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## Meetings and Programs

*Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month starting with a meet and greet at 6:30 PM. Program starts at 7 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2810 N. Meridian Rd., Tallahassee. For more information, contact ApalacheeFTA@gmail.com. Meetings are open to the public.*

### **JANUARY 8 TUE. 6:30-8:30 PM - "WHAT'S GOING ON AT ST. MARKS**

**NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE!"** Robin Will presents on the wonderful recreation activities, events, educational classes and volunteer opportunities going on at the Refuge. She will also share a little history on the Refuge's origin, Friends of the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge, light house restoration and photography club. Impact of Hurricane Michael 2018 on the Refuge. Robin is the Supervisory Refuge Ranger duties at St. Marks NWR, St. Marks, Florida since 1979. She holds a B.S. Biology, Florida State University, minor in Psychology and Chemistry.

### **FEBRUARY 12 TUE. 6:30-8:30 PM - "BIOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS WHICH SHAPE THEM"**

George Apthorp will present on the biological communities and the environmental elements which shape them. He will use the upland hardwood forests at Wakulla Springs State Park to illustrate the end product of a particular mix of environmental elements. George retired after 32 years with the Florida Park Service serving at various times as the training manager, concessions contract manager and many other parks related duties. He completed the Master Wildlife Conservationist program sponsored by the Wakulla County Extension Office.

### **MARCH 12 TUE. 6:30-8:30 PM - "NATURE, TECHNOLOGY AND YOU"**

*When you think about nature, what comes to mind?* For many people in Florida, the connection to nature begins at home. To explore these connections, join Peter Kleinhenz of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), to learn about an exciting program called Backyards and Beyond. The goal is to move people from experiencing nature at home (backyard) to exploring our statewide network of wildlife management areas (beyond). FWC encourages you to Plant a Refuge for Wildlife to enhance your home landscape for wildlife, create a project in Florida Nature Trackers, use the free app iNaturalist to document the plants and animals you observe while exploring, and earn Wings Over Florida certificates along the way.

## Welcome New Members

Barry Boerner, Ryan Bowles, Christopher Childers, Raymond Diaz, Roger Doherty, William Goodroe, Kathleen Jaeger, Terri Lanoux, Keith and Amanda Lawhon, Mayowa Ogunjobi, Dara Osher, Adam Peterson, Geln Paul, Glenda Rabby, Faye Rozwadowski, Thomas Rozwadowski, Raelyn Ulm, Michael Webber, Family of Allen Winsor, and Latika Young  
As of 12/01/18: 288 memberships / 370 members



# WANDERINGS

By Dawn Brown, Chapter Chair


I'm sitting at my computer again, deciding what I want to say to all of you. Several topics come to mind so I guess I'll say a word about each. First, I'd like to say some things about the recovery of our trails after the hurricane. Then, I'd like to talk about a state level issue some of you may be interested in.

Probably at this point no one wants to hear any more about Hurricane Michael, but I have just a few comments I'd like to make. Considering the amount of damage in our area, our trail is making rapid progress toward being clear again. This result didn't happen by accident. A lot of people were working almost around the clock to help clear the lands our section of the trail runs through. A USFS sawyer team was in place almost immediately working to clear the roads in the ANF so it could be reopened. Then Adam Fryska led a SCA sawyer team to clear most of the major blockages in the western side of the ANF.

Our own volunteers have also been quick to respond. George Weaver was out clearing his section as soon as the winds died down. Steve Babcock led a work party on the Aucilla Sinks section as soon as it was opened. The VWP originally scheduled for ANF West had to be rethought, but still accomplished much. Al Ingle and Mike Tucker were out with Adam and the crew. I know there are probably many more of you who have been out or are planning to go and a special thank you to all of you. If you haven't made plans to join a crew yet, then try to do so. It's doubly rewarding to know you are part of the recovery process.

Another and unrelated topic is the of the state FTA headquarters in Gainesville. As many of you know the old building was declared unsafe and the headquarters moved into rental property last spring. Currently the old building has been demolished and rebuilding on the old lot appears not to be viable. This property is going to be sold. At present, the organization has not decided what to do about future housing, but it will incur additional expenses. Please remember this as you plan your year-end giving.


As our wonderful north Florida winter weather approaches come out and enjoy our trail. Hope to see you there.



*let's go on an*  
**ADVENTURE**

*Congratulations to Ron and Judi Harrison for becoming FTA certified activity leaders. Each of these leaders completed their required training and co-lead hikes. Look for one of them on an upcoming event! If you are interested in becoming an activity leader, contact Ray Cade at raycade@hotmail.com*

*Congratulations to Al Ingle and April Edmonds for completing their certification for Wilderness First Aid.*



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### WANTED VOLUNTEER HOURS COORDINATOR:

Job Description: Obtains and complies volunteer hours each month from chapter officers, section leaders, and activity leaders. Enters chapter volunteer hours in Excel and performs data entry into FTA Volunteer Hours database. Assists in planning and oversees the annual awards ceremony; notifies award recipients; deliver awards to those unable to attend ceremony. Skills in Microsoft Excel/Word and Event Planning. Training will be provided. Direct Inquiries to Linda Patton 850-668-4334 or lpatton@fsu.edu



In November, the chapter had the pleasure of hearing about the Florida Master Naturalist Program, presented by Roz Kilcollins. If you missed this great presentation, you can find out more about the program at: <http://masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu/>

# CHAPTER AWARDS

by Linda Patton, Volunteer Hours Coordinator

Our gratitude goes out to the 63 Apalachee Chapter members who volunteered 2,807 hours to our Chapter, to FTA and to the maintenance of our trails during the past year--July 2017 through June 2018. This is the list of volunteers who were recognized at the September 2018 Chapter meeting.

Hours patches and rockers were awarded based on the cumulative number of hours reported for trail work, leading activities, and administrative work from July 2009 through June 2018. The following awards were made:

**10-hour patch:** Jeff Bastian, April Edmonds, Rob Flynn, Debbie Grant, John Griffin, Ron Harrison, Judi Kent Harrison, William Large, Ellwood McElhaney, Jim Owens, Michael Spagnolo

**100-hour rocker:** Walker Banning, Elwood McElhaney, Courtney Micots, Randy Smith, Janet Stephens

**500-hour rocker:** Kent Wimmer

**1,000-hour rocker:** Gwen Beatty

Name-plates on permanent plaques are awarded to those with the highest number of hours reported within the past year (July 2017 through June 2018) in one of five categories.

**FNST Maintainer of the Year:** Mike Tucker

**Loop Trail Maintainer of the Year:** Dawn Brown

**Activity Leader of the Year:** Dawn Griffin

**Administrative Leader of the Year:** Linda Patton

**Volunteer of the Year:** Dawn Griffin

This year we also honored those of our members who have volunteered hundreds of hours over the years, but never in a high enough number within one single year to get their name on a plaque. These are people who could always be counted on to help when the call went out for volunteers:

**Honorees:** Gwen Beatty, Gary Sisco, Kent Wimmer, Al Ingle, Steve Babcock, James Kimbrel, Elizabeth Slack, Rik Edmonds, Ray Cade, Rayanne Mitchell, Lee Bonninghausen, Rob Smith, Carol Watkins, Walker Banning, Courtney Micots, Randy Smith.

**Two special awards were also given:**

Liz Sparks for her many years as our Programs Coordinator.

Elwood McElhaney for setting a new Chapter record: volunteering over 100 hours in his very first year as an FTA member.

This year we added two 'just for fun' categories, awarded by vote of folks present.

**Most liked Ice cream treat:** won by Jane Teuton for a dish that had Butter Pecan ice cream in it.

**Most orange paint on article of clothing:** a tie between Howard Pardue and Courtney Micots.





10-hour patch



100-hour rocker patch



Name-plates plaques



500-hour patch



1000-hour patch



Most orange paint



Honorees



The end of the year and the holidays are a wonderful time to celebrate and enjoy Florida's natural beauty. FTA, along with volunteers, members, partners, and friends, helps bring outdoor recreational access for the people of Florida. We help protect wild spaces, engaging the public in this effort. We work within the larger National Trails community to ensure adequate funding and resources for these trails, promote the Florida Trail, and educate people about the importance of our plants and animals, outdoor recreation, and volunteerism. Without

the dedicated support of people like you, we could not succeed. Please support the Trails you love.

Here are two great ways to donate.

Trail donation via online: <https://donatenow.networkforgood.org/floridatrail>  
Designate to: Apalachee Chapter or mark for a specific purpose

Local chapter donations by mailing a check to:  
Apalachee Chapter Florida Trail Association  
C/O James C. Kimbrel, Treasurer  
4287 Pleasant Drive  
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Amazon Shoppers:

Don't forget FTA when you are doing your Holiday shopping. You can support FTA through the Amazon Smile program. Go to: <https://smile.amazon.com/> sign into your account and select Florida Trail Association as your charity, Amazon will donate .5% of your total purchases to FTA. This contribution does not affect the price you pay.



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## WINTER ACTIVITIES – JAN-MAR

The Florida National Scenic Trail and other forest trails are part of the natural environment. Expect rough, uneven, and/or slippery surfaces, protruding roots, encroaching vegetation, fallen branches, mud and water, insects and other wildlife, irritating plants and other hazards to be present. **Be prepared for the weather, insects, and sun protection.** If you question whether a hike is within your ability, contact the Activity Leader. Paddlers must have a USCG-approved life jacket for each person and a sound-producing (whistle/horn) device on board while on the water. Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Level: "L" Leisurely (1-2 mph walking pace), "M" Moderately difficult (2-3 mph walking pace), "S" Strenuous (3-4+ mph walking pace).



Unless indicated all activities are open to the public and please sign up at MeetUp.com to attend. Check our Meetup site for dates, meeting locations, and any last-minute announcements before starting out.

Link: <https://www.meetup.com/Apalachee-Florida-Trail-Hiking>

### JANUARY

**JAN. 2, 9, 23, 30 – EVERY WED. (S) STRESS BUSTER BRISK WALKS ("Trails, Grub and Tall Tales."): JR ALFORD GREENWAY TRAILHEAD - Celebrating Our 7th Year!** Come at 2:45 PM and be ready to hike a 3.5+/- mile loop at 3:00 PM sharp. At the end of this first hike you can leave or take a short rest and meet the folks joining us at 4:15 PM to hike another 3.5+/- mile loop trail AND/OR (2) Come at 4:15 PM and be ready to hike a 3.5+/- mile loop at 4:30 PM sharp. This allows us to increase our mileage as well as hike different loop trails! Bring snacks if needed, water and dress in layers. Bring flashlight/headlamp. Come hydrated. Will attempt to maintain a pace of 3.0-3.5 mph. Afterwards, plan to grab some dinner and listen to some tall hiking tales! *Hey, you earned it!* Contact: Dawn Griffin (850) 509-6103, [griffind@aol.com](mailto:griffind@aol.com)  
<http://apalachee.floridatrail.org/>

**JAN. 6 SUN. (S) 8:00 AM - FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL MAINTENANCE: APALACHICOLA NATIONAL FOREST WEST -** Lop, mow, blaze and clear the Florida National Scenic Trail in the western section of the Apalachicola National Forest. Bring lunch, snacks, insect repellent, rainwear, sun protection, first aid kit and plenty of water. Tools and safety equipment provided. Meet at the Florida Forest Service office (Tallahassee Forestry Center, 865 Geddie Rd., Tallahassee) at 8 a.m. and carpool from there. Expect to work until approx. 1:00 p.m. **LIMIT 10 PEOPLE. YOU MUST SIGN UP;** if you don't contact one of the trip leaders in advance, you cannot join the work party. OPEN TO PUBLIC. Contacts: Al Ingle (850) 509-1162, [al@capitalavionics.com](mailto:al@capitalavionics.com) or Mike Tucker (850) 545-3489, [tuckems@hotmail.com](mailto:tuckems@hotmail.com)

**JAN. 8 TUE. 6:30-8:30 PM – CHAPTER MEETING:**  
"What's Going on at St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge!" -  
See description on page 1.

**JAN. 15 TUE. (M) 9:00 AM - DAY HIKE - HORN SPRING** - Horn Spring is an old Tallahassee sinkhole that has been privately held and off limits to the public for the past few decades. It has recently been acquired by the State of Florida and is now open to the public via a 6-mile round trip hiking trail. Be one of the first to see this Leon County treasure. Meet at the Natural Bridge Battlefield historic state park. Be ready to hike at 9:15 AM sharp. Bring water, snacks, insect repellent and wear comfortable walking shoes. Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Contact Elwood McElhaney (850) 566-6830, emcelhaney@embarqmail.com

**JAN. 22 TUE. ACTIVITIES PLANNING MEETING.** Plan some amazing activities for the months of April – June 2019. Chapter Activity Leaders & future Activity Leaders welcome - Contact Ray Cade (850) 508-7593, raycade@hotmail.com

**JAN 26 SAT. (S) 2:00 PM – INTRODUCTION TO FLORIDA'S STATE FOREST TRAILWALKER PROGRAM: WAKULLA STATE FOREST'S NEMOURS LOOP TRAIL** – Join us for an informative talk on Florida's State Forest Trailwalker Program, followed by a 1.75-Mile hike of the Wakulla State Forest's Nemours Loop Trail. Bring water, snacks, insect repellent, sun protection, and rain gear, as needed. Meet at the covered, picnic pavilion at the trailhead. DIRECTIONS: From Tallahassee, take Highway 319 south to Highway 61, turn on to Highway 61 for 7 miles, turn east on Highway 267 for 2 miles, trailhead and parking on north side of Highway 267. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON MEETUP.** Contact Judi Harrison, (850) 591-3677, jlkent0424@gmail.com or Ron Harrison, (850) 443-1665, RonaldWHarrison68@gmail.com

**JAN 26 SAT. 5:30PM - 2ND ANNUAL WILD & SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL!** Location: Swamp Head Brewery, Gainesville FL. Purchase tickets and more information: <https://www.floridatrail.org/wild-scenic-film-festival-2019/>

## FEBRUARY

**FEB. 2 SUN. (L) 1:00-4:00 PM - "MAY THE FOREST BE WITH YOU"** Cascades Park at Discovery Field. The event is free, open to the public and designed to bring together experienced outdoors folks, novices, and armchair dreamers to showcase the multitude of day hiking and overnight backpacking opportunities in our region. Members of the chapter will be sharing information on hiking trails, hiking/camping, trail maintenance, upcoming scheduled day hikes and backpacking trips, overnight shelter options (tents, tarps, etc.), day/backpacks, ultralight gear, and Leave No Trace principles. Contact: Dawn Griffin (850) 509-6103, griffindd@aol.com

**FEB. 4 SUN. (S) 8:00 AM - FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL MAINTENANCE: APALACHICOLA**

<http://apalachee.floridatrail.org/>

**NATIONAL FOREST WEST** - See the January 6 Description

**FEB. 6, 13, 20, 27 – WED. (S) STRESS BUSTER BRISK WALKS ("Trails, Grub and Tall Tales.")** - See the January 2 Description

**FEB. 12 TUE. 6:30-8:30 PM – CHAPTER MEETING: "BIOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS WHICH SHAPE THEM"**  
– See description on page 1.

**FEB 16 SAT. (S) 2:00 PM – MICCOSUKEE GREENWAY BIKE RIDE: FLEISCHMAN ROAD TRAILHEAD** – Join us for a ~1.5-Hour / ~6.5-Mile trail ride on the well-maintained, gravel paths of the Miccosukee Greenway. We will meet at the Fleischmann Road Trailhead and ride from there to the Thornton Road Trailhead and back. The path is gravel and sand, so it is more conducive to hybrid, cyclocross, or mountain bikes (wider tires than "road bikes"). There are some rolling hills that will challenge casual riders. Bring your bike, helmet, water, snacks, insect repellent, sun protection, and rain gear, as needed. DIRECTIONS: Meet at the Miccosukee Greenway's Fleischman Road Trailhead, located on the north side of Fleischmann Road between Welaunee Blvd and Miccosukee Road. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON MEETUP.** Contact Ron Harrison (850) 443-1665, RonaldWHarrison68@gmail.com or Judi Harrison, jlkent0424@gmail.com, (850) 591-36 Judi Harrison, (850) 591-3677, jlkent0424@gmail.com

**FEB. 17 SUN. (M) 9:30 AM – 3RD ANNUAL "GRANDMA GATEWOOD" COMMEMORATIVE WALK: ELEANOR PHIPPS TRAILHEAD.** Emma Gatewood/"Grandma Gatewood" was a grandmother who enjoyed adventure and hiked the Appalachian Trail three (3) times—the 1st time at the age of 67. Ben Montgomery wrote a very good book "Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail. We honor her by hiking a local trail. Meet at Gate A, 1275 Miller Landing Rd., be ready to hike at 9:45 AM. Bring water, snacks, insect repellent and wear comfortable hiking shoes. Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Contact: April Edmonds (850) 519-1525, April.edmonds.35@gmail.com or Dawn Griffin (850) 509-6103, griffindd@aol.com

**FEB. 17 SUN. NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE** Have you had a great experience on a recent hike/walk? Share it. Please send related photos, recipes, jokes, articles, tips and trail tales for the Winter newsletter. Email to: April.Edmonds.35@gmail.com

**FEB. 23 SAT. (M) 9:00 AM - DAY HIKE - CATHEDRAL OF PALMS** - The Cathedral of Palms via Florida Trail is 5.9-mile loop trail located near Crawfordville, FL that features beautiful wild flowers, a sinkhole and an area that is sheltered by hundreds of sable palm trees. It is one of the most famous and scenic hiking destinations in our area, yet many people have never heard of it because of its remote location. Meet at the trailhead at the corner

of County Road 365 and Shell Point Road at 9:00 am and be ready to hike at 9:15 am sharp. Bring lots of water, snacks, insect repellent, sun protection and wear comfortable walking shoes. Minors under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a responsible adult. NO PETS. Contact Elwood McElhaney (850) 566-6830, emcelhaney@embarqmail.com

## MARCH

**MAR. 2 SAT. (S) 24TH ANNUAL BRADWELL BAY SWAMP STOMP.** Hike about 8 mi—from the Monkey Creek Trailhead on FR 329 and hike west to the Bradwell Bay Trailhead on FR 314. Depending on the size of the group, we may split & hike from opposite trailheads, meeting on the island for lunch. Expect hike to be wet-wading and mud for about half the distance through cool water—but the air temperature should be warm. This hike is strenuous and may have deep mud, holes & fallen trees. Contact: Kent Wimmer (850) 528-5261, klwimmer2@gmail.com

**MAR. 3 SUN. (S) 8:00 AM - FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL MAINTENANCE: APALACHICOLA NATIONAL FOREST WEST** - See the January 6 Description

**MAR 9 SAT. (S) 1:00 PM – EXPLORE THE LAFAYETTE PASSAGE PADDLING TRAIL** – Join us for a ~3-Hour / distance TBD paddle of the Lafayette Passage Paddling Trail. We will launch from Lafayette Heritage Park (Piney Z) and paddle across Lake Piney Z to the short portage where we will cross over and continue exploring Lower Lake Lafayette. Pace and distance covered during our ~3-Hour trip will be determined by the abilities of the group. Bring your kayak/canoe, paddle(s), life jacket, whistle, water, snacks, insect repellent, sun protection, and rain gear, as needed. Meet near the first boat launch in Lafayette Heritage Park. DIRECTIONS: Lafayette Heritage Park is located at 4900 Heritage Park Blvd, Tallahassee, FL 32311. Paddlers must have a USCG-approved life jacket for each person and a sound-producing (whistle/horn) device on board while on the water. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON MEETUP.** Contact Judi Harrison, (850) 591-3677, jlkent0424@gmail.com or Ron Harrison, (850) 443-1665, RonaldWHarrison68@gmail.com

**MAR 15 FRI. (L) - BAINBRIDGE, BOOTS & BREW.** Downtown Bainbridge is a southern town famous for its historic squares and has a proud history and heritage with a reputation on making southern hospitality a way of life. Explore and enjoy a leisurely late afternoon stroll through the town stopping at a Southern Philosophy Brewery! Wear comfortable shoes, casual clothing and bring water. Sorry, event for **FTA members only**. **Limit 12.** Contact Dawn Griffin (850) 509-6103, Griffindd@aol.com or Eva Daigle (850) 556-9006, evapevadai@gmail.com

**MAR. 11,18, 25 - MON. (M-S) 5:00 PM - A WALK IN THE WOODS: LAFAYETTE HERITAGE TRAIL PARK (PINEY Z)** A walk in the woods is beneficial to one's mental and physical health. Join us in a moderate to strenuous walk through the woods at your length (3.5

miles+ @ 3-4 miles/hour). We rest for a few minutes at the 2-mi. midway point. Dogs on a leash are welcome. Bring lots of water, wear comfortable shoes, and insect repellent. Meet near the restroom at 5:00 pm and be ready to hike at 5:15 pm sharp. Contact: Courtney Micots (850) 300-0399, courtnaymicots@gmail.com

**MAR. 6, 13, 20, 27 – WED. (S) STRESS BUSTER BRISK WALKS (“Trails, Grub and Tall Tales.”)** - See the January 2 Description

**MAR. 14, 21, 28 - THUR. (M-S) 5:00 PM - A WALK IN THE WOODS: MICCOSUKEE GREENWAY, EDENFIELD TRAILHEAD** A walk in the woods is beneficial to one's mental and physical health. Join us in a moderate to strenuous walk through the woods at your length (4 miles @ 3-4 miles/hour). We rest for a few minutes at the 2-mi. midway point. Dogs on a leash are welcome. Bring lots of water, wear comfortable shoes, and insect repellent. Meet near the restrooms at 5:00 pm and be ready to hike at 5:15 pm sharp. Contact: Courtney Micots (850) 300-0399, courtnaymicots@gmail.com

**MAR. 12 TUE. 6:30-8:30 PM – CHAPTER MEETING: “NATURE, TECHNOLOGY AND YOU”** – See description on page 1.

**MAR. 23 SAT. M - SOPCHOPPY RIVER AZALEA HIKE: SOPCHOPPY RIVER SECTION OF THE FNST.** A 4.5-mile hike following the Sopchoppy River. Abundant stands of wild azaleas bloom mid-late March. Hikers will get a list of plant species observed along the trail. Check for details on our Meetup site. **LIMIT 20 PEOPLE. MUST SIGN UP.** Contact: George Weaver (850) 510-3288, weaver@psy.fsu.edu or Colead: April Edmonds (850) 519-1525, April.Edmonds.35@gmail.com

**MAR. 29 FRI – APR 1 MON. (M) - DAY HIKES IN PINE MOUNTAIN GA.** Leave Tallahassee Friday for a 3.5-hour drive to Pine Mountain (outside Columbus, Georgia). On the way we can stretch our legs with a short hike in Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon" at Providence Canyon State Outdoor Recreation Area, then continue our journey north to Pine Mountain and check into our accommodations. Enjoy day hikes on Saturday/Sunday on one of the 40 miles of trails, including the popular 23-mile Pine Mountain Trail, which winds through hardwood and pines, over creeks and past small waterfalls. Non-hikers can visit Callaway Gardens and Warm Springs (FDR's Little White House). On the way back consider a stop at the Andersonville National Historic Site. You can choose a hotel at night, stay in a cabin or campsite. You can stay through Monday or make your way home on Sunday. Make your reservations early either at a hotel in Pine Mountain or at F.D.R. State Park cabins/campground (gastateparks.org/ FDRoosevelt). **Sign up early; space is limited. FTA members only; limit 30 people.** To sign up, contact one of the Leaders: Elwood McElhaney (850) 566-6830, emcelhaney@embarqmail.com, Dawn Griffin (850)509-6103, Griffindd@aol.com, or Debbie Grant dag9465@comcast.net

**MAR. 30 SAT. (M) 8:45 AM - THE GREENWAY TREK: MICCOSUKEE GREENWAY, FLEISHMAN TRAILHEAD -**  
 Let's explore the Miccosukee Greenway. You are welcome to join us for the full 15-mile walk from Fleishman to Crump and back again, or you can just do a section of the hike. We'll follow a moderate pace so wear comfortable shoes. This is a great opportunity to motivate yourself for a long-distance hike. If you want to try the whole Greenway, park at the Crump trailhead and carpool to Fleischman as parking space is limited. We will rest for a

few minutes at the restrooms at 2-mile points. Bring water, snacks, insect repellent and wear comfortable walking shoes. Meet near the restrooms at 8:45 AM at the Fleischman trailhead for sign-in and instructions, and then start the hike at 9:00 AM sharp. Children under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian for the duration of the hike. Dogs on a leash are welcome. Check our Meetup site any last-minute announcements before starting out. Contact: Courtnay Micots (850) 300-0399, courtnaymicots@gmail.com

Our Mission: The Florida Trail Association builds, maintains, protects, and promotes the unique Florida National Scenic Trail (Florida Trail), along with a network of hiking trails throughout the state of Florida. Together with our partners, the Association provides opportunities for the public to contribute to meaningful volunteer work, engage in outdoor recreation, and participate in environmental education. The Apalachee Chapter includes Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, and Wakulla counties.

## JOIN THE FLORIDA TRAIL ASSOCIATION

Make a Difference

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Sign me up for the monthly e-blaze newsletter

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### JOIN

Individual levels start at \$35. Family levels start at \$50. Your membership allows us to grow and expand our conservation programs.

- Trail Steward (\$35)       Trail Protector (\$500)  
 Trail Builder (\$50)       Trail Champion (\$1000)  
 Trail Advocate (\$100)

### DONATE

Additional Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_


By Check: Make checks payable to the "FLORIDA TRAIL ASSOCIATION" and mail to "FTA, 5415 SW 13th St, Gainesville, FL 32608"

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