

Outings

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Saturday, December 8th: Florida Orienteering at Lake Louisa in Clermont - Orienteering is a recreational and competitive sport, a kind of hiking/running game, which involves using a detailed map, and a compass, to find one's way through unfamiliar terrain. The map and compass skills used in Orienteering are useful to hikers and backpackers, as well as all those interested in fitness and the outdoors. Arrive at 0930 (7305 US Highway 27) for a basic orienteering class by the activity leader, Sheryl Bly. We can walk/run the course in groups of 2-4 folks or individually if you choose after the class. The courses are 3 – 5 miles in length and take approx 2 – 3 hours. There is a \$3 fee/car to get into the park & there is a \$6 fee to participate in the Orienteering course. Follow the Florida Orienteering signs once you arrive at Kelly park in Apopka. Bring a compass, (if you have one) lunch, bug spray & plenty of water in a camelback or small backpack and a hat. Leader: Sheryl Bly 407-808-2622 or SHERYL.BLY@NAVY.MIL (M-F only)

Saturday, January 12th: Hike at Triple N Ranch in Osceola County near Holopaw. A 7-mile loop hiking trail, constructed by the Florida Trail Association passes through pine flatwoods, oak scrub and scenic hammocks along Crabgrass Creek. Triple N Ranch contains some pristine natural plant community's home to quail, wild turkey and crested caracara. The area is 17 miles east of St. Cloud. The entrance off of 1-92 is approximately 3 miles east of the junction of U.S. Highway 1-92 and U.S. Highway 441. We will carpool at 9:30am from behind the Taco Bell in the Walmart parking lot on the corner of Goldenrod and Hoffner. Leader: Rodney Posey: rposey1@cfl.rr.com or 321-436-2349 No pets.

Saturday, February 9th: Moonlight Hike to Brickyard Slough. We'll hike 1.2 miles to Brickyard Slough on the St. Johns River. Brickyard Slough Tract is 4,141 acres and located along the shores of Lake Monroe in southwest Volusia County between Osteen and Sanford. The trail passes by a manmade pond before entering a beautiful oak hammock and the flood plains of the St. Johns River. The land was bought by FDOT as mitigation property. Meet at 4:30 pm and bring dinner RSVP: Mary-Slater: 407-481-4398 or sierraclub01@yahoo.com Free. No pets.

Saturday, February 23th: Hike St. Francis Trail. Meet at 10:00 am. The 8 mile trail terminus is across the road from the River Forest Group Camp, seven miles southwest of DeLand. The trail traverses old fields and pass's through an oak hammock and river floodplain. Along the way, you will walk through the ghost town of St. Francis, a historic riverside commerce center. At the turn of the century, St. Francis included a hotel, general store, stable, cottages and homes. Steamboats would unload supplies here on trips down the river from Palatka. Hurricanes in the 1920's finished the town. Leader: Rodney Posey: rposey1@cfl.rr.com or 321-436-2349. No pets.