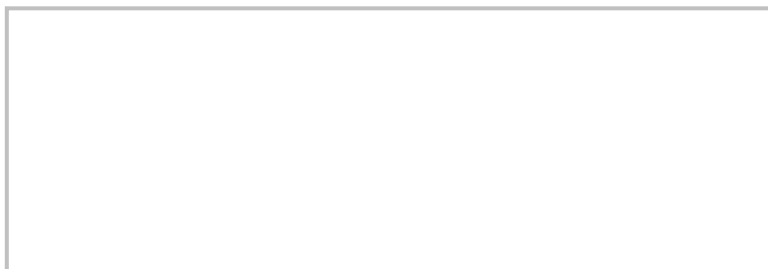
2179 Amesbury Cir

Wellington, FL 33414

If you have provided an email address, you will receive an email confirmation.

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*The luck of having talent is not enough; one must also
have a talent for luck.*

-Hector Berlioz, composer (1803-1869)



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Chapter Web site: <http://loxfltrail.org/>***