

Turtle Tracks



DEP Unveils New State Park History Website to Celebrate 75th Anniversary

Florida State Parks will celebrate its 75th anniversary in 2010 with new web site, events, contests and more ~ Learn about the events, people and resources that have molded Florida's State Parks into what it is today. The Florida Park Service has launched a new history Web site <http://www.floridastateparks.org/history/> to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of Florida State Parks.

Highlights of the Web site include:

Historic photos commemorating special events, famous buildings and scenic views enjoyed throughout the years.

Individual history and images for each park that has been a part of the Florida State Park system over the last 75 years.

A scrapbook inviting visitors to upload and share their memories and photos of Florida State Parks.

A timeline beginning in the 1800s that illustrates the events that lead to the Division of Recreation and Parks as it exists today.

A listing of 25 signature events in 2010 that highlight the diversity of locations and experiences that can be witnessed at Florida State Parks.

The 4th Annual Volunteer Appreciation Day for District 1 is fast approaching so make your plans to attend! This year's event will be held at Eden Gardens State Park on Saturday, February 27th.

This day is just for YOU! So come out and join us in celebration of your hard work. So Save the Date on your Calendars!

New this year is registration to attend the event; please register at the following web site: <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s/231412/district-1-volunteer-appreciation-day>

Upcoming Events

Volunteer Appreciation Day February 27th at Eden Gardens (9:30 am to 3:30 pm)

"Saturday in the Park" Heritage Museum, Valpariso - April 24th

Annual Membership Picnic at Rocky Bayou State Park - April 25th

Estuary Day - Rocky Bayou State Park - May 1st

Arts Alliance Festival at Henderson May 22nd

We need your help! If you are interested in volunteering for any of the events listed above, please contact the Parks Services Specialist, Lynda Smith, at Henderson Beach State Park at (850) 650-5928.

ADA Sites The ADA sites at Henderson are well under way. The volunteers and Rangers are doing a great job and have the sites in C&D loops completed. They are now working on the sites in A&B Loop.

New Faces: Bonnie Frantz

Bonnie joined Henderson Beach on 8 September, 09 where she works the camper registration desk. She is an avid photographer, she also volunteered at Topsail Hill State Park. She has a strong passion for the outdoors and the Florida State Parks.

AmeriCorp Members: Rebekah Wallace and Joseph Buikus joined us as our new AmeriCorp members this January 2010; they will be working at Henderson and Rocky for the next 11 months in Education, Interpretation Programs and Resource Management.

We are happy to welcome them to the Florida State Park family.

Join us in welcoming Addison Bella Cox born in January 2010.

Congratulation Kara and Dallas!