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Loxahatchee Chapter, Florida Trail Association

January/February 2023

CHAPTER MEETINGS

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

Jan. 2 – 240 Mile “Lollipop”

Feb. 6 – Camino de Santiago

OKEEHEELEE NATURE CENTER

Located in Okeehetee Park on Forest Hill Blvd. east of the turnpike. Follow the signs to the Nature Center.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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2022 Lox Chapter Wrap Up

Hello Loxahatchee Guests. We have been Loxahatchee Chapter and of how much so what activities for 2022.



volunteer leaders that keep the chapter going and the many volunteers in keeping the trails maintained. Through FTA sponsored activities our volunteer leaders can provide opportunities for the public to hike and engage in outdoor recreation; to educate and encourage an appreciation of nature and the environment; to provide opportunity for meaningful volunteer work; and to build membership, trail and organization awareness.

Chapter Members and busy here at the just to give you an idea follows is a recap or our Thanks to all our

During 2022 the chapter sponsored 210 activities/events! That's over 17 a month. That does not include our public invited monthly chapter meetings, our holiday party, and the regional conference we participate in.

We had 2133 people sign in for those 210 activities/events. Which consisted of 127 hikes, 68 volunteer work parties, 7 backpacking outings, 5 tabling outreach days and 3 presentations. Our activity leaders volunteered 1290.5 hours leading these events.

We maintain almost 100 miles of trail; 8 primitive campsites; 3 bridges; and 16 elevated boardwalks. (And a bunch of benches for resting!)

During 2022 the Chapter conducted 68 volunteer work parties. 466 volunteers signed in (91 individuals) for those parties and contributed 2148.5 hours to get the work done!

I think it worthy to note that our Chapter Chair, Janet Miller, was the top trail maintenance volunteer of the year with 232 hours! That's 57 more than the 2nd place spot!

Thanks to Chapter Leadership, Activity Leaders, Work Party Volunteers, Members and Public for making Loxahatchee Chapter the best!!!

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

| Date | Event | Location | Diff | Time | Leader or Contact | Notes |
|------------|------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| 1/1 | Hike | Loxahatchee Slough 11855 Beeline Hwy | Leisure to Moderate | 7:45 a.m. | Scott Lunsford 561-441-1251 | Bea's 28 th Annual New Year's Day Hike Options for 3, 5 or 10 mile hikes. |
| 1/2 | Chapter Meeting | Okeehetee Park Nature Center | Leisure | 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Janet Miller 561-385-8676 | Social and refreshments at 7; program and chapter business follow at 7:30. |
| 1/7 | Walk | John Prince Park Congress Entrance | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | Keep up with Paul and walk 3 miles in an hour, or go at your own pace for a leisure walk. |
| 1/7 | Hike | S.J. Fousek Preserve Pt. St. Lucie | Strenuous | 8:00 a.m. | Tom Rowlands 518-368-7515 | Fast pace 10+ mile hike. |
| 1/8 | Walk | Wakodahatchee and Green Cay | Leisure | 6:30 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | 2 for 1 Bring binoculars to really enjoy the birds! |
| 1/8 | Hike | Jonathan Dickinson Hobe Sound | Strenuous | 8:00 a.m. | Mary Miller 561-213-2189 | Our most popular hike! Bring plenty to drink. Entry fee \$4 single or \$6 w/ passengers. |
| 1/13-14-15 | Conf. | Scout Reservation Punta Gorda | Leisure | 1:00 p.m. | Janet Miller 561-385-8676 | Weekend of fun at the 38 th Annual S. Regional Conference. |
| 1/14-15-16 | Advance Backpack | Citrus Loop Inverness | Strenuous | 8:00 a.m. | Phil Mitchell 561-762-4249 | This is full but check Meetup or talk with Phil about the waitlist. |
| 1/15 | Walk | Riverbend Park | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | Walk of 3 to 4 miles. |
| 1/21 | Walk | Okeehetee Pk South | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | Walk of 3 to 4 miles. |
| 1/21 | Hike | Dupuis | Strenuous | 7:10 a.m. | Jorge Hernandez 561-346-5129 | Fast paced 17 mile hike from gate 2. |
| 1/21 | Hike | Dupuis | Strenuous | 8:00 a.m. | Tom Rowlands 518-368-7515 | Fast pace 13 mile hike meet Cypress Boardwalk |
| 1/22 | Walk | Pondhawk NA | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Alan Collins 954-681-2100 | Walk about 3 miles. Meet at Library west lot. |
| 1/28 | Walk | Winding Waters NA | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | Walk of 3 to 4 miles. |
| 1/28 | Hike | Coastal Prairie Trail Everglades Nat Pk | Strenuous | 7:30 a.m. | Jorge Hernandez 561-346-5129 | 15 miler about as far south as you can go! |
| 1/29 | Walk | Peaceful Waters Sanctuary Wellington | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | 30 acre man made wetlands includes a 1500' elevated boardwalk |
| 2/4 | Walk | John Prince Park Congress Entrance | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | Keep up with Paul and walk 3 miles in an hour, or go at your own pace for a leisure walk. |
| 2/4 | Hike | Starvation Slough Lorida, FL | Strenuous | 9:00 a.m. | Tom Rowlands 518-368-7515 | Tom's annual slough hike is a fast paced 12 miler! |
| 2/5 | Walk | Wakodahatchee and Green Cay | Leisure | 6:30 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | 2 for 1 Bring binoculars to really enjoy the birds! |
| 2/5 | Hike | Jonathan Dickinson Hobe Sound | Strenuous | 8:00 a.m. | Mary Miller 561-213-2189 | Our most popular hike! Bring plenty to drink. Entry fee \$4 single or \$6 w/ passengers. |
| 2/6 | Chapter Meeting | Okeehetee Park Nature Center | Leisure | 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m. | Janet Miller 561-385-8676 | Social and refreshments at 7; Program by our own T. Rowlands on hike of Camino. |
| 2/11 | Hike | Big Cypress Oasis Visitor Center | Strenuous | 6:45 a.m. | Jorge Hernandez 561-346-5129 | Hike FNST from the southern terminus and with a side trail complete a 17 mile loop! |
| 2/12 | Walk | Okeehetee Pk South | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | Walk of 3 to 4 miles. |
| 2/18 | Walk | Riverbend Park | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | Walk of 3 to 4 miles. |
| 2/18-23 | Advance Backpack | OTLHT – Lake to the Ocean! | Strenuous | 8:00 a.m. | Fred Davis 561-779-0273 | 18 th Annual Ocean to Lake Backpacking Event |
| 2/19 | Walk | Royal Palm Beach Pines NA | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | 3 to 4 mile walk in this 772 acre natural area of pine flatwoods and wet prairie. |
| 2/25 | Walk | Yamato Scrub NA Boca Raton | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Paul Cummings 561-596-4423 | Walk 3 to 4 miles on a sandy ridge of ancient shoreline. |
| 2/25 | Hike | Dupuis | Strenuous | 8:00 a.m. | Jorge Hernandez 561-346-5129 | Hike all 4 loops from the Governor's |
| 2/26 | Walk | Winding Waters NA | Leisure | 7:20 a.m. | Alan Collins 954-681-2100 | Walk 3 to 4 miles in this 548 acre NA |

It is very likely that additional activities will be added after publication of this document. Please check our Meetup site: Florida Trail Association-Loxahatchee Chapter-PBC