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## Loxahatchee Chapter, Florida Trail Association

March/April 2023

### **CHAPTER MEETINGS**

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

**March 6** – Purple Martins

**April 3** – PBC Natural Areas

### **OKEEHEELEE NATURE CENTER**

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

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

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### **HAPPENINGS**

Hello Loxahatchee Chapter Members and Guests. We have been busy here at the Loxahatchee Chapter! The 28th Bea Rogers Annual New Year's Day hike was once again a huge success! It was a beautiful day and a great way to start the new year. We had 58 people sign in to hike and I imagine we missed a few. There were options for a 3-, 5- or 10-mile hike and all leaders made it back with their full group; no need to activate the allowable 10% loss rule! Everyone had a great time and thanks to Bea's advanced planning and high level county contacts we had a gate opened and plenty of room for all to park! If you didn't make this one you need to put it on your calendar for next year as Bea says she will be back for the 29<sup>th</sup>!



Not to be out done... Fred Davis pulled off a hugely successful 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Ocean to Lake Backpacking Event! Starting at the lake were 21 backpackers, 12 men and 9 women. 16 planned to walk to 5 just the first 3 days Youth Conservation refreshments and Bolay were enjoyed three day joined in at Corbett ocean. The group lunch at Taste Restaurant and shuttle drivers joined in before the final hike to the Atlantic! 13 backpackers completed the 61.4 mile 6 day trek. They were: Fred Davis, Lorraine Thomas, Bill Detzner, Walt Ahern, Rich & Barbara Quinn, Jake Tindell, Eve Durham, Chrissi Deutsch, Chris Ehster, Marie Odom, Cecile Hollevoet and Tom Rowlands. Participants came from Kentucky, Tallahassee, 2 from Gainesville, Orlando, Naples and Indian Harbor Beach for this popular annual backpack!



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

**CHAPTER ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH & APRIL**

Date	Event	Location	Diff	Time	Leader or Contact	Notes
3/1	Hike	Halpatiokee Reg. Park – Stuart	Moderate	9:00 a.m.	Steve Galla 914-953-2222	Moderate paced hike of about 5 miles.
3/3	Backpack	OTLHT	Strenuous	8:00 a.m.	Hannah Campbell 561-627-8280 ext 105	This is Loggerhead Marine Centers Annual Hike20 Registration through LMC
3/4	Outreach Table	Winding Waters NA	Leisure	8a-2p	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Enjoy the PBC Natural Areas Festival and stop by our table and say hello!
3/4	Hike	OTLHT Cypress Crk	Strenuous	7:00 a.m.	Jorge Hernandez 561-346-5129	Meet at Riverbend and take a fast paced hike to Rood Lake and back on the OTLHT.
3/4	Outreach Table	MacArthur State Park – NPB	Leisure	10a-4p	Janet Miller 561-385-8676	Enjoy the NatureScaping Outdoor Festival and stop y our table and say hello!
3/5	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!
3/5	Hike	Jonathan Dickinson Hobe Sound	Strenuous	8:00 a.m.	Jorge Hernandez 561-346-5129	Jorge standing in for Mary this month. Bring plenty to drink. Entry fee \$4 single or \$6 w/ passengers.
3/6	Chapter Meeting	Okeehchee Park Nature Center	Leisure	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m	Janet Miller 561-385-8676	Social and refreshments at 7; Program on Purple Martins, and chapter business follow at 7:30.
3/7	Outreach Presentation	REI – Palm Beach Gardens	Leisure	6:30-8 p.m.	Rick Zinter 561-268-7795	Rick will use his hike or the Camino de Santiago to fill you in on how to do your own!
3/8	Hike	Lox Slough	Leisure	9:00 a.m.	Steve Galla 914-953-2222	5-miler in the slough from Alexandra Run.
3/11	Trail Maint.	TBD	Leisure	8:00 a.m.	Fred Davis 561-779-0273	2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday Trail Maintenance, location to be determined.
3/11	Hike	Lox Slough	Strenuous	7:00 a.m.	Jorge Hernandez 561-346-5129	Fast paced 15-mile hike in Sandhill Crane and Lox South tracts.
3/12	Walk	Riverbend Park	Leisure	7:20 a.m.	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Walk of 3 to 4 miles in a shaded canopy.
3/18	Walk	Okeehchee Pk South	Leisure	7:20 a.m.	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Walk 3 to 4 miles in this hidden gem of a park!
3/18	Hike	Dupuis	Strenuous	7:00 a.m.	Jorge Hernandez 561-346-5129	15-mile hike around loop 4 and back. Meet at Governor's house.
3/18-26	Advance Backpack	South Carolina Foot Hills	Strenuous	10:00 a.m.	Ryan Lusk 904-891-4479	Join Ryan and Phil on this tough hike on the well known Foothill trail! Going to be cold!
3/19	Walk	Wellington Env. Preserve	Leisure	7:20 a.m.	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Marjory Stoneman Douglas Everglades Habitat, 365 acre rainwater storage area nature trails
3/25	Walk	Pondhawk NA Boca Raton	Leisure	7:20 a.m.	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Walk about 3 miles. Meet at the Library west parking lot.
3/25	Outreach Table	Jonathan Dickinson SP Hobe Sound	Leisure	10a-4p	Scott Lunsford 561-441-1251	Enjoy SpringFest activities and stop by our table and say hello.
3/25	Outreach Table	REI – Palm Beach Gardens	Leisure	12p-4p	Mary Miller 561-213-2189	Browse REI, pick up some hiking gear and stop by our table and say hello!
3/26	Walk	Cypress Crk NA Jupiter	Leisure	7:20 a.m.	Alan Collins 954-681-2100	Entrance on Mack Dairy Road. The Historic Jupiter Indiantown Trail.
4/1	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.
4/2	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!
4/2	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.
4/3	Chapter Meeting	Okeehchee Park Nature Center	Leisure	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Janet Miller 561-385-8676	Social and refreshments at 7; Program on PB Co Natural Areas by Richard Moyoud.
4/8	Trail Maint.	Riverbend C18 bank Jupiter	Leisure	8:00 a.m.	Bea Rogers 561-644-0777	Meet at the Jupiter Farms Publix to caravan up on the C18 bank for a clip and walk.
4/9	Walk	Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse	Leisure	8:00 a.m.	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Double Header! After the Lighthouse take another walk to Blowing Rocks!
4/15	Hike	Charles Bronson State Forest	Strenuous	7:00 a.m.	Jorge Hernandez 561-346-5129	Mammoth Tax Day hike of 13 or 19 miles on the FNST in Christmas Fl.
4/15	Walk	Riverbend	Leisure	7:20 a.m.	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Walk of 3 to 4 miles in a shaded canopy.
4/16	Walk	Okeehchee Pk South	Leisure	7:20 a.m.	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Walk of 3 to 4 miles in this hidden gem of a park.
4/22	Outreach Table	Okeehchee Park Nature Center	Leisure	10a – 3p	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Enjoy the Earth Day Celebration festivities and stop by our table and say hello!
4/23	Walk	Royal Palm Beach Pines NA RPB	Leisure	7:20 a.m.	Alan Collins 954-681-2100	Beautiful 772 acres of pine flatwoods and wet prairie. Great place for a walk!
4/29	Trail Maint.	Okeehchee Park Nature Center	Leisure	7:20 a.m.	Paul Cummings 561-596-4423	Join in our payback for the use of a meeting room and clip and walk the nature trails!
4/29	Walk	Dupuis	Stenuous	7:30 a.m.	Jorge Hernandez 561-346-5129	Depending on the heat, hike 11 to 15 miles. Meet at the Governor's House.
4/30	Walk	Winding Waters	Leisure	7:20 a.m.	Paul Cummings	Walk of 3 to 4 miles in WPB.