

TROPICAL TREKKERS ACTIVITIES LISTING

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Monday Sep 11 2023	Palm City Community Center 2701 SW Cornell Av Palm city	General Membership Meeting- Welcome back to our monthly gathering. We hope you had a great summer. Come at 6:30 PM to renew old friendships and meet new friends for a social time. The meeting begins at 7 PM with Daneille Devine as our speaker. Ms. Devine is the Lead Area Biologist at JW Corbett Wildlife Management Area and will be speaking to us about strategies for managing invasive plant species, control methods, terminologies, and identification. She will also highlight the new invasive species we are starting to see in our area and efforts we can make to assist in management. This topic is particularly relevant to our properties. Hope to see you there!	Public Leisure	Questions, comments or requests, please contact Chaz Rodriguez, Trekkers vice-chair, at chazlh@aol.com
Thursday , Friday Saturday Sep 14, 15, 16	Florida National Scenic Trail	Trail Work- We plan to evaluate the condition of the trail after a season of growth. The focus will be on entrance roads and parking areas. We will meet at the Cracker Trail Country Store at 7:45 AM and will be back in our cars before noon. As the temperatures are still very high, please be sure to carry at least 2 liters of water, electrolytes and a snack. We will avoid anything strenuous until the weather cools down. Wear closed toe shoes. We will provide hard hats (required by the National Forest Service, our boss) and additional safety equipment as needed. Bring gloves, if you have them, or we will share. Please call, text or email if you are able to attend and I will share details.	Public Moderate	Rich Quinn richquinn47@gmail.com 407 466-0047
Tuesday Sep 19 2023	Oak Hammock Park 1982 SW Villanova Rd. Port St. Lucie	Oak Hammock Hike/Rock Painting/Brunch- We gave away all our rocks on Earth Day! Thanks to all who painted with us! Now we need to start building our supply for the upcoming year. Please join us for a short hike before painting/eating. Paint and rocks are provided. We will do an ambling hike of about a mile on the Oak loop with it's centuries old oaks and an optional half mile on the Pine loop. You will hear the Devil Tree (also known as the Hanging Tree) story and a few actual facts. This is followed by rock painting and a shared brunch. Please bring enough for 2 or 3 people, not all 12 of us. A take home box is still recommended!	Public Leisure Limit 12	Lori Burris loriburris.swamptrumper@gmail.com 772 879-9378
Saturday Oct 7 2023	Jensen Beach	Activity Leader Training- We will gather at 9:00 AM to review and discuss the FTA policies on becoming an activity leader. At noon we will have lunch (I will provide it). It should be a lively morning and I look forward to seeing all present and future activity leaders! If you plan to attend, please call, text or email so that I can provide enough food for everyone!	FTA members Leisure	Barbara Quinn goodchios@yahoo.com 407 257-6722
Monday Oct 9 2023	Palm City Community Center 2701 SW Cornell Av Palm city	General Membership Meeting- Come for an evening with friends, old and new, and learn more about the Florida Trail Association. Meet at 6:30 for a social hour and welcome our speaker, Royce Gibson, Executive Director of the Florida Trail at 7:00. We will learn how the FTA is proceeding in fulfilling it's mission to build, maintain, protect and promote the Florida Trail.	Public Leisure	Tom Clements thomasc09@comcast.net 772 486-2816
Wednes day Oct 11 2023	Petravice Family Preserve 5445 Palmetto Av Fort Pierce	Hike and Brunch- We will do an ambling hike of about 2 miles through old oaks and palms preserved and donated to St. Lucie County by the Petravice family. The loop is connected by bridge over a tributary of the North Fork of the St. Lucie River to Captain Hammond's Hammock. It is a beautiful hike almost entirely shaded. The hike is followed by a shared goodies brunch at the pavilion. Bring enough for 2 or 3 people, not everyone! A to go container is still recommended. We will meet in the parking lot at 8:30 AM. There is a bathroom, but we are cautioned that it is only open when staff is on site.	Public Leisure Limit 12	Lori Burris loriburris.swamptrumper@gmail.com 772 879-9378
Saturday Oct 14 2023	Ocala National Forest OHV Center	Last Day to Sign Up for Chainsaw Training- If you are interested in being certified for chainsaw use on the Florida Trail, please let me know by today. FTA staff, Jeff Glenn and Abe Christian will be our instructors and the classes will be held Now 30 to Dec 1 or Dec 2 to Dec 3. Campsites with full bathrooms will be provided, but participants will need to provide their own meals.	FTA members Leisure	Rich Quinn richquinn47@gmail.com 407 466-0047

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Saturday and Sunday Oct 21-22, 2023	Hickory Hammock Wildlife Management Area US 98, 8 miles past the Kissimmee River Bridge and Fort Basinger	3 Mile Day Hike with Optional Overnight Primitive Tent Camping- Meet at the Martin Downs Publix (2750 SW Martin Downs Blvd, Palm City) at 8:30AM to carpool to Hickory Hammock for a 3 mile day hike or meet me at the gate to the Equestrian Center at 10 AM (contact me for the gate code) Bring snacks, lunch, bug spray, sun screen, a hat, at least 2 liters of water, and sturdy shoes. For the overnight we will start with the day hike and then set up for primitive tent camping. Hickory Hammock has NO ELECTRICITY, but does have a port-a-potty and water for washing dishes. Bring your drinking water. We will share a potluck dinner; please bring something to share with 4 people. Bring your own breakfast. We will pack up and head home Sunday morning.	Public Leisure	Audrey Minnis aminnis@bellsouth.net 772 521-4964 or Penny Snyder pennysnyder78@yahoo.com
Saturday Oct 21 2023	Jonathan Dickinson State Park 16450 SE Federal Hwy Hobe Sound	Firefest- Come and share your enthusiasm for the Florida Trail at this event. Part of our mission statement includes promoting the Florida Trail. We will not have a table this year, but the Loxahatchee Chapter has asked for help in manning their table.	FTA members Leisure	Barbara Quinn goodchios@yahoo.com 407 257-6722
Thursday Oct 26 2023	Oxbow Ecocenter 5400 NE St. James Drive Port St Lucie	Oxbow EcoCenter Hike and Brunch Meet in the parking lot at 9 AM. Bring bug spray, a hat and at least a liter of water. There is running water and bathrooms next to the parking lot. Sturdy shoes are recommended. This is a beautiful hike through scrub, pine flatwoods, and along the St. Lucie River. Roughly 3 miles, depending on our route, which will depend on rainfall. After the hike we will share a potluck brunch behind the center. Please, whatever you bring, make it enough for 2 or 3, not all 12 of us! A take home box is recommended anyway.	Public Leisure Limit 12	Lori Burris loriburris.swamptrumper@gmail.com 772 879-9378
Monday Oct 30 2023	Seabrook Preserve State Park 6093 SE Dixie Hwy Stuart	Halloween Night Hike- Bring the family and come for a walk on the North loop of Seabrook in the dark. We will meet at the pavillion at 6PM. Bring flashlights, water, bug spray. Sturdy shoes are recommended. We will take a break at the halfway point and tell spooky stories and have a snack before our return. The hike will be about 1.5 miles.	Public Leisure	Audrey Minnis aminnis@bellsouth.net 772 521-4964 Fran Connolly and Richard Knapp rsknapp1@comcast.net
Monday Nov 13 2023	Weldon B. Lewis Park/ Ancient Oaks Preserve 4650 Oleander Av Fort Pierce	Hike and Brunch- We will meet at the parking lot at 8:30 AM where there are bathrooms and running water. Bring bug spray, at least 1 liter of water and a snack. This is a mature hydric hammock with several large, old live oak trees, laurel oaks, slash pines, and cabbage palms. The hike is "not too short and not too long," more of a stroll than a hike. After the hike we will share in a pot brunch behind the center. Whatever you bring, make it enough for 2 or 3 people, not all 12 of us. A take home box is suggested anyway.	Public Leisure Limit 12	Lori Burris loriburris.swamptrumper@gmail.com 772 879-9378
Monday Nov 13 2023	Palm City Community Center 2701 SW Cornell Av Palm city	General Membership Meeting Please come for an evening with friends, old and new, as we welcome James Hurchalla, grandson of Maggie Hurchalla. He will talk of her work to preserve the natural lands of Martin County and will discuss how he is following in her footsteps. Doors open at 6:30 PM and the meeting begins at 7:00.	Public Leisure	Tom Clements thomasc09@comcast.net 772 486-2816

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Dec 5 through 9 2023	Florida National Scenic Trail	Work Week 2023- Save the dates! This is an annual event during which we prepare our entire section (72 miles!) of the Florida National Scenic Trail for the upcoming hiking season. You are invited to come for a day or for the week, because it take MANY hands to accomplish the undertaking! For those who would like, we camp at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park and provide meals, evening campfires, and great camaraderie. It is also possible to meet us each morning at the Cracker Store Food Market, 18084 US 98, Okeechobee. There are chores for any and every fitness level: painting blazes, lopping, mowing, bridge building, cooking, etc. If you are not interested in trail work, we would love to have you help in camp or sign up to prepare an evening meal.	Public Leisure to Strenuous	Rich Quinn richquinn47@gmail.com 407 466-0047
Sunday Dec 10 2023	Halpatokee Regional Park 8303 SW Lost River Road Stuart	Annual Holiday Party- Please come for our traditional celebration of the holidays in the enclosed pavillion at the park. Bring a covered dish to share. We will do a gift exchange with details to follow.	Tropical Trekker members Leisure	Tom Clements thomasc09@comcast.net 772 486-2816
Monday Jan 8 2024	Palm City Community Center 2701 SW Cornell Av Palm city	General Membership Meeting- Our meeting will be a BACKPACKING 101 CLASS! We will demonstrate gear appropriate for backpacking in preparation for a upcoming outing.	Public Leisure	Tom Clements thomasc09@comcast.net 772 486-2816
Jan 12-15 2024	Florida national Scenic Trail	Women's Trail Maintenance Party- We will host this group in completing a project on our section of the Florida Trail. More details will follow.	Public Leisure to Strenuous	Barbara Quinn goodchios@yahoo.com 407 257-6722
Saturday Feb 24 2024	Florida National Scenic Trail	Micco Celebration Hike- Please join us for our annual fundraising hike of 11 miles along the Micco section of the Florida Trail. We will host hikers from around the state and offer breakfast, shuttles, and aid stations along the route. Sign up to hike any distance you choose and/or volunteer to bring breakfast food, snacks or help with set up and take down. We look forward to seeing our membership helping us raise money for our chapter and for the FTA.	Public Leisure to Strenuous	Barbara Quinn goodchios@yahoo.com 407 257-6722
Tuesday Mar 12 2024	Florida National Scenic Trail	Flagler College Work Party - Sign up to assist Spring Break students from Flagler College in doing a project along the Florida Trail. This is a perfect opportunity to mentor these young folks who show an interest in our natural world and in "giving back."	Public Moderate	Rich Quinn richquinn47@gmail.com 407 466-0047
Saturday March 16 2024	Starvation Slough Florida Trail	Caesar Weed Pulling Party and Lunch- Join us for a short morning of pulling caesar weeds along the trail. We will shuttle you via Kubota to the chosen site and then will pull the weeds for an hour or so. I will serve you a hot lunch at our campsite and we will take time to enjoy the beauty of this scenic section of the Florida Trail. Bring a folding chair, a snack and your beverage of choice.	Public Leisure	Barbara Quinn goodchios@yahoo.com 407 257-6722

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.		

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		Always discuss any physical limitations, concerns or questions you may have with your activity leader before confirming for the event.		
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