

# Florida State Parks Monthly Newsletter

## The 2005-2006 Annual Photo Contest Winner!

We are proud to announce the winner of the 2005/2006 Florida State Parks Annual Photo Contest winner, [Ray Brady](#), who took the winning photo entitled "Coquina Labyrinth." You can view all of the Monthly Photo Contest winners who were the finalists for the Annual Contest by going to our [Finalists Page](#). On behalf of the Florida State Parks, I would like to thank all of our contestants for entering the contest, and for contributing to the preservation of Florida State Parks.



Washington Oaks Gardens State Park  
by [Ray Brady](#)

## On our Way to Healthy Living



The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is joining the Florida Department of Health (DOH) to participate in *Step Up, Florida – On Our Way to Healthy Living!*, a statewide campaign promoting physical activity and healthy lifestyles for all Floridians.

This month, Florida's state parks and greenways are hosting activities across the state to encourage visitors to *Step Up, Florida!* and live a healthier life with physical activities such as walking, hiking or bicycling.

<http://www.floridastateparks.org/HealthAndFitness/StepUpFL.cfm>

Many traditions are decades old, with new traditions created each year. Do you gather with family for Thanksgiving at Caladesi Island State Park or celebrate the 4th of July at Grayton Beach State Park? Does your family visit the Keys each year to stay and play at Bahia Honda? Do you stay in a beautiful park cabin or do you prefer your plush RV or maybe camping in a tiny tent is more your style. Or, does your real Florida tradition include a relaxing afternoon floating down the cool Ichetucknee River?



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# Some of the upcoming events at Florida State Parks

## BANJO AND DULCIMER CLASSES

### Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park

**Date:** Saturday, February 3rd, 2007. The Banjo class will be held from 10 a.m. until 12 noon. Both Dulcimer classes will be held from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

**Description:**

#### BANJO AND DULCIMER CLASSES

--Learn the Basics and Your First Tune --

Build your skills on two musical instruments in a single day at hammer dulcimer and five-string banjo classes being held February 3rd.

The classes are being taught by Mary Z. Cox, a banjo player and 2006 Uncle Dave Macon Days lap dulcimer champion, and Ellen Sheppard, who plays the hammer dulcimer. Suitable for beginning and intermediate students, the classes are two hours each.

The **banjo class** is a hands-on workshop in old-time, five-string banjo. Students will learn how to get started on using a frailing motion with the right hand and pick a simple tune with the left hand. Banjos should be tuned in open G chord (gDGBD). The banjo class is limited to 12 students.

The **mountain or lap dulcimer class** will be for advanced beginners and will focus on string band tunes, "Old Gray Cat" and "Little Black Dog Gone Trottin' Down the Road." Students should arrive at the class with their dulcimer already in D-A-D tuning. The lap dulcimer class size is limited to 12 students.

The **hammer dulcimer class** also is for advanced beginner students. Each participant must know how to tune their instrument and must arrive at the class with their dulcimer tuned to 440 pitch. Instruction will cover playing waltzes, jigs, reels, and simply hymns. Students can learn how to play basic chord patterns and how to accompany other instruments. The instructor will work with two-bridge and bass-bridge of three octaves, from D to D, or three and a half octaves, from D to G. The hammer dulcimer class is limited to 8 students.

**Fees:** Classes are \$20 each and include park admission.

**Contact:** For more information, call 386-397-1920.

**Directions:** Located on U.S. 41 in White Springs. **From I-75 to S.R. 136** (Milepost Exit 439 - Old Exit 84), travel east on S.R. 136 for 3 miles. Turn left on U.S. 41. Park entrance is on the left. **From I-10 to U.S. 41 North** (Milepost Exit 301 - Old Exit 43), travel 9 miles to White Springs. Park entrance is on the left.

## OVERNIGHT BACKPACKING TRIP

### Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park

**Date:** Saturday, February 3, 2007. Starts at 10:00 a.m.

**Description:** The overnight trip is a moderately strenuous hike of approximately 6.5 miles over level to slightly rolling terrain (*not recommended for children under 10*). The pack in, pack out hike begins mid-morning Saturday with a 4.5-mile hike to Persimmon Point. Sunday's return hike skirts along a two-mile section of the picturesque north rim of the prairie basin. It concludes around noon Sunday at the starting point. **20 person limit. Call the Visitor Center at (352) 466-4100 for reservations.**

**Fees:** \$10.00 per person.

**Contact:** For more information, call 352-466-4100.

**Directions:** Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park is located 10 miles south of Gainesville, in Micanopy, on the east side of US 441.

**Coming from the north on I-75:** Take exit 374, the Micanopy exit, and turn left at the end of the exit ramp. You will then be traveling east on CR 234. Stay on this road 1.4 miles until it intersects with US 441. Turn left onto 441 and go 0.6 miles to Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park (on the right).

**Coming from the south on I-75:** Take exit 374, the Micanopy exit, and turn right at the end of the exit ramp. You will then be traveling east on CR 234. Stay on this road 1.4 miles until it intersects with US 441. Turn left onto 441 and go about 0.6 miles to Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park (on the right).

## TREKKING CAPE HAZE....OFF THE BEATEN PATH!

### Charlotte Harbor

**Date:** February 6, 2007 & March 10, 2007 - 9:00 am to approximately 12:00 pm

**Description:** Pack up your binoculars and field guides and set out across the Cape Haze peninsula with Park Manager and avid hiker John Asplelea. Venture into some of the more remote areas of Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park. Hikers will follow an unmarked trail across terrain that transitions from pine flatwoods to scrub to freshwater marsh at the headwaters of Coral Creek. This site, which extends as a peninsula between the East Branch and the West Branch of Coral Creek, is ideally suited for longer hikes. Hikers may examine an array of vegetation including pines, air-plant laden oaks, rosemary, coontie, and other upland shrubs. Tracks and scat indicate the presence of bobcat, gopher tortoise, and feral hog. Wading birds, red-shouldered hawks and other raptors may be sighted. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hike off the beaten path and explore the wilds of Cape Haze! For more information about Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park, visit the website at [www.floridastateparks.org/charlotteharbor/](http://www.floridastateparks.org/charlotteharbor/). Advance registration is required. Registration deadlines are the day before each hike. Early registration is advised, as space is limited, this hike is popular and fills up quickly.

**Trail Advisory:** Long pants, sturdy hiking boots, water, and insect repellent are a must for off-trail exploration and areas that may be wet or muddy. Binoculars, field guides, sunglasses, sunscreen, and a hat are recommended. This field trip is moderately rigorous, will cover approximately two miles, and will take approximately 2.5 hours.

**Fees:** This field trip is FREE of charge.

**Contact:** Call the park at 941- 575- 5861

**Directions:** The administrative, resource management and facilities maintenance offices are located on Burnt Store Road in Punta Gorda approximately 3 miles south of US 41/Tamiami Trail. Other access points to the park are available in Cape Coral, Cape Haze, El Jobean, Little Pine Island and Rotonda.

#### CIVIL WAR HERITAGE DAYS

##### Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park

**Date: February 9-11, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Description:** Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park hosts the 21st annual Civil War Heritage Days at historic Fort Taylor February 9-11, 2007. Nearly 100 Civil War Enactors, portraying soldiers from Federal and Confederate units, will demonstrate 'living history' to park visitors. Event highlights include a Kid's Day on Friday, Feb. 9, when area school students will be shown how soldiers lived and worked at a fort in the 1860s; on Saturday, Feb. 10, a Soldier's Parade on Duval Street, starts the day followed by a battle between land-based artillery and area tall ships, and the court trial of a ship's captain charged with running the Federal blockade of southern ports. Sunday, February 11, visitors will be able to view a skirmish between Federal and Confederate forces as well as tour the encampments. Park admission and special event fees apply. Complete schedule of events and more information is available at <http://www.forttaylor.org/hfest.html> or by calling (305) 292-6850.

**Fees:** Park admission and special event fees apply

**Contact:** (305) 292-6850

**Directions:** Fort Zachary Taylor is located at the end of Southard Street on Truman Annex in Key West.

#### PLANT SALE

##### Washington Oaks Gardens State Park

**Date: February 10, 2007, 10:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m.**

**Description:** The Friends of Washington Oaks will be holding a plant sale on February 10, 2007, in conjunction with our Annual Citrus Harvest Festival. You will find a selection of flowering Kale, unusual ferns, orchids, cactus and many other varieties of plants. A portion our plants for sale were propagated and grown right here in the park by our wonderful volunteers. All proceeds benefit the park for enhancement of current and new facilities.

**Fees:** Regular park entrance fees

**Contact:** Contact park for more information.

**Directions:** Washington Oaks Gardens State Park is located two miles south of Marineland, off A1A.

#### SCRUB JAY 5 K RACE

##### Oscar Scherer State Park

**Date: February 10th - 8:00 AM start.**

**Description:** Sponsored by the Friends of Oscar Scherer Park, Inc. Please open the attached flyer for more information: [5K Flyer](#)

**Fees:** Download the flyer for fee information.

**Contact:** Call the park at 941-483-5956.

**Directions:** Oscar Scherer State Park is located on U.S.41, six miles south of Sarasota. Heading south on I-75 take exit 200. Heading north on I-75 take exit 195.

#### VALENTINE'S CRUISE & DINNER

##### Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park

**Date: Saturday, February 10 at 5:30pm**

**Description:** Snuggle with your Valentine as you cruise down the scenic Wakulla River at dusk. Followed by a delicious buffet dinner in the historic Wakulla Springs Lodge.

**Fees:** \$29.00 per person. Reservations Required.

**Contact:** (850) 224-5950

**Directions:** Traveling East on I-10 to new Exit 196 (old Exit 28). Take SR-263 (Capitol Circle) South 12 miles.

Turn right (South) onto US-319/SR-61 (Crawfordville Hwy) for 2 miles. Bear left onto SR-61 (Wakulla Springs Rd) for 6 miles. Turn left onto SR-267 at flashing stop light. Turn Right into Park entrance. From West I-10 use new Exit 203 (old Exit 30). Take SR-61 (Thomasville Rd) South. Continue on SR-61 thru Tallahassee for 10 miles. Take US-319/SR-61 (Crawfordville Hwy) South for 2 miles. Bear left onto SR-61 (Wakulla Springs Rd) for 6 miles. Turn left onto SR-267 at flashing stop light. Turn Right into Park entrance.

#### **4TH ANNUAL AIR POTATO RODEO**

##### **Ravine Gardens State Park**

**Date:** February 10, 2007 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Description:** The Friends of Ravine Gardens would like to invite new and previous potato pickers to come enjoy a day of resource management fun, refreshments, and community involvement. The rodeo will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission into the park is free to participants and the first 100 volunteers will receive a free tee-shirt. Gloves, trash bags and tools will be provided. Prizes will be given for the largest potato, smallest potato, and the most unusually shaped potato. This Resource management project is held each year to control the air potato vine that is invading the park. Our focus is to control the air potato vine that blankets parts of the ravine. This vine is an invasive exotic plant that spreads rapidly in the warmer weather. During the colder months, the vine dries up and drops its potato-looking tubers onto the ground. This year there is an abundance of tubers littering the ravine. Volunteers assist the park staff in collecting the tubers in efforts to control the spreading vines. Our goal is to bring in around 200 volunteers and beat last year's record for potatoes collected. Last year, volunteers collected over 3000 pounds of tubers. Together we can keep our gardens' natural beauty!

**Fees:** Park entrance is free to participants.

**Contact:** Donna.Masse@dep.state.fl.us

**Directions:** Ravine Gardens State Park is located in Palatka, Florida. From US17/SR100, turn south onto Moseley Avenue, then turn east onto Twigg Street.

#### **FLIGHT TO FREEDOM**

##### **Fort Mose**

**Date:** February 10, 2007, 9.00 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

**Description:** The Castillo De San Marcos National Monument is hosting the 11th annual Flight to Freedom. Flight to Freedom tells the story of how African Slaves escaping the Carolinas to become free people in Spanish Florida. A free tram ride to the site.

**Fees:** Free to the public.

**Contact:** Contact Anastasia State Park for more information.

**Directions:** From St. Augustine: From downtown St. Augustine, drive north on A1A. At the carousel (you read it correctly), continue straight north on San Marco. (A1A turns right towards Vilano Beach. Don't go that way.) San Marco merges with Hwy 1. Shortly after the merge, look for a bronze statue on the right and a sign for Fort Mose. Turn right on Saratoga. Saratoga dead ends into Fort Mose picnic area and parking lot. OR: From Hwy 1 in St. Augustine, drive north past Hwy 16. Look for a bronze statue on the right and a sign for Fort Mose. Turn right on Saratoga. Saratoga dead ends into Fort Mose picnic area and parking lot. From Jacksonville: Drive south on Hwy 1. Turn left on Saratoga. (If you pass Hwy 16 you've missed Saratoga.) Saratoga dead ends into Fort Mose picnic area and parking lot.

#### **STAFF ART AND CRAFT SHOW AND SALE**

##### **Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park**

**Date:** Saturday and Sunday, February 10th & 11th, 2007. Saturday 9 to 4. Sunday 9 to 3.

**Description:** Annual exhibit and sale of arts and crafts by park staff (including volunteers) in the Florida Room at the Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park's Visitor Center.

**Fees:** This event is FREE!

**Contact:** For more information, call 352-628-5343.

**Directions:** Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park is located in Homosassa Springs, 75 miles north of Tampa on U.S. 19 and 90 miles northwest of Orlando.

#### **CITRUS HARVEST FESTIVAL**

##### **Washington Oaks Gardens State Park**

**Date:** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 10th.

**Description:** This event is sponsored by the Friends of Washington Oaks State Gardens and the Flagler County Master Gardeners Club. The historical gardens within the park contain a citrus grove with several varieties of oranges, grapefruit, tangerines, lemons and limes, providing the perfect environment for you to enhance your knowledge about citrus.

Event activities will include citrus-themed presentations; including the history of citrus, crafting with citrus, cooking with citrus, and troubleshooting citrus problems. Also scheduled for the event are a citrus fruit sale, a citrus baked goods sale, garden tours, and a plant and merchandise sale.

**Fees:** Regular Park entrance fees.

**Contact:** Contact park for more information.

**Directions:** Washington Oaks Gardens State Park is located two miles south of Marineland, off

#### **STARGAZING**

##### **Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park**

**Date:** Saturday, February 10th, 2007. 6:30 p.m.

**Description:** The *Friends of Paynes Prairie* invite you to an evening of observing the night sky. Come learn more about the stars and the planets thanks to the *Alachua Astronomy Club* who will supply the telescopes. Enjoy

sitting around a campfire with fellow Paynes Prairie appreciators, while sipping hot chocolate and making smores. Bring family, friends, and your musical instruments for playing 'round the fire.

**Location** - Paynes Prairie is located 10 miles south of Gainesville on U.S. 441 or 3 miles from exit 374 of I-75. Both highways have signs to direct you to the park. Do not enter at the Main Entrance/Ranger Station. Please proceed to Hickory Ranch at 9300 S.E. CR 234. [Click here for a map.](#)

**RSVP** - Planning to attend? Please send us an email at [info@prairiefriends.org](mailto:info@prairiefriends.org) and let us know how many are in your group.

**Fees:** \$5.00 per car.

**Contact:** <http://www.prairiefriends.org/>

**Directions:** Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park is located 10 miles south of Gainesville, in Micanopy, on the east side of US 441.

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### STARLIGHT MOVIE CLASSICS - "HIS GIRL FRIDAY"

#### The Barnacle Historic State Park

**Date:** February 11, 6:00 - 9:00 PM

**Description:** Watch an American classic movie on the lawn of The Barnacle while feasting on your own picnic with friends and family.

This bi-annual event is for Barnacle Society members only. No pets. To learn how to become a member, please call (305) 442-6866.

**Fees:** Free to Barnacle Society members

**Contact:** (305) 442-6866

**Directions:** The Barnacle is located in Coconut Grove (Miami) at 3485 Main Highway.

### CEDAR KEY SCRUB STATE RESERVE BINOCULAR STARGAZING

#### Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve

**Date:** Wednesday, February 14, 2007. 7:00 pm & 9:00 pm.

**Description:** Enjoy a hayride and binocular stargazing under the dark night skies of beautiful Cedar Key Scrub. Reservations are required. For more information and to make reservations call (352)-543-5567. Bring your binoculars, bug spray and warm clothes. Free Admission

**Fees:** Free admission.

**Contact:** For more information, call 352-543-5567

**Directions:** The site is located 6 miles NE of Cedar Key on SR 24.

### ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL

#### Alafia River State Park

**Date:** February 14-18, 2007

**Description:** Hosted by the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club, Inc., the OBS 2007 will be held at the Alafia River State Park. The agenda for the star party along with deep sky and solar observing includes lectures, mirror lab demonstrations, our popular telescope tour, a group hike in the park trail, Hee Haw Hayride, Orbiting Music Jam Session, our famous good food, great door prizes, telescope raffle, (telescope made by SPAC's Mirror Lab) and much more. All attendees must be pre-registered (no walk-ins) whether they plan for one day or the full event. Registration fees are all inclusive for the 4 days (except meals and drinks). The star party will begin on February 14, 2007 at 3 PM and will end February 18, 2007 at noon. Please logon to the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club website for more information [St. Petersburg Astronomy Club](#)

**Fees:** Log onto the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club for fee information.

**Contact:** Contact the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club

**Directions:** From the South - Take I-75 North to exit #240. At exit #240, turn Right (East) onto SR 674. Keep straight on SR 674 for approximately 15 miles. Turn Left (North) at flashing light, onto CR 39 for approximately 5 miles. The main park entrance is on the Right side. From the North - Take I-75 South to exit #246. At exit #246, turn Right (East) onto Big Bend Road. Keep straight on Big Bend Road for approximately 1 mile. Turn Right (South) onto U.S. 301. Keep straight on U.S. 301 for approximately 1.5 miles. Turn Left (East) onto CR 672. Follow CR 672 for approximately 12 miles. Turn Left (North) onto CR 39. Keep straight on CR 39 for approximately 1.5 miles. The main park entrance is on the Right side. From the East - Take I-4 West to exit #22. Turn Left onto Park Road. Follow Park Road for approximately 2.5 miles. Bear right onto 39B. Turn Left onto SR 39 (James Redman Parkway). Continue on SR/CR 39 for approximately 15.2 miles. The main park entrance will be on the Left side.



## **BATTLE OF OLUSTEE REENACTMENT**

### **Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park**

**Date:** February 16, 17 & 18, 2007. 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**Description:**

#### **BATTLE OF OLUSTEE REENACTMENT FEATURES**

##### **AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY**

*--143rd Anniversary of Florida's Largest Civil War Battle--*

The role of African Americans in the Civil War, from the woman who worked as a Union spy in the home of the Confederate president to the life of author and statesman Frederick Douglass, will be featured in living history demonstrations at the Battle of Olustee Reenactment on February 16-18

Enactors portray the lives of such African American heroines as Elizabeth Keckley, a seamstress who was a lifelong friend of Mary Todd Lincoln, and Mary Elizabeth Bowser, who worked as a spy for federal forces while working as a domestic servant in the home of Jefferson Davis. Enactors from the Daytona Beach area attend the Olustee Reenactment to present the contributions of both freed and enslaved blacks to the Union cause during the Civil War.

More than 2,000 living history Enactors gather each year at Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park to present historically accurate portrayals of the war's toll on both civilian and military life. Medical demonstrations are planned twice daily on Saturday and Sunday. Period music concerts, military camps and drills, and the lives of both soldiers and civilians during the war are portrayed by Enactors. The living history weekend features a Civil War-era battle reenactment on Saturday, as well as the reenactment of the Battle of Olustee on Sunday. Saturday's battle begins at 3:30 p.m. and Sunday's battle is at 1:30 p.m.

Educational programs are planned for Friday's School Day when both public and private school students are invited to attend the reenactment. School groups may contact Mitzi Nelson at 386-397-4461 to register for the event. Food concessions will be available. Pets are not allowed at Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park during the reenactment.

**Fees:** Admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children over age 5. Student's fees are \$1 on Friday's School Day. Children under age 5 are admitted free of charge.

**Contact:** For more information, call 386-397-4461.

**Directions:** Olustee Battlefield is located on U.S. 90, 15 miles east of Lake City and 50 miles west of Jacksonville. **From I-10 exit** at U.S. 90 west (Milepost Exit 324 - Old Exit 45). The battlefield is located 5.5 miles from the exit. **From I-75**, exit at U.S. 90 east (Milepost Exit 324 - Old Exit 45) and travel approximately 20 miles to the park.

## **NATIVE AMERICAN & PIONEER FESTIVAL**

### **Collier-Seminole State Park**

**Date:** Saturday & Sunday, February 17 & 18. 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Description:** Presented by the Friends of Collier- Seminole State Park. Featuring 1857 Third Seminole War Battle Reenactment. Native American crafts and exhibits. Active Seminole and Army Encampments. 1850's period demonstrators. Battle of Royal Palm Hammock. Live Blue Grass music featuring Flat Mountain String Band.

#### **Event Flyer**

**Fees:** Gate Fees: \$10:00 per vehicle

**Contact:** Information: 239-394-3397

**Directions:** Going south from Tampa on I-75, take Exit 101 (SR 951 & SR 84) and turn right. Follow 951 to US 41. Turn left on US 41 and the Collier-Seminole State Park will be 8 miles on the right just past CR 92. Going west from Fort Lauderdale, take Exit 80 (SR 29), go south to 41 and turn right. Follow 41 for about 15 miles, and the Collier-Seminole State Park will be on your left.

## **CONFEDERATE GARRISONS**

### **Fort Clinch State Park**

**Date:** Saturday and Sunday, February 24 & 25, 2007. Saturday 9:00am – 5:00pm and Sunday 9:00am – 12:00pm.

**Description:** Living historians recreate life at Fort Clinch during the War Between the States. Activities may include black powder artillery demonstrations and marching drills, as well as soldiers and civilians taking up duty in the laundry, infirmary and kitchen.

**Fees:** Park entrance fee plus \$2.00 per person Fort admission.

**Contact:** For more information, call 904-277-7274.

**Directions:** Take I-95 to the Fernandina Beach/Callahan exit (Milepost Exit 373 - Old Exit 129), and stay to the right. You will then be traveling east on A1A. (This road becomes 8th Street within the town limits of Fernandina.) Stay on this road, (A1A), for 16 miles until you come to the intersection of 8th Street and Atlantic Avenue. Turn right on Atlantic Avenue and go about two miles, Fort Clinch State Park will be on the left.

## 12TH ANNUAL WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY REGATTA

### The Barnacle Historic State Park

**Date:** February 24, 12 Noon

**Description:** This revival of Commodore Ralph Munroe's original Washington's Birthday Regatta, takes place on beautiful Biscayne Bay just off shore of The Barnacle. Open to traditional style shoal-draft sailboats (fiberglass boats permitted). The race is followed by an after-hours awards ceremony at the park. Contact the park for registration information. No pets.

**Fees:** \$10/boat entry fee for participants. Park entry fee for observers.

**Contact:** (305) 442-6866

**Directions:** The Barnacle is located in Coconut Grove (Miami) at 3485 Main Highway.

## CRACKER WEEKEND & NATIVE PLANT SALE

### Rainbow Springs State Park

**Date:** Saturday & Sunday, February 24th & 25th, 2007. 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Description:** This is an opportunity to learn how the settlers of that time lived, performed their daily chores and enjoyed themselves. Corn grinding, soap making, basket-weaving are just some of the demonstrations. A cracker cow camp and a homestead will be set up and the star of the show, the cowpony will perform. Country music will be provided by *Shade Pickers*, *Front Porch* and Florida Park Service's own *Bill Robeson* throughout the two days.

**Fees:** \$1.00 park entrance fee.

**Contact:** For more information, call 352-465-8555.

**Directions:** From I-75, exit at the second Ocala exit onto State Road 40. Take State Road 40, west. Drive until it dead-ends at U.S. 41. Turn left, the park entrance is on the left-hand side of the road. From Tampa, take U.S. 41, north. Drive through the town of Dunnellon. The park is located on the right-hand side of the road, approximately 2.5 miles north of Dunnellon. From areas in the northwest, take U.S. 41 to the town of Williston. After passing through Williston, you will come to a traffic light where State Road 40 has come to a dead-end. Go through this light; the park entrance is on the left-hand side of the road. The campground is separate from the headsprings day use area and is located 2.5 miles north of C.R. 484 off of S.W. 180th Avenue or 2.5 miles south of Highway 40 off of S.W. 180th Avenue.

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