

## 205: NOTICE TO HIKERS

### Notice to Hikers Procedure

This procedure is for the purpose of publishing and tracking *Notice to Hikers* (NTH) submissions. *Notice to Hikers* submissions should originate from the FTA Chapter Trail Coordinators, Section Leaders, Regional Representatives or land managers and be submitted to the FTA office ASAP for posting on the FTA website. A blank *Notice to Hikers* form can be found in Chapter 311: [Notice To Hikers \(NTH\) Form](#).

NTHs are important for providing current trail information to hikers. Special urgency should be given to those NTHs that impact hiker safety. Whenever appropriate/practical a map illustration should be part of the NTH submission.

1. All NTH submissions and cancellations are to be coordinated with, and approved by, the land manager prior to transmission to the FTA office ([fta@floridatrail.org](mailto:fta@floridatrail.org)).
2. Every NTH should use the designated format on page 2, or a reasonable facsimile.
3. Upon posting, the NTH will be assigned a sequential number by year and sequence (e.g. 2014-001, 2014-002, etc.).
4. Every NTH should have an "Effective Date" and an "Ending Date."
5. Permanent trail corridor changes should be followed by the submission of GIS data for updating maps.
6. Chapter Trail Coordinators and Section Leaders are the primary FTA officials responsible for preparation and submission of NTHs.
7. Whenever appropriate, a copy the NTH should be posted on the trail in a location that is visible to trail users.

Submit all changes to:

Florida Trail Association  
Attn: *Notice to Hikers*  
5415 SW 13th Street  
Gainesville, FL 32608  
[fta@floridatrail.org](mailto:fta@floridatrail.org)  
(877) HIKE-FLA  
(352) 378-4550 (FAX)

**Outdated Notices.** Outdated NTHs remaining on the FTA web site often result in trail user confusion. NTHs are to be removed from the FTA web site posting when they are no longer relevant. FTA Chapter Trail Coordinators, Section Leaders, Regional Representatives and land managers should review posted NTHs no less than semi-annually and remove any NTHs that are outdated or no longer relevant.