

## TROPICAL TREKKERS ACTIVITIES LISTING

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Friday Feb 21 2020	Grassy Island 1901 Hillard Rd. Okeechobee	<b>Hike Grassy Island-</b> Join us to walk about 6 miles on the Grassy Island loop trail, specializing in Old Florida beauty. We will carpool from Halpatiokee Park and Ride at 7:15 for an approximately 50 minute drive to Grassy Island. Or meet us at the grass parking lot to gather at 8:30 for a short walk to the trailhead. Grassy Island Trail is 6.5 miles, a scenic, winding, moderate walk thru Live Oaks and Sabal Palms. It is northwest of the town of Okeechobee. Optional lunch after the hike in a nearby restaurant will be planned. Bring 2-3 liters of water, wear closed toe shoes, sun screen, insect repellent. Hiking poles are suggested. Details of the location will be mailed out.	FTA members only Moderate	Georgia Binderow georgia41@comcast.net 772-285-0609 Jay Levitt jay12@bellsouth.net
Sunday Feb 23 2020	US 441 4.2 miles north of Hwy 70 and 3500 SE 38th Av Okeechobee	<b>Taylor Creek Hike/Okeechobee Battlefield Reenactment-</b> Did you know that Alex Creager is the park manager for not only Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park, but also Okeechobee Battlefield Historic State Park? We're going to support his efforts, learn something, and be entertained all at the same time! Entry is \$10.00 per car, so carpooling may be a good idea. We'll start the adventure at 10 AM at Taylor Creek STA with a short hike of about 30 minutes. This hike puports to have an abundance of wildlife, so bring your camera. We'll then hit the reenactment at Okeechobee Battlefield State Park. We will have lunch (bring your own) at the park if it's not too crowded or at Lake Okeechobee Park if it is.	Public Leisure	Lori Burris loriburris.swamptrumper @gmail.com 772 879-9378
Friday Feb 28 2020	Pinelands Natural Area	<b>Hike Pinelands- THIS HIKE HAS BEEN CANCELED- THE PROPERTY IS NO LONGER OPEN TO THE PUBLIC</b>	Public Moderate	Janet Bartha jebartha1952@att.net 772-240-6542
Tuesday March 3 to Sunday, March 7, 2020	FNST Lake Butler toGold Head Branch State Park and Big Shoals on the Suwannee River	<b>Backpacking Hike-</b> Join us to hike 58 miles along the Florida National Scenic Trail. Highlights of this trip are one night in Gold Head Branch State Park, hiking through Camp Blanding and new trail along the Suwannee River.	Limited to 5 members with backpacking experience. Moderate to Strenuous	Louise Cunha lcunha2@comcast.net 772 341-7370
March 5, 6, 7, 2020	Inverness Florida	<b>12th Annual IDIDAHIKE</b> Please join the Suncoast Chapter for a choice of hikes and a weekend of camping fun at Tillis Hill Campground	Public Leisure, Moderate or Strenuous	Sue Bunge sue- bunge@hotmail.com 727-946-1048 Lenny Chew lenny.d.chew@gmail.com 813-838-6834 Gordy Hawkins gordyhawkins@juno.com 727-480-1516
Saturday Mar 7 2020	4200 Johnston Rd Fort Pierce	<b>Old Florida Day Exhibition-</b> The Tropical Trekkers have been invited to set up a booth at the Third Annual Old Florida Day Festival. We are looking for 2 volunteers to help with the event; all others must pay as event attendees. You must register with the winery and buy your tickets. tickets are \$( through Feb 21, 2020, \$10 through March 6, 2020, and \$12 on the day of admission. So get yours now and save! Proceeds benefit Indian River County Historical Society. Here is a link to all the information and registration: <a href="https://www.summercushwine.com/event/467">https://www.summercushwine.com/event/467</a>	Public Leisure	Lori Burris loriburris.swamptrumper @gmail.com 772 879-9378
Monday Mar 9 2020	Palm City Community Center 2701 SW Cornell Av Palm City	<b>Monthly Chapter Meeting-</b> We look forward to having you join us for an evening with Rich Quinn, Chapter Chair and Section Leader, who will present "The State of the Trail", a description of the highs and lows of this year's work on the Trail. Come at 6:30 to meet and greet, share a small snack, and the presentation will begin at 7:00.	Public Leisure	Rich Quinn richquinn47@gmail.com 407 257-6722

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March 10, 11, 12, 13, 2020	Chandler Slough West (North), US 98,north of 144 Trail (formerly Loftin Road)	<b>Trail Relocation-</b> The plan is to relocate a very tricky section of trail from a cypress dome to a fence line. This section is usually wet and the mud before and after the cypress has frequently trapped the mowers. US Army Corps predicts that the water could rise by a foot here when the river restoration is complete, so we are going to move to a slightly higher location. We will clear, lop, chainsaw and blaze. Dave would like two crews to start in the middle and work outward, so many hands will be especially helpful. if you are interested in camping, please let Rich Quinn know and he will make reservations nearby. We will meet at the Cracker Store at 8 am each day.	Public Moderate to Strenuous	Dave Hutchinson davhut@comcast.net Rick Deluga rickdeluga@gmail.com Rich Quinn richquinn47@gmail.com
Monday March 16 2020	Spruce Bluff Preserve 611 SE Dar Ln Port St. Lucie	<b>Hike Spruce Bluff-</b> Join us to walk two self-guiding trails on this 97 acre site. One trail describes the site of the 1891 pioneer settlement and cemetery along the banks of the St. Lucie River. Another trail describes the significance of an early Native American mound and historic uses of native plants found along the trail.	Public Leisure	Ellie Bauer
March 19, 20 and 21 2020	Micco Landing to Oak Creek, US 98	<b>Micco Trail Touch-Up-</b> Please help prepare these 10 miles of trail for our Micco Celebration Hike. The work should be fairly easy, since this section was mowed just before the Ultra-Run (the weeds are still growing since there have been many warm days and some rain). We will mow and lop. We will meet at the Cracker Store at 8 am each day.	Public Moderate to Strenuous	Rich Quinn richquinn47@gmail.com 407 257-6722
Saturday March 28 2020	FNST from Micco Landing, US 98 to Oak Creek, Micco Bluff Road, Okeechobee	<b>Third Annual Micco Celebration Hike-</b> Come and celebrate the opening of this beautiful stretch of the Florida Trail. This year we are excited to show off our new puncheon bridges, making this a fantastic hike! Breakfast will be served and shuttles provided, as well as 3 rest stations along the way. This is our only fund-raiser for the year and we will split the proceeds with the Florida Trail Association (We want to build more bridges!) There will be an 11 mile hike of the FNST and a 4 mile in-and-out hike to one of the most scenic spots,narrated by two of our Master Naturalists. <b>Volunteers are needed for shuttles, food and to man the rest stations.</b>	Public Leisure, Moderate or Strenuous	Tom Clements thomasc09@comcast.net Barbara Quinn goodchios@yahoo.com
Tuesday March 31 2020	Hawks Bluff 4698 NE Savannah Rd. Jensen Beach	<b>Dessert Hike-</b> Join us for this Tropical Trekker tradition. This is a 1 mile hike at Hawks Bluff. After meeting at the trailhead, we will hike to a beautiful spot overlooking the savannahs. Here we will have dessert and watch the sunset. Attendees should carry a lightweight folding type chair or a blanket to sit on while we visit, eat and watch the beauty of this area. Wear walking shoes. The trail is very sandy and uneven. You must email Kay for final details.	Public Leisure	Kay Clements kayclements@comcast.net
April 13 2020	Meeting site to be determined	<b>Monthly Chapter Meeting-</b> We look forward to having you join us for a presentation by Bea Rogers, who will describe the building of the Ocean To Lake Trail. This is described as the best presentation at the Southern Regional Conference! Come at 6:30 for a chance to chat with old friends, make new friends and share a snack. The presentation begins at 7PM. <b>The Palm City Community Center will be undergoing renovations, so Martin County is providing us with an alternate location. Members will be emailed when the final details are available. It will also be posted on Meet Up.</b>	Public	
May 11 2020	Meeting site to be determined	<b>Monthly Chapter Meeting-</b> Please join us for a presentation by Eve Samples, TCPalm opinion chief, Executive Director of Friends of the Everglades. Come at 6:30 to chat with old friends, make new friends and share a snack. The presentation begins at 7PM	Public	
June 8 2020	Meeting site to be determined	<b>Ice Cream Social-</b> Our last meeting of the month is an ice cream social. We provide the ice cream and you bring the toppings! Meet at 7PM	Public	

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Difficulty:				
	Leisure	Generally 5 miles or less, good footing, casual to medium pace		
	Moderate	Generally 5 to 10 miles, uneven footing, possibly water, and/or fast pace		
	Strenuous	Generally more than 10 miles and/or backpacking, uneven footing, possibly water, and/or fast pace		
Participation:				
	Public	Event is open to members and anyone else approved by the event activity leader		
	Members & Guests	Event is open to members and their guests approved by the event activity leader		
	Members Only	Event is open only to Trekkers and other FTA members in good standing		
		Note: Biking, paddling, swimming or backpacking events may depend more on an individual's physical fitness for the activity than any rating.		
		Always discuss any physical limitations, concerns or questions you may have with your activity leader before confirming for the event.		