

Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen, Inc.
Preserving our equine cultural heritage on public lands for today and tomorrow.

FFBCH NEWS

November, 2015



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

**The November meeting is scheduled for
Thursday, November 19**

The Old World Restaurant

8370 S Florida Ave, Floral City, 34436

352-344-4443

Dinner 5:30-7:00 business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Please note regular start time for meeting!

Our Speaker will be Wayne Weyrauch, Service Coordinator for Como RV Sales and Service. Wayne will talk to us about maintenance on our living quarters: water heaters, A/C and furnace, refrigerators, CO2 detectors, Invertors and a variety of other parts and pieces that can ruin a camping trip if they aren't working properly. Simple annual maintenance is often invaluable in keeping everything running smoothly.

Non-Members are WELCOME!
Please come and join us!



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FFBCH Website: www.ffbch.org

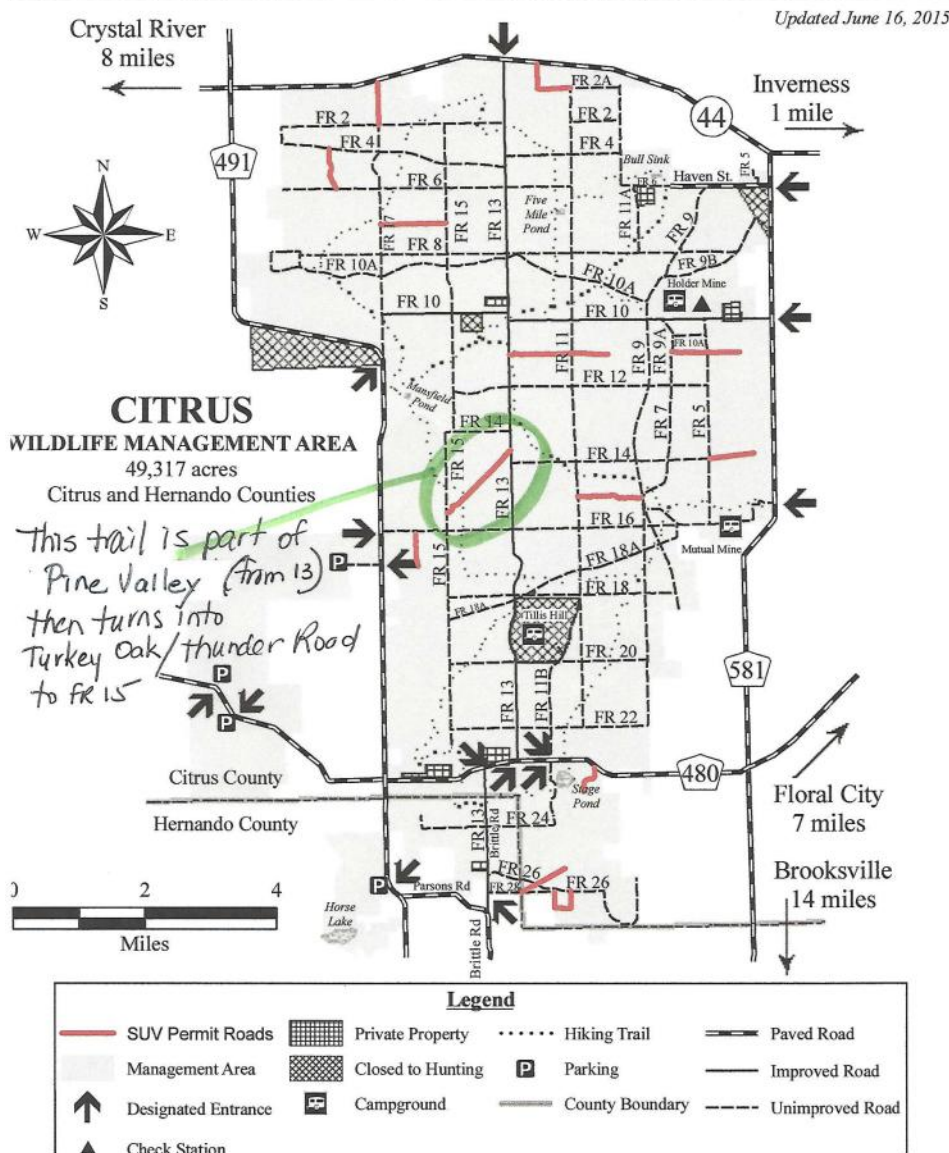
Special Use Vehicle Permit Trails

<http://myfwc.com/license/accessibility/ada-for-hunters/suv/>

Per FWC: *This permit allows permanently physically disabled persons enhanced access to selected wildlife management areas (WMAs). All SUV permits expire on June 30 each year.*

These trails are marked by red bands on each side of the trail entrance at both ends. As far as I have been able to determine, all but one of these trails are on closed roads - as they should be. We did find one trail that is a designated horse trail which is circled in green on the scanned map below. This trail runs diagonally between FR15 and FR13. Coming SW from FR13, the first section is part of the Pine Valley Trail and continuing on to FR13 it turns into Turkey Oak/Thunder Road.

Special Use Vehicle Permit Map 2015-16



Please contact Fred Fulcher at 352.341.2461 or Sally McDavid 352.628.2973 and report any downed trees or heavy dead fall. We will be seeing a lot of that throughout the coming year and need this information to keep the trails clear. Please do not call Tillis Hill or Forestry-this is our job and they simply don't have the personnel.

We hope to create some neighborhood work groups over the season. There is lots of trash out there, blue bands that need to be "refreshed" and some trimming yet to be done.

State Parks Being Reviewed For Places To Allow Hunting

Tampa Bay Times

Craig Pittman, Times Staff Writer

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/state-parks-being-reviewed-for-places-to-allow-hunting/2252995>

Hopefully, this ridiculous consideration will be halted by citizens just like the golf courses and hotels on Honeymoon Island State Park.

Take a minute and give your representatives a call.

For those of you who love to camp with your horses and ride new and different places, Torreya State Park is absolutely beautiful. I first hiked it's varied terrain back in the early 70's. Cal and I hiked there in 2014 and it is as beautiful now as it was back in the 70's. It would be an outstanding place to have horse trails and potentially an equestrian campground. I encourage each and every one of you to contact the gentlemen in the flyer below and express your interest. Most importantly, it appears that the park manager also has an interest in establishing horse trails! Let's support this wonderful opportunity.
Sally

HORSE RIDE **TORREYA** **STATE PARK**



The high bluffs overlooking the Apalachicola River make Torreya State Park one of Florida's most scenic. Rising more than 150 feet above the river, the bluffs have been shaped and divided by deep ravines that have been eroded by streams throughout the centuries.

WE ARE PRESENTING A PETITION TO HAVE HORSEBACK RIDING IN TORREYA STATE PARK. THOUSANDS OF ACRES.

Sign up for our e-mail newsletter at www.ffbch.org

ALL RIDERS

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or

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Hunting Dates 2015-2016

Citrus Tract - Withlacoochee State Forest

Archery Season: November 7 thru November 29, 2015

Please note that the Gun Hunts are now three days long:

Muzzle loading Gun Hunts:

December 4 thru December 6, 2015

December 18 thru December 20, 2015

General Gun Season:

December 11 thru December 13, 2015

January 1 thru January 3, 2016

Small Game Season:

January 4 thru February 28, 2016

Spring Turkey Season:

Youth: March 12 thru March 13, 2016

Regular: March 22 thru March 25, 2016

April 5 thru April 8, 2016

April 19 thru April 22, 2016

For a full brochure for the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee

Forest, go to: <http://myfwc.com/hunting/wma-brochures/nc/citrus/>



*Ride with
"Best of America by
Horseback" TV Show
on the Greenway*



November 20-22, 2015

The Cross Florida Greenway Equestrians are hosting "Best of America by Horseback" Televised Trail Ride at Shangri-La Trailhead on the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway! Please join us for an exciting weekend as we film the TV show. ***Book your spot now!***

Prices:

Full Ticket:

For the 3 days with Tom Seay and the film crew including the reception, rides, seminars, banquet, and booths = \$175.00 plus camping fee. (You get a \$10 discount off this particular ticket for paying by check instead of online.)

Camping is \$25 per night.

Ala Carte:

- Day fee for Friday or Saturday for participation in rides, seminars and booths -- \$65.00
- Reception and music fee for Friday -- \$20.00
- Banquet and concert fee for Saturday -- \$35.00
- Non-rider fee for 3-day event – Attend seminars, stay in camp and reception and banquet -- \$65.00
- Non-rider fee for Friday only, includes reception -- \$30.00
- Non-rider fee for Saturday, no banquet -- \$25.00

Children ages 3-12 are 20% off all the above fees. Children under age 3 are free.

More Information and to Book your Spot!

Go to <http://www.greenwayequestrians.org>

Call Jessie Barnard at 352-843-1700 (cell) or 352-693-3850 (home) or email at barnardjessie@yahoo.com for reservations and information.

October 2015 FFBCH General Meeting
10/22/2015
Old World

Meeting called to order at 6:50 PM

Guests: Dana Taylor, Jim and Chris Jankowske. Guest speakers: Howard Warner and Mike Baker.

September Minutes: No amendments. Motion to approve by Barb Porch 2nd by Tom Allen and group approved.

Treasurer's report by Gary Reynolds. Motion to approve by Jean Damron 2nd by Karen Murphy and group approved.

Speakers from Nick Nicholas Ford: Howard Warner Parts Manager and Mike Baker Service Manager. They gave Fred Fulcher a FORD shirt and gave away door prizes and there were table favors.

Howard spoke on tires and coolants. He stressed the importance of keeping adequate tire pressure and to set pressure to the vehicle recommendation. In Florida, 4 years is the maximum tire life even if kept indoors, the heat causes dry rot. He taught how to read the information printed on the side of the tire. He spoke about putting nitrogen instead of air in the tires. It's drier and keeps the temperature cooler due to lack of moisture. They can purge out the old air and fill with nitrogen. It costs \$50 for 4 tires and once they do it, Ford will maintain it for free. You should look at the load range and abut tires rated for that load. On anti-freeze (coolants), go by the manufacturer's recommendations. The newer coolants are acidic and if you mix with the old style coolants they will gel.

Mike spoke on the diesel engines. He gave the history and evolution of the Ford diesel engine. Mileage should be around 11-18 mph depending on how you drive. Don't use agriculture fuel in you trucks. It has too much sulfur. He talked about various products to help boost fuel economy and help keep the filters clean. The engines are very complicated and diagnostics are difficult and time consuming. You should go by the hour meter rather than mileage. Generally 1,000 hours =25,000 miles.

50/50 was \$32 and the Coney Island coupon won by Jack Evans

FFBCH t-shirt won by Ray Durrett.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM



Want to help? Can't find the time to work on the trails? Can't always make the meetings? That doesn't matter! You can show your support by joining Florida Forever Back Country Horsemen (FFBCH). Individual memberships = \$25 and Family memberships = \$30. Or, make a donation which totally goes to FFBCH.

Every member of a local chapter is automatically a member of the Back Country Horsemen of Florida AND Back Country Horsemen of America. Not in the Citrus County area? Then join Back Country Horsemen of Florida as an at-large member until a local chapter is developed in your area. Don't forget Nature Coast Back Country Horsemen serving Hernando, west Sumter and northeast Pasco Counties.

There are many issues facing equestrians today. Help us to preserve the trails we have. Add your voice to those of more than 15,000 of your fellow American horsemen and women. **You only have to look at the Croom and the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee Forest as an example of what can be accomplished when we work together and with our land managers!**



Current Officers and Directors

President—Sally McDavid
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