

Nature Coast Ramblers AVA Club

Year in Review 2008-2009

HIKING:

April 12: Annual Meeting and hike at Crystal River Preserve State Park followed by lunch at Crackers

April 19: Earth Day celebration – volunteers manned an informational booth at CRPSP

May 17: Johnson Pond Trail of the Two-Mile Tract in the Withlacoochee State Forest

June 7: National Trails Day hike - Crystal River Preserve State Park Eco-Walk Trail

Skipped July and August due to heat and travel.

September 20: Fall Kick-off Multi-sport event with hiking at Inglis Island, biking on the Withlacoochee Bay Trail, and kayaking on the barge canal followed by a picnic at Felburn Park.

October 12-13: First overnight trip - Wakulla Springs State Park multi-activity trip attended by over 30 members.

October 18: Early Bird walk in conjunction with the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge and 14th Annual Wildlife Refuge Day.

November 22: Whispering Pines Annual Meeting and picnic and hike of the new “Highlights of Inverness” YRE.

December 20: Fort Cooper State Park YRE trails.

January 17: Potts Preserve Hike

February 21: Crystal River Preserve State Park Hike

March 7: Walk and tour of Crystal River Historic Homes

March 21: Ross Prairie Hike

April 4: Special Outing: Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

April 18: Cross Florida Greenway hike to I-75 land bridge

BIKING:

May 2: General James A. Van Fleet State Trail and picnic

June 6: Withlacoochee Bay Trail starting at Felburn trailhead to Gulf and back.

4th of July: Withlacoochee State Trail ride followed by BBQ hosted by our biking coordinators Coreen and John Schempf

August 8: Floral City to Fort Cooper State Park on the Withlacoochee State Trail

October 5: Members participated in the Rails-to-Trails ride

November 7: Nature Coast Trail in Trenton followed by lunch at Cypress Swamp Café.

Dec. 9: Withlacoochee State Trail from Inverness to Floral City and back followed by lunch and tour of the Court House Museum.

January 9: Gainesville – Hawthorne Trail through Haynes Prairie followed by lunch in Micanopy

February 13: Withlacoochee State Trail - Lake Townsend Regional Park to Ridge Manor and back

March 13: Chiefland to Fanning Spring SP on the Nature Coast Trail followed by wine and pizza at Dakota Winery.

April 10: West Orange Trail through Winter Gardens with stops at parks, museum, and lunch.

KAYAKING:

April 30: Paddle around Shell Island, from the end of Fort Island Trail followed by lunch at Oysters.

May 21: Fishing/Kayak trip at the end of the road in Ozello followed by lunch at Ale House.

June 24: End of the Withlacoochee Bay Trail, western tip of the Barge Canal.

July 29: Yankeetown

September 30: Lake Hernando

October 28: Withlacoochee River

November 19: Rainbow River

December 30: Rainbow River (repeat)

January 27: Chassahowitzka River

February 25: Silver River

March 31: Kings Bay Paddle followed by cookout hosted by Joree and David Cox

April 28: Salt River