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The Happy Hoofers Chapter encompasses Broward + Hendry Counties

Monthly Meetings
Second Thursday of every month @ 7:15 P.M.

Except June/July/August
Fern Forest Nature Center
201 Lyons Road South
Coconut Creek, FL 33063



Hiking on the AT with Lynn and Mike, June 2016



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Photos by Elizabeth Brown

✧ 2016-17 Happy Hooper Activities ✧

Sat 9/3/16	Florida Trail Ale Release Party 2-5PM 26 Degree Brewing Co, Pompano Beach	Megan Digeon 954-829-8494 megandigeon@gmail.com
Thurs, 9/8/16	Chapter Meeting Fern Forest Nature Center 201 Lyons Rd. South, Coconut Creek, FL 33063 7:00 PM	Megan Digeon 954-829-8494 megandigeon@gmail.com
Sat 9/17/16	FTA Chapter Council Meeting White Springs	Kay Ferrara 954-609-4727 kayferrara@bellsouth.net
Fri 9/23/16 to Sun 9/25/16	FTA Skills Training, Paisley FL	Megan Digeon 954-829-8494 megandigeon@gmail.com
Sat 10/1/16	FTA Board Meeting, Lakeland	Megan Digeon 954-829-8494 megandigeon@gmail.com
Sun 10/2/16	Bike Pepper Ranch, Immokalee to see Sunflowers. Limit 15 people	Esther Muram 954-658-8386 italusa@gmail.com Janet Leasher 954-261-5836 janetleasher@hotmail.com
Thurs 10/13/16	Chapter Meeting Fern Forest Nature Center 201 Lyons Rd. South, Coconut Creek, FL 33063 7:00 PM	Megan Digeon 954-829-8494 megandigeon@gmail.com
Wed 10/19/16	Day Hike Secret Woods Ft Lauderdale	Lynn Thompson 954-850-3668 ma12thom@bellsouth.net Kathy Bonvouloir 954-234-5657 threebons@aol.com
Thurs 10/20/16 to Sun 10/23/16	FTA State Conference, Deland	Megan Digeon 954-829-8494 megandigeon@gmail.com
Sat 10/29/16	Day Hike to Carpenter Camp + Scout for work hike Limit 15 people	Dick Ward 954-523-8897 wrdick@aol.com Esther Muram 954-658-8386 italusa@gmail.com

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Thurs 11/10/16	Chapter Meeting Fern Forest Nature Center 201 Lyons Rd. South, Coconut Creek, FL 33063 7:15 PM	Megan Digeon 954-829-8494 megandigeon@gmail.com
Sat 11/12/16	Fern Forest Work Day Fern Forest Nature Center 201 Lyons Rd. South Coconut Creek, FL 33063 9AM-12PM	Kathy Bonvouloir 954-234-5657 threebons@aol.com
Sun 11/13/16	Bike Key Biscayne, Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park	Kathy Bonvouloir 954-234-5657 threebons@aol.com Lynn Thompson 954-850-3668 ma12thom@bellsouth.net
Fri 11/18/16 to Sun 11/20/16	Workhike - Big Cypress Preserve, Section II at MM 63 Basecamp, Nobles Campsite	David Denham 305-667-8643 ddenham@consultant.com Larry Alesi 954-445-9251 larryA1049@yahoo.com
Thurs 11/23/16 to Sun 11/27/16	4 Days Canoe/Kayak on the Wakulla, Aucilla, St Marks River	David Denham 305-667-8643 ddenham@consultant.com

FOR ALL HH ACTIVITIES THROUGH MAY 2017 - <http://hoofers.floridatrail.org/activites.htm>

Also, check us out on Meetup

Our Facebook Group is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/67137159048/>

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Chair's Corner



I hope everyone had an exciting summer! It was a hot one so I personally didn't get to spend as much time outdoors as I would have liked. The activity leaders met recently in August and have planned many hikes and other activities for this upcoming year. There are the favorite annual events along with many new ones. We even have a new activity leader-in-training!

Over the summer, I worked with the owners of 26 Degree Brewing in Pompano Beach and they agreed to brew a special release Florida Trail Ale. I can't wait to try it at the release party on September 3rd! Hope you'll join us there!

Happy Trails!

Megan Digeon
Chapter Chair



Gator Hook Trail

The Gator Hook Trail
Is not for the frail.
You need a lot of endurance,
And your friends' assurance.
Hiking is easy in the beginning,
A steady pace, you feel like winning.
You saunter along, mind and body ready,
Your hiking pole will keep you steady.
Lovely cedars in new spring green
Throughout the hammock can be seen.
Blooming bromeliads on every tree,
That is surely a sight to see.
Dainty orchids, some are blooming,
Exposed to risk of poachers looming.
You hear gators' rumbling bellow,
Trying to lure a female fellow.
Mysterious swamps on either side,
And the path is not very wide.
But beware of the solution holes
That are trying to grab you by your soles.
Little by little you tramp through the
creek,
There is no dry land that you could seek.
The mud in your shoes is hard like a rock,
No place to sit down and take off your sock.
Nowhere to stop for a much needed rest,
You may find a fallen log at best.
You plow through the water, woosh, woosh, woosh,
Your body tells you to push, push, push.
The heat is oppressive,
The mosquitoes aggressive.
You reach trail's end, exhausted but happy,
Your body surely does not feel snappy.
At home, your calendar has a new mark,
After all, it was just another Sunday walk in the park.

Barbara Tschimpke



Photo by Esther Muram