



# Florida Trail FEST

## DETAILED EVENT SCHEDULE

**Important:** To sign up for activities with limited spaces available, please visit the Info Tent near Vendor Row to reserve your space. Spaces are first come, first serve. All other activities with no limited attendance indicated do not require sign up.

### Friday March 6

**4:00 PM - 10 PM Guest Check In - North Gate** 10405 Foster Barnes Drive, White Springs, FL 32096

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM 4 Mile Guided Sunset Hike - River Gazebo**

Meet at the River Gazebo for a 4 Mile Sunset hike on the Florida Trail. Bring a water bottle and headlamp as the sunsets at 6:30pm. Limited to 30 hikers.

**7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Kickoff Bonfire & S'more's - Fire Pit**

Join us for a campfire to remember, sponsored by Suwannee Hardware & Feed. This is where the FEST party officially begins. Bring your stories, your trail friends, guitar and your sweet tooth.

### Saturday March 7

**8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Suwannee 7 Mile Guided Paddle - River Gazebo**

This is an awe inspiring 7 Mile trip down the beautiful Suwannee River. Bring your boat & gear. No equipment is provided. Small shuttle fee to be paid directly to the shuttle company. Please bring cash. Open ONLY to overnight camping guests. Limited to 30 paddlers.

**9:00AM Gates Open - North Gate**

Vendors are open 9-5. Visit them on Vendor Row & VIP area. Food Trucks times may vary.

**9:30 AM - 12:30 PM CPR Class - Auditorium**

Prior registration required.

**9:30 AM - 1:30 PM 10 Mile Guided Hike - River Gazebo**

Meet at the River Gazebo at for a 10 Mile Guided hike on the Florida Trail. Bring a daypack, water bottle and snacks. Limited to 30 hikers.

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Being Trail Wise - River Gazebo**

The trail is packed with exciting adventures, but also some challenges. But with a bit of first aid knowledge, quick thinking, and common sense, you can navigate those tough moments. Join us for a practical (hands-on) refresher or first-timer session on "Being Trail Wise"! Please bring pen or pencil, and any assorted hiking gear you normally use. Limited to 30 participants.

**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM Kids Activity - Hiking Stick Decoration & 5 Senses Hike - Pavilion**

Bring your kids & join us to decorate your very own hiking stick to accompany you on your next adventure, sticks and materials provided! Afterwards, experience nature all around using sight, smell, touch, hearing, and even taste on a guided hike.

**11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Vinyasa Yoga for All Levels - Carillon Tower**

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#### 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM First Steps to Family Adventures - Pavilion

This guided, family-friendly workshop is designed to help parents and caregivers feel confident getting kids outdoors at any age — from newborns through the teenage years. We'll share practical tips, mindset shifts, and real-life examples that focus on building curiosity, resilience, and stewardship rather than distance or difficulty. Kids are welcome to attend, and we'll include simple, adaptable activities families can take home and try together.

#### 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Practical Fire Building Tips & Techniques - Fire Pit

Being able to reliably, quickly, and safely build a sustainable fire is an important skill to have in the wild. In this session, we will cover simple and practical ways to prep, build, start and sustain a fire even in poor conditions. This will be a hands-on workshop dealing with open flame, combustible materials, and commonly available fire starters. Participants must be 12 years or older to attend. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by their Parent or Guardian. Participation in this event is at the sole discretion of the instructor. Limited to 20 participants.

#### 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Hammock Camping 101 - Carillon Tower

Learn the basics of comfortable, safe, and Leave No Trace-friendly hammock camping in this hands-on Hammock Camping 101 workshop. We'll cover gear selection, proper setup, tree-friendly techniques, and tips for staying warm and dry in any conditions. Perfect for beginners or anyone looking to upgrade their hammock skills before their next adventure.

#### 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM White Springs Historical Walking Tour - South Station

Step back in time on a guided Historical Walking Tour of White Springs, Florida, where charming streets and historic landmarks tell the story of this once-thriving river town. Discover tales of early settlers, mineral springs, and cultural heritage while exploring the heart of this unique North Florida community. Limited to 10 participants

#### 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM 4 Mile Guided Hike - Clock Tower

Meet at the carillon tower and carpool to the Disappearing Creek Trail Head. Hike Rating: Easy  
Limited to 20 hikers.

#### 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Teens & Trails with 14 yr. old Thru Hiker, Cali - Pavilion

Join Jamie and Cali Booth, a father-daughter duo who hiked the Florida Trail end to end in 2025, as they share their unforgettable journey across Florida's wild landscapes. Cali, at just 13 years old, may be the youngest person to ever complete the trail. They'll reflect on family, resilience, and discovery on the FT, and offer practical tips for getting started backpacking with teens and exploring trails together.

#### 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM The Wire Birds - Vendor Row Stage

Hailing from Gainesville, The Wire Birds are a folk group weaving harmonies and rich string arrangements into original songs inspired by Florida's stories, places, and landscapes. Blending country, blues, jazz, and traditional folk, their Florida-rooted sound brings a soulful, homegrown vibe to the Trail FEST stage.



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Nature signs are all around! Bring your curiosity and observation skills to come learn how you can be a nature detective. Come learn how to identify different animal tracks, scat, and other signs to identify the creatures sharing the trail. Afterwards, put your detective hats on and complete a scavenger hunt looking for animal clues.

#### **3:30 PM - 4:30 PM The Wire Birds - Vendor Row Stage**

Back for a second set, The Wire Birds return with more Florida-inspired originals, featuring tight harmonies and lush string arrangements that feel right at home on the Trail. Settle in and enjoy another round of folk, blues, and country-infused storytelling from this Gainesville-based favorite.

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#### **7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Volunteer Awards Celebration & Dessert Reception - Nelly Bly**

Join us as we honor the heart of the Florida Trail Association at the Volunteer Awards Celebration & Dessert Reception during Trail FEST. This special gathering recognizes the dedicated individuals & chapters whose passion, service, & hard work keep the Florida Trail thriving. Come celebrate their achievements, share in the gratitude, & help us say thank you to the volunteers who make our mission possible. Special thanks to the Sandhill Chapter for sponsoring the sweet treats!

#### **8:00 PM - 10:00PM Billy Goat Campfire & Jam Session - Fire Pit**

Gather around for a laid-back, toe-tapping Campfire Jam Session! Bring your guitars, fiddles, harmonicas, buckets, spoons; any instrument you've got & join in as we make music under the stars. All skill levels are welcome, so come play, sing, or simply enjoy the warm glow and good vibes. Special thanks to FT Thru Hikes for sponsoring this get down good time!

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### Sunday March 8

#### 7:30 AM - 9:30 PM Sunrise 2 Mile Guided Hike - River Gazebo

Start your day with a peaceful 2-mile sunrise hike along the Florida Trail, featuring quiet woods, fresh morning air, & beautiful early light. This easy, guided walk is a perfect way to greet the day. Open to overnight guests only as the activity begins before gates open. Limited to 30 hikers.

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**12:00 PM Gates Close - Thanks for making Trail F**EST** 2026 an incredible event! See you in 2027!**



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