

The next hike is scheduled for Saturday May 21 at Half Moon Wildlife Management Area

There is a 3.3 mile loop and a second short loop if it isn't too hot.

Meeting time: 8AM

Hike begins at 8:15 AM promptly

Directions:

Take 44 east out of Inverness towards Interstate 75. After crossing the Withlacoochee River look for the brown sign for the Half Moon WMA and turn left. The road is next to "Just Horsin Around".

Take that road until you get to the WMA. Do not drive into the WMA (sometimes the gate is left open on the lime rock road)

Park on the left side near the big kiosk sign.

Bring sun block, bug spray and plenty of water and a snack.

There are some picnic tables in the shade at the entrance -- I will probably be having my "ritual" PB&J sandwich.

Karl

Nature Coast Volkssport - Ramblers Hiking, Biking & Kayak Club

Next Kayak Trip - Tuesday, June 30, 2009

Lake Hernando - Hernando Florida, north side of Rt. 41 - just past Rt. 486

Explore the chain of lakes - 2 - 2 1/2 hour trip

Meet at 8:30, launch by 9AM

Lunch afterwards at a local eatery.

Trip leaders - Karl and Carol Seidman (352- 344-1531)

Please RSVP via email to: cseidmank@hotmail.com Include your phone number.

Phone 1 1/2 to 2 hours before launch time to verify if conditions are questionable

If the weather is inclement we will reschedule to the next Tuesday.

Nature Coast Ramblers - Kayak Trip - Tuesday July 28, 2009

Launch from Dunnellon Blue Springs County Park - paddle on the Withlacoochee River

Meet at 8AM - launch at 8:30 from the parking lot at Blue Run of Dunnellon Park which is 1 mile east of US 41 on SR 484 (Driving North on US 41 from Holder to Dunnellon, turn right at the major intersection of US 41/SR 40 and SR 484) The park is on the right, just across the Rainbow River bridge, where the "tubers" finish their float down the Rainbow River.

Please RSVP to trip leaders, and give your phone #.

Marie Nall 352-228-9217 Marie.Nall@fmc-na.com <<mailto:Marie.Nall@fmc-na.com>>

John Cameron 352 795-8628

If the weather is questionable, please call one of the trip leaders the night before for an update on the plans.

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Kayak Trip

Our next kayak Trip will be on Tuesday September 22, 2009.

This is one week earlier than regular "last" Tuesday of the month.

The change from the usual last Tuesday trip is only for this month.

This Paddle trip will explore the Withlacoochee River, launching from Yankeetown.
Approximately 2 1/2 hours.

Exact directions will be sent within the week. This launch is NOT from the ramp at the end of rt 40. New launch site.

R S V P:

Please call trip leaders: Dean and Anita Dolbeck 352-527-3250 or email them
adolbeck@tampabay.rr.com <<mailto:adolbeck@tampabay.rr.com>>

If the weather is inclement we will reschedule to the next Day. **Phone 1 1/2 to 2 hours before launch time to verify if conditions are questionable.**

The next kayak trip, set up by Phil Parent and John Cameron, is to be on the Withlacoochee River down in Floral City. It will be on the 20th of October, a Tuesday. We will meet at 9:00 AM, at the boat ramp, and put in at 9:30. The boat ramp is located 4 miles East of Floral City on Route 48, just East of a bridge over the Withlacoochee river and next to a store. There is a launch charge of \$3 per kayak. We will put in on the river and travel upstream for about an hour or so and then turn around and come back. It is a nice wilderness stretch of the river which at times opens up to large ponds and at times winds through cypress swamps and woods. There is very little current so it is a gentle paddle. Lots of birds and wildlife to be seen.

Directions: From Floral City, go East on Route 48 for 4 miles across the bridge over the Withlacoochee River to the store and ramp on the right. The store has provisions (food and stuff) for sale, and there are also bathrooms available.

If you plan to go, email Phil Parent at beau1941@att.net <<mailto:beau1941@att.net>> or call 352-465-5271, cell: 352-804-7147 or call John Cameron at 352-795-8628 or cell: 813-949-8407

Ramblers Kayak Trip

Tuesday November 24, 2009 Meet at 9 AM, shove off 9:30

Please meet at the Spruce Boat Ramp to Paddle on the Withlacoochee River

Directions: North on Rt 200 (towards Ocala) Turn left on Rt 39 just South of the river and Stumpknockers Restaurant.

Once on Rt 39, take the first right (short distance) to the Spruce Boat Ramp. Good parking but no bathrooms.

R S V P - Please call or email coordinators

Dean and Anita Dolbeck adolbeck@tampabay.rr.com <<mailto:adolbeck@tampabay.rr.com>>
or phone (352) 527- 3250

Lunch afterwards at Reds.

Ramblers December Kayak Trip

The next kayak trip will be on Kings Bay on Tuesday, December 29.

Meet at Hunter Springs Park at 9:00 a.m. and launch at 9:30.

Directions: From intersection of State HWY 44 and US 19 in Crystal River, cross 19, 44 becomes NE 5th St, left at NE 3rd Ave right at NE 4th St left at NE 1st Ave to Hunter Spring Park.

We will kayak around the bay and Three Sisters Springs. Approximately 2 hours.

Joree Cox and Dottie Kane have graciously invited the paddlers to have lunch at Joree and Dave's house, just down the canal from Three Sisters Spring.

After lunch return by kayak to Hunter Springs Park.

Please RSVP by 12/26 to Dottie at 352-563-1211 or email lorenhk@gmail.com
<<mailto:lorenhk@gmail.com>>

Nature Coast Ramblers
January Kayak Trip
Withlacoochee/Rainbow River

Tues. Jan 26, 10:00 AM depart.

This is a relatively easy trip upriver into the Rainbow and drifting back starting at the boat ramp at the bridge on 41 by City Hall in Dunnellon. If time permits, we can paddle up the Withlacoochee a little way on the return. There are usually a lot of birds this time of year so bring your camera. Trip should last approximately 2 hours.

Directions: Go north on 41 until you cross the river in Dunnellon. Turn left into the park, drop your kayak and park up on the hill. There are bathrooms at this park.

Lunch will be at Blue Gator on the deck across the street. You can leave your vehicle and walk over.

The trip leaders are Buffy DeMatteis and Cathy Knox

Please RSVP by replying to this message or calling Cathy at 352-527-3441

If the weather is inclement we will reschedule to the next Tuesday. **Phone Cathy 1 1/2 to 2 hours before launch time to verify if conditions are questionable.**

~Cathy~

Nature Coast Ramblers
February 23, Kayak trip

Duval Island - Floral City

Meet at 9:30 AM - Launch at 10 AM

Directions:

From Route 41 South in Floral City, go East (left) on Rt 48 -3/4 mile on Rt 48,
then go left on Orange Ave, and continue 1/4 mile to ramp on left.

Parking is limited at ramp, plenty of parking just down the road, after unloading.

This is a circular route, going up a quiet canal and returning on the lake. Estimate 2 to 2 1/2 hours.

Please RSVP to leaders John Cameron (352) 795-8628 leave message

Phil Parent beau1941@att.net (352) 465-5271

If weather is questionable, call leader at 8AM Tuesday.

The next kayak trip will be Friday, March 19th on the Homosassa River.

Meet at 9:30 leave at 10:00.

This is a round trip starting at the public boat ramp (at the end of W. Yulee Drive), going up river to the springs and return.

Estimated time 2 hours.

Directions:

Coming from north of Homosassa Springs traveling south on US 19:

Turn right (west) onto Halls River Road(next to Hardees in the Publix Shopping Center at Homosassa Springs). Go 1/2 mile, then turn left on Fishbowl Drive. Go a mile and a half on Fishbowl Drive to W. Yulee Drive. Go right on W. Yulee Drive a mile and a half. W. Yulee Drive ends at the public boat ramp where we will launch. There are restrooms.

Coming from south of Homosassa Springs traveling north on US 19:

Turn left (west) onto Halls River Road (next to Hardees), then use directions above.

RSVP: Tom at 352-563-1211 or email lorenehk@gmail.com <<mailto:lorenehk@gmail.com>>

Questions en route call Tom's cell 305 619-0173

Nature Coast Ramblers - April Kayak Trip

Tuesday April 27, 2010

We will launch from the boat ramp at the end of Turner Camp Road in Inverness. Our paddle will begin on the Withlacoochee River, and will then meander up Gum Slough. This waterway is spring fed and currently the water is high enough for us to enjoy a shaded canopy above us. There are many submerged logs to navigate around, paddling against the current going in, with a pleasant float trip returning to the main river.

Meet at 9 AM and push off at 9:30. No restrooms.

RSVP to trip leaders Karl and Carol Seidman
cseidmank@hotmail.com 352-344-1531

Join us for lunch at a local eatery.

If weather is questionable, call us between 7 & 8 AM.

Directions

In Inverness, from route 44/41 turn north on to route 41 north, (towards Hernando).

--from the east you will turn right where 44 and 41 split.

--from the west (Lecanto/Crystal River), **Turn left at the 44/41 split. Don't** take the 41 north access at Montgomery (by Sweet Bay), but go to the next light. You will also pass a sign to turn left for 581 north.

After you turn immediately look for a sign "**to 581 North**" and make a right after the BP station on to a small street, Davidson Avenue, then continue to follow the 581 signs, making the next right and then the next left on to **Ella Avenue**, which will become **Turner Camp Road. You will be going several miles. Continue to the boat ramp at the end of the road.**