



# HAPPY HOOFERS

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## 2018 Road Trip The Dakotas + Montana - Part 2

Article and Photos By Kathy Bonvouloir

Our first stop of the day was the Corn Palace in Mitchell, South Dakota. It's one of those places that you see signs on the highway for miles, a tourist trap. But, let me tell you it's worth the stop. The building is covered inside and out with murals made of 18 different colors of corn. It's quite beautiful to look at. These murals are changed out every August/October. The Corn Palace has been around since 1892. We stop for the night at KOA Kennebec., tent site \$34. We have time before dinner to swim in the pool. At the pool we met a trio of ladies: grandmother, mother and daughter traveling together in an RV for 3 months. What an adventure they were having. Next day we stop at Custer's Last Stand, Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Montana. Boy is it hot here. At first glance you see a National Cemetery, a visitor center and lots of rolling hills. But as you take the walking trail you get to see history. They have been able to locate and mark many of the spots where US soldiers and Indians died. They even have a cemetery for the horses. I always find it so interesting to visit these historic places, to put what we learned in history class to the real places and events. We are packing up and heading to St Mary, Montana. We are sharing a cabin at the St Mary KOA, \$300 for 2 nights, right outside of the east entrance to Glacier National Park. Buy your groceries before you get there, because the grocery store in town is very inadequate. That night on our way to the cabin from the pool we walked with a fox.



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Our first hike of the day was to Grinnell Glacier. This was my favorite, but I can't say I wasn't scared at times. This was 11 miles round trip. You must have bear spray and you can not hike alone in Glacier National Park. The views on this hike were amazing. The one spot I found a little nerve racking was when you had to cross under a waterfall on a ledge about 2 foot wide. Imagine glacier cold water pounding on you and steep drop next to you. (watch your step people). Oh, and did I tell you that you have to do it again when you come down from you hike. But when you reach the glacier, I just had to sit down and enjoy the view. The glacier ended in a small lake creating this beautiful scene of snow and ice and clear water. Take this hike. We did see a mother mountain goat with a baby, no grizzlies.



Today we move camp across to Johnson Campgrounds, \$42 for 2 nights. First hike of the day was to Sunrift Gorge and the 3 waterfalls. Baring, St. Mary and Virginia Falls each one more beautiful than the last and then hiked to Sun Point, the total 7 miles. Next we headed up to Logan's Pass and Hidden Lakes overlook, about 2.8 miles. There we where able to get a parking spot after about 10 minutes, we were very lucky. Parking at Glacier is terrible, they do have shuttles but they are full most of the time and waiting for one to come along and have room for you can be a challenge. We hiked up Logan's

Pass; most of the trail was boardwalk and stairs. Wonderful views of mountains, valleys and snow. There was a grizzly sighting. We also saw many mountain goats and a baby. This is a great hike.

Next morning it was 39 degrees. We decided to drive the Rising Sun Road thru the park. This would take us a good part of the day. We thought we could do a couple small hikes but we could not find parking. When we got near the St Mary exit for the park we decide to try one more hike. This hike was called Beaver Pond Loop, 3.3 miles. This is a lovely hike thought large fields full of wild flowers. If you do not come at this time of year this hike will not be that great.

We are leaving Glacier and going to Theodore Roosevelt National Park, campground in park was \$14 for 2 nights. We did see a wild horse run by our campground.

Next day we drove the Loop Road Scenic Drive. We stopped at every pullout and if it involved a



hike we did it, most hikes where less than a mile. We hiked thru prairie dog towns, we hiked up ridges, we saw herds of wild horses and one enormous herd of buffalo. Every turn we saw something amazing. After we finished the loop we did a hike at the Painted Canyon Visitors Center. This hike was about 3 miles but very strenuous and very hot. But you saw up close views of the walls of the canyon with all the color changes.

(Dakotas, continued)

This was our last night with our friends and we went out to dinner in town and got pizza. Pizza and hiking makes a good combination.

We say goodbye to our friends and we head out for our next adventure. On the way out of park we see our first coyote and some pronghorn antelope. Next we stop at Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota. This is just a drive thru there are no spots available for cave tours. We find a KOA campground in Interior, South Dakota just outside of entrance to Badlands National Park, \$64 for 2 nights tenting. This is another town that you need to grocery shop before you get there.

We head into park and spot some big horn sheep. Our first hike is a short one called Cliff Shelf Nature Trail. On this trail which is boardwalk and stairs we see this woman high up on the cliff. We thought how did she get there and we did not think she should be there. After that we decided to drive out of the park and go to the Minuteman Missile Historic Site. Again we were unable to get on a tour of the Missile Site, but we did spend a lot of time going thru the visitor center and looking at all the displays and information. Next we headed back into the park and hiked Castel and Medicine trail loop, about 6.5 miles. This was a very long hot hike; skip this if you go in July. We continued driving on the park roads and stopped at all overlooks and did lots of small hikes. My favorite hike was the Notch Trail, about a mile round trip. The terrain was rough with ledges a foot wide; you also had to climb a ladder with 40 plus rungs. Easy going up and not so easy going down. At the end of trail before you turn around to make your return you are standing on a ledge that looks down on the Cliff Trail, this is right where the woman was standing that we saw that morning. So now we know how that young lady got there. LOL. This was a good hike.

**THANK YOU, KATHY, FOR SHARING YOUR GREAT ADVENTURE!!**

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## **JONESBOROUGH 2018 - By Allan Young**

The first weekend in October each year there is a gathering of the greatest Story Tellers in Jonesborough, Tennessee for the Annual National Storytelling Festival. Jonesborough, Tennessee's oldest town is a picturesque town of 6,000 residents in east Tennessee near Johnson City. This gathering of National Story Tellers has taken place each year for 46 years.

I knew that my friends and FTA members, Bill and Sue Allison had attended The National Story Telling Festival two times before. We were out to dinner and they mentioned they were planning on going again in 2018 and invited me to go along. I accepted their invitation.

My older brother has a condo in Jonesborough and has invited me before. My brother, Lane, decided to invite some cousins to have a cousins' reunion before the Conference so I flew up a couple of days before the event.

The Annual Conference is a three day affair, Friday-Sunday, and is held in large circus style tents scattered around the town. Over the 3 days there are nearly 10,000 visitors. Speakers are scheduled anywhere from 15 to 60 minutes each

and you are free to move from tent to tent to hear your favorites.

If you are interested in researching the Conference please check [www.storytellingcenter.org](http://www.storytellingcenter.org).

Some of the old timers are Donald Davis, Tim Lowery, Sheila Kay Adams, MaryGay Ducey, Bill Lepp and others.

A newcomer to this festival, but a performer for 20 years, was Andy Hedges. I fell in love with Andy's Cowboy Poetry and western songs and followed him for 3 days. You could always spot him by his large Stetson hat and guitar.

On our trip home we stayed overnight in St, Simons Island, near Brunswick, GA. We stayed at the Wesleyan Retreat where they also host a Storytelling Event in February. It is not anywhere as large as the Jonesborough event but has big name speakers and should be enjoyable.

I definitely enjoyed the Conference and expect to go back. If you are interested I would advise getting early reservations and especially early hotel reservations.



## Chair's Corner



Here we are again - another season of great outdoor activities. I hope that you are enjoying the many activities that the chapter's Activity Leaders have planned and just getting out there on your own. As we enjoy the outdoors, I hope that you are being good "stewards" of the land and environment. Stewards help to protect the natural environment through conservation and sustainable practices and responsible use. That means we need to uphold the rules and regulations of the land managers (parks, national preserve, wildlife management areas, rivers, etc.). Obey their rules regarding camping, hiking, campfires, picking up and packing out trash, potty use, etc.). So, I challenge all of you to be "great" stewards in protecting the outdoor environment so that we can continue to enjoy it.

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Chapter Chair  
Kay Ferrara



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## ACTIVITIES 2018-2019

DATE	ACTIVITY	LEVEL	LEADERS
<b>Participants Code: (MF) Members First-(MP) Members &amp; Public - (M) Members Only</b> <b>Activity Level Code: (L) Leisure (M) Moderate - (S) Strenuous</b>			
Fri 3/01/19 to Sun 3/03/19	Car camping Fort Drum WMA Limit 20	MP/L	Kay Ferrara 954-609-4727 kayferrara@bellsouth.net Esther Muram 954-658-8386 itailusa@gmail.com
Sat 3/2/19	42nd Annual Waterway Cleanup at TBD ?	MP/M	Kathy Bonvouloir 954-234-5657 threebons@aol.com
Wed 3/06/19 to Sun 3/10/19	Base camp and day hikes Cumberland Island, GA Limit 12	MP/M	Mike Thompson 561-290-9984 lamathompson@hotmail.com Lynn Thompson 954-850-3668 ma12thom@bellsouth.net
Thu 3/14/19	Chapter Meeting Fern Forest Nature Center 201 Lyons Rd. South, Coconut Creek, FL 33063 7:30 PM	MP/L	Kay Ferrara 954-609-4727 kayferrara@bellsouth.net
Sat 03/16/19	Fern Forest Nature Center Work Day at Fern Forest Nature Center 201 Lyons Rd. South, Coconut Creek, FL 33063 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MP/M	Kathleen Bonvouloir 954-234-5657 threebons@aol.com
Sat 3/23/19 to Mon 3/25/19	Backpacking Fisheating Creek WMA 35 miles Limit 12 people	M/S	David Denham H 305-284-9861 ddenham@consultant.com Larry Alesi 561-445-9251 larrya1049@yahoo.com
March TBD	Day hike Dyer Park & Winding Waters 5 miles	MP/M	Steve Galla 954-933-1702 steve@stevegalla.com
Sat 4/06/19	Day Hike Bridge to Bridge BCNP approx 7 mi Limit 20	MP/M	Dick Ward 954-536-3289 Wrdick@aol.com Steve Galla 954-933-1702 steve@stevegalla.com
Thu 4/11/19	Chapter Meeting Fern Forest Nature Center 201 Lyons Rd. South, Coconut Creek, FL 33063 7:30 PM	MP/L	Kay Ferrara 954-609-4727 kayferrara@bellsouth.net
Sat 4/13/19	Paddle West Lake Park Hollywood	MP/M	Mike Thompson 561-290-9984 lamathompson@hotmail.com Lynn Thompson 954-850-3668 ma12thom@bellsouth.net
Sat 4/27/19	FTA Booth Coconut Creek Arbor Day	MP/L	Kathy Bonvouloir 954-234-5657 threebons@aol.com Esther Muram 954-658-8386 itailusa@gmail.com

Sun 4/28/19	Kayak/Snorkel John Pennecamp State Park Limit 15 - Members First	MF/M	Kathy Bonvouloir 954-234-5657 threebons@aol.com Kay Ferrara 954-609-4727 KayFerrara@bellsouth.net
April TBD	Day hike Bill Baggs Cape Florida State Park 4.5 miles	MP/M	Steve Galla 954-933-1702 steve@stevegalla.com
Sat 05/04/19	Day Hike Looneyville Big Cypress National Preserve	MP/M	Dick Ward 954-536-3289 Wrddick@aol.com Megan Digeon 954-829-8494 megandigeon@gmail.com
Thu 5/09/19	Chapter Meeting Fern Forest Nature Center 201 Lyons Rd. South, Coconut Creek, FL 33063 7:30 PM	MP/L	Kay Ferrara 954-609-4727 kayferrara@bellsouth.net
Sat 5/11/19	Day Hike to Tarpon Lake BCNP Limit 12	MP/L	David Denham H 305-284-9861 ddenham@consultant.com Robert Rockwell 954-242-6786 rockyhic@hotmail.com
Sat 6/1/19	National Trails Day Hike at Fern Forest Nature Center walk boardwalk and visit nature center	MP/L	Kathy Bonvouloir 954-234-5657 threebons@aol.com Kay Ferrara 954-609-4727 kayferrara@bellsouth.net

For a complete list of the activities, please checkout the Happy Hoofers' website at [www.hoofers.floridatrail.org](http://www.hoofers.floridatrail.org), then click "activities".

**WELCOME,  
New FTA/Happy Hooper Members!**

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Kenneth Hill	Eve Durham
Andrew Jimenez	Lee Stringer
Peter Rosen	Sheila Zolnoor
Serena Julia	Kimberly Pearson
Robin Traiger	Michael Dwyer
Dawn and Mark Kline	Sherry Dwyer
Eric Rupert	Anthony Scordo
Dolores Smith	Jessica Lentner
Rodney Welsh	Dan Singer
Bruce Cummings	Mimi Gardenerd
Adriane Reese	

