
40th ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE CAMPOUT

Thursday, December 28, 2023 - Tuesday January 2, 2024

Celebrate New Year's Eve with FTA friends at the Doe Lake Campground in the Ocala National Forest. Arrive after 3:00 PM on Thursday Dec. 28th and checkout by 11:00 AM on Tuesday Jan. 2nd. This is a group camp reserved for our group only.

There will be scheduled hiking and paddling activities in addition to group dinners, evening programs and campfires.

Cost is \$15 per person per night due upon arrival. Those under age 18 camp free. No reservations necessary.

THIS MEMBERS-ONLY EVENT IS FOR FTA MEMBERS WHO PAY DUES TO THE STATE ORGANIZATION & THEIR GUESTS

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2024 WINTER HIKE WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY PADDLE SERIES

This will be the 30th year the Central Florida Chapter has scheduled the Winter Wednesday Hike Series with hikes each week during January, February & March. This year most of the twelve day-hikes will take place along the Western Corridor of the FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL. The series will begin in the Ocala National Forest, progress south to the Green Swamp Wilderness Area and finish with the last three hikes in the Orlando area. All the hikes are on the FT and are approximately 8 miles out & back with shorter options available.

Also, on Thursday of each week there will be a paddle trip nearby on one of Central Florida's many beautiful rivers.

There is joy in doing things with a group so consider joining this mid-week group for one or all of the scheduled hikes and paddles trips.

These activities will not be posted on Meetup.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact the leader - Rachael Augspurg lourayfl@mac.com or text 352 552 0626

WEDNESDAY HIKES - 9:30 AM

Jan. 10 /9:30 AM - Winter Wednesday Hike 1 -Ocala NF/ Western Corridor

- CR 316 to FR 09 & back. 8 mile hike with shorter options.

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Jan. 17/9:30 AM - Winter Wednesday Hike 2 - Ocala NF/ Western Corridor

-Eaton TH to CR 314 & back. 8 mile hike with shorter options.

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Jan. 24/9:30 AM - Winter Wednesday Hike 3 - Ocala NF/ Western Corridor

- SR 40 to CR 145 & back. 8 mile hike with shorter options.

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Jan. 31/9:30 AM - Winter Wednesday Hike 4 - Withlacoochee SF/Croom

- Croom River Trail out & back. 8 mile hike with shorter options.

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Feb. 7/9:30 AM - Winter Wednesday Hike 5 - Withlacoochee SF/Richloam

- Fire tower to Lacochee Grade & back. 8 mile hike with shorter options.

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Feb. 1/9:30 AM - 4 Winter Wednesday Hike 6 - Withlacoochee SF/Croom

- Hog Island Trail to Iron Bridge/back. 8 mile hike with shorter options.

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Feb. 21/9:30 AM - Winter Wednesday Hike 7 - Withlacoochee SF/Richloam

- Richloam River Trail out & back. 8 mile hike with shorter options.

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Feb. 28/9:30 AM - Winter Wednesday Hike 8 - Withlacoochee River Park

- River Trail loop in the county park. 8 mile hike with shorter options.

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March 6 /9:30 AM - Winter Wednesday Hike 9 - Green Swamp West Wilderness Area

- River Road entrance gate. 8 mile hike with shorter options.

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March 13/9:30 AM - Winter Wednesday Hike 10 - Seminole State Forest

- The Florida Trail and Blueberry Trail. 8 mile hike with shorter options.

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March 20/9:30 AM - Winter Wednesday Hike 11 - CH Bronson State Forest

- Culpepper River Trail. 8 mile hike with shorter options.

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March 27/9:30 AM - Winter Wednesday Hike 12 - Wekiwa Springs State Park

-Loop Trail 8 mile hike with shorter options & "End-of-Series" Picnic.

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THURSDAY PADDLES - 9:00 AM

Jan. 11, 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 1 - Ocklawaha River

- Rodman Dam to SR 19 bridge

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Jan. 18/ 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 2 - Ocklawaha River

- Gore's Landing to Eureka West Landing

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Jan. 25/ 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 3 - Silver River

- Silver Springs State Park launch to Ray's Landing

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Feb. 1/ 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 4 - Withlacoochee River

- Nobleton City Park launch to SR 48

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Feb. 8/ 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 5 - Withlacoochee River

- SR 98 County Park launch to River Junction

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Feb. 15/ 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 6 - Withlacoochee River

- River Junction launch to Hog Island

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Feb. 22/ 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 7 - Withlacoochee River

- Lacoochee launch to SR 98 bridge

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Feb. 29/ 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 8 - Hillsborough River

- Sergeants launch to Trout Creek ramp

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Mar. 8/ 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 9 - Alafia River

- Alderman's Ford launch to Lithia Springs

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Mar. 15/ 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 10 - Blackwater Creek

- Sand Road bridge launch to Iron bridge & back

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Mar. 22/ 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 11 - Econlockhatchee River

- CR 419 bridge to Snowhill Road bridge.

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Mar. 27/ 9:00 AM - Winter Thursday Paddle 12 - Rock Springs Run

- Kelly Park launch to Wekiva Springs State Park

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