



**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
AGENDA**

Parks Administrative Office

**June 17, 2009
3 p.m.**

- **3:00 ~ Call to Order**
- **Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Roll Call**
- 1. **Adopt the Following Minutes:**
 - 1A1 May 20, 2009
- 2. **Staff Items**
 - 2A1. Jeff Sowards – Roundtable Discussion to Protect our Springs
 - 2A2. Operation of the Belleview Sportsplex
 - 2A3. SR 200 Property Update
- 3. **Other Business**
- 4. **Notation for Record**
 - 4A1. Traffic Counts
 - 4A2. Year to Date Expenses/Revenues
 - 4A3. Outdoor Times

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES FROM MEETING OF May 20, 2009**

The Marion County Parks and Recreation Advisory Council (PRAC) held a public meeting on May 20, 2009 at the Sheriff's Department's Conference Room.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Pat Gabriel, Chair
Tracy Rains, Vice Chair
Marge Hendon
Jimmy Pogue
Bill Ward

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

STAFF PRESENT

Cynthia Fifelski, Acting Administrative Manager
Sandra Fournier, Operations Specialist
Jeremy Harris, Park Ranger
Don Hawkins, Parks Operations Manager
Jason Maurer, Park Ranger
Gina Peebles, Acting Director
Greg Wiley, Parks & Natural Resources Manager

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Rains. Jimmy Pogue led the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Vice Chair Rains. Chair Gabriel arrived after roll was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Marge Hendon made a motion to accept, as presented, the April 15, 2009 minutes; Bill Ward seconded; unanimous approval; motion carried.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH MARION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AND MUNICIPALITIES

Gina Peebles provided a brief overview of the roundtable discussion from the March 25 meeting. David Herlihy prepared a brief for the School Board and Superintendent and will work to include this on their July 23, 2009 work session agenda. The consensus of the group was for the County to prepare a DRAFT Interlocal Agreement between the School Board, County and five municipalities for reciprocal use of facilities for programs and events. While all government agencies are working cooperatively, an agreement will formalize these efforts and provide consistency between the parties. Dunnellon City Councilwoman, Louise Kenny, expressed her appreciation of the direction and efforts of the group. This item will be brought back for additional discussion at the August 19 meeting.

Mr. Herlihy added that on June 3, the School Board is hosting a joint meeting with the County Commission and municipalities for concurrency and school planning.

A recess was called at 3:48 pm. The meeting resumed at 3:57 pm.

RAINBOW RIVER CONSERVATION RECOMMENDATIONS – FIVE MINUTE VIDEO PRESENTATION & STAFF REPORT

The Rainbow River Conservation (RRC) provided a five minute video on the impacts of divers and large tubes to the Rainbow River. Dr. Burt Eno and Bill Vibbert explained the concerns the RRC has for the River regarding damage to vegetation, high use, dive boats and the size of floatation devices. Gina Peebles verbalized staff's recommendations which included the limitation of floatation devices to 72 inches and 20 minute maximum loading and unloading at the dock. Ron Goodenow, American Pro Dive, did not feel that 20 minutes for loading / unloading would be enough. Park Ranger, Jason Maurer, stated that this could be adjusted as needed.

MOTION: Bill Ward made a motion to support staff's recommendations to limit the size of floatation devices to 72 inches and to limit loading / unloading time at the dock. Marge Hendon seconded, unanimous approval; motion carried.

LT. FRED CHISHOLM – PARK PARTNERSHIP APPLICATION FOR REDDICK

Lt. Chisholm stated the Town of Reddick is interested in applying for a Park Partnership grant. He also was receptive to the School Board and the municipalities partnering to provide recreation facilities.

OTHER BUSINESS

July 15 Meeting - Gina Peebles suggested the Council tour the Belleview Sportsplex for the July 15 meeting as the Department will take over the maintenance of the facility effective July 1. The City of Belleview is expected to fund the operating expenditures and cost share capital improvements with the County.

SR 200 Property Acquisition - The closing of the SR 200 property is expected to be held next week.

Additional Seasonal Staff - Due to salary savings, additional seasonal staff will be hired as this line item was drastically cut to meet the Department's reduced budget. Bill Ward commended the staff for keeping the parks clean.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gabriel adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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SIGNED _____

Chair, Pat Gabriel

Minutes recorded by Cynthia Fifelski

DATE: _____

KP Hole Park User Numbers

Notes: 1) User numbers are determined by the KP Hole Park cash registers

2) All figures are unaudited by the Marion County Clerk of Court

3) Monthly figures prior to 2005-2006 not computed - annual figures only available

4) Passholders are not counted as entry

Annual Users

Fiscal Year 2001-2002	64694
Fiscal Year 2002-2003	47697
Fiscal Year 2003-2004	52948
Fiscal Year 2004-2005	58857
Fiscal Year 2005-2006	72732
Fiscal Year 2006-2007	81801
Fiscal Year 2007-2008	62238

Monthly Users

Fiscal Year 2005-2006

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
2329	1650	1459	2469	2332	4252	6866	8633	9748	16890	9290	6814

Fiscal Year 2006-2007

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
2427	1304	1397	2430	2867	4641	5222	9852	13731	17127	13665	7138

Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
2104	1285	1649	1923	2513	3534	5755	8332	10920	11378	8207	4638

Parks & Recreation YTD Expense / Revenue Report October 2008 - April 2009

Facilities	Personnel Services	Operating Expenses	Capital Buildings	Capital Others	Capital Equipment	Sub Totals	Revenue	Net Gain / Loss
Neighborhood								
Chalmire Park	875.65	195.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,071.31	0.00	-1,071.31
Ocklawaha Community Park	1,599.55	2,268.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,868.04	0.00	-3,868.04
Orange Springs Park	818.36	2,906.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,725.00	0.00	-3,725.00
Weirsdale Park	1,818.67	3,270.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,089.31	0.00	-5,089.31
Community								
Benjamin Louls Van Duuren Park	113.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.80	0.00	-113.80
Cougar Park	1,560.88	4,834.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,395.02	0.00	-6,395.02
Flemington Community Park	1,723.59	6,767.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,490.76	0.00	-8,490.76
Hampton Beach	12,737.89	3,820.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	16,558.86	2,785.93	-13,772.93
John Van Fleet Sports Complex	984.59	2,152.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,117.33	0.00	-3,117.33
Kiwanis Beach	0.00	2,656.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,656.69	0.00	-2,656.69
Liberty Community Park	4,175.84	7,683.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,839.77	280.00	-11,559.77
McCall Ballfield (McPherson Fields)	1,989.92	2,666.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,656.37	0.00	-4,656.37
Ocklawaha Ballfields	832.24	1,956.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,588.93	0.00	-2,588.93
Orange Blossom Hills (future)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Orange Lake Community Park	662.28	3,160.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,823.01	0.00	-3,823.01
Ralph Russell Field	7,105.52	7,977.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,082.55	485.00	-14,597.55
Salt Springs Community Park	610.34	1,956.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,567.03	0.00	-2,567.03
Shocker Park	0.00	1,956.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,956.69	0.00	-1,956.69
Silver Springs Shores Park	0.00	757.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	757.87	0.00	-757.87
W.H. Willoughby Park	1,842.66	2,459.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,302.57	0.00	-4,302.57
District								
Beileview Sports Complex	0.00	1,956.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,956.69	0.00	-1,956.69
Brick City Park	38,195.82	36,023.00	0.00	42,433.88	39,185.26	155,837.94	3,466.68	-152,371.26
Coehadjoe Park	6,687.40	17,838.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,526.17	2,784.76	-21,741.41
Fort King National Historic Landmark	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gore's Landing	1,616.75	5,294.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,911.25	6,025.13	-886.12
K.P. Hole Park	75,857.13	62,515.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	138,373.11	98,295.57	-40,077.54
Orange Lake Overlook (future)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ray Wayside Park (Ocala Boat Basin)	17,240.80	13,310.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,551.42	34,207.96	-3,656.54
Rotary Sportsplex	39,859.62	38,605.16	0.00	0.00	11,256.00	89,720.78	0.00	-89,720.78
Veteran's Memorial Park	7,644.61	11,966.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,611.07	0.00	-19,611.07
Wrigley Fields	43,805.58	47,169.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	90,975.48	3,222.28	-87,753.20
Regional								
Carney Island Recreation & Cons.	62,080.04	42,184.46	0.00	10,890.00	3,132.00	118,266.60	50,853.90	-67,412.60
Horseshoe Lake Park & Retreat	5,983.09	13,514.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	19,477.15	17,379.12	-2,098.03
Silver River State Park	0.00	1,956.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,956.69	0.00	-1,956.69
Silver Springs Conservation Area	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Greenway								
Banyan Trailhead	100.72	3,049.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,150.47	0.00	-3,150.47
Baseline Road Trailhead	23,688.12	20,541.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	44,229.93	2,603.00	-41,626.93
Marshall Swamp Trailhead	1,712.75	3,917.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,629.79	0.00	-5,629.79
64th Ave Trailhead	75.04	1,457.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,532.52	0.00	-1,532.52
Water Access								
Blue Run Park (Tubers Exit)	5,049.21	4,555.86	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	10,605.07	0.00	-10,605.07
Eureka East & West Boat Ramps	1,012.18	2,466.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,478.99	0.00	-3,478.99
Heagy-Burry Boat Ramp	940.40	3,425.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,365.93	0.00	-4,365.93
Hope Boat Ramp	6,156.63	6,598.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,755.30	0.00	-12,755.30
Moorhead Boat Ramp	1,744.48	4,515.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,260.24	0.00	-6,260.24
Moss Bluff North & South Boat Ramp	7,928.80	9,661.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,590.18	12,350.04	-5,240.14
Orange Springs Boat Ramp	579.35	2,466.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,046.12	0.00	-3,046.12
Other								
Central Maintenance Shop	98,594.27	28,080.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	124,674.65	0.00	-124,674.65
North Maintenance Shop	63,161.69	17,627.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	80,809.38	0.00	-80,809.38
Parks Administration	265,251.05	33,444.85	0.00	66,944.68	71,787.55	437,428.13	17,967.20	-419,460.93
Parks & Natural Resources Division	70,150.48	6,871.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	77,022.28	0.00	-77,022.28
Parks & Recreation fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Recreation Division	71,813.58	43,025.24	0.00	0.00	34.10	114,872.92	6,824.00	-108,048.92
SE 80th Ave (WRA) Trail	61.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	61.70	0.00	-61.70
South Maintenance Shop	89,382.47	23,379.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	112,761.99	0.00	-112,761.99
Tree Mitigation Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
YTD Department Totals	1,043,585.43	566,849.76	0.00	121,268.84	125,394.91	1,857,098.75	259,530.57	-1,597,568.18

Unaudited Financial Report of Expense & Revenue prepared 08/08/09

02 03	Moss Bluff Park North	689	576	637	384	967	2,180	0	874	614	703	731	935	9,290
03 04	Moss Bluff Park North	615	1,396	1,311	941	1,025	1,945	1,723	2,082	2,013	2,118	1,771	2,133	19,073
04 05	Moss Bluff Park North	1,643	1,282	1,203	1,658	1,695	2,580	2,783	3,194	2,465	1,561	1,594	2,904	24,562
05 06	Moss Bluff Park North	2,709	1,694	1,272	1,483	2,950	2,971	2,552	3,205	2,288	2,419	1,792	1,721	27,056
06 07	Moss Bluff Park North	1,788	1,618	1,611	1,978	2,107	2,319	1,972	2,117	2,355	2,297	1,634	1,783	23,579
07 08	Moss Bluff Park North	1,524	1,308	1,499	1,340	1,643	1,928	1,875	1,780	2,780	2,037	2,519	1,366	21,599
08 09	Moss Bluff Park North	1,557	1,662	1,554	1,410	1,316	2,023	2,175	2,215	0	0	0	0	13,912
09 10	Moss Bluff Park North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 11	Moss Bluff Park North	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
02 03	Moss Bluff Park South	1,492	1,699	2,095	1,306	2,815	3,523	1,703	2,508	1,820	1,805	1,933	1,417	24,116
03 04	Moss Bluff Park South	1,490	1,265	1,485	1,932	1,985	3,351	2,218	1,837	1,596	1,811	1,498	1,862	22,330
04 05	Moss Bluff Park South	2,219	1,344	1,167	1,651	1,878	2,555	1,998	2,245	1,996	1,490	1,325	1,564	21,432
05 06	Moss Bluff Park South	1,546	1,631	1,502	2,336	2,009	2,446	2,146	2,169	1,756	1,977	1,687	1,635	22,840
06 07	Moss Bluff Park South	1,680	1,721	1,737	2,031	1,960	2,200	1,900	1,891	1,766	1,847	1,605	1,597	21,935
07 08	Moss Bluff Park South	1,718	1,205	1,873	2,321	2,078	2,178	1,805	1,472	1,347	1,857	1,509	1,244	20,607
08 09	Moss Bluff Park South	1,394	1,439	1,157	1,320	1,060	2,658	2,706	2,759	0	0	0	0	14,493
09 10	Moss Bluff Park South	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 11	Moss Bluff Park South	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
02 03	Ray Wayside Park	2,339	1,896	2,225	831	2,473	3,704	2,593	4,376	2,751	3,964	4,550	3,718	35,420
03 04	Ray Wayside Park	3,778	3,847	3,249	3,976	4,047	6,004	5,560	5,638	4,313	4,545	4,431	1,606	50,994
04 05	Ray Wayside Park	3,086	3,316	2,428	3,209	3,160	4,046	4,213	3,913	3,773	6,300	4,948	3,984	46,376
05 06	Ray Wayside Park	4,466	4,998	2104*	3,211	3,089	4,792	5,369	4,618	3,924	4,821	4,749	3,766	47,803
06 07	Ray Wayside Park	3,771	2,898	3,069	3,007	3,348	3,892	4,117	5,105	4,491	4,763	3,640	3,557	45,658
07 08	Ray Wayside Park	2,547	2,594	2,765	3,963	2,782	4,292	5,261	3,436	3,401	4,297	3,625	2,748	41,711
08 09	Ray Wayside Park	2,633	2,648	3,436	3,086	2,644	5,582	5,645	6,145	0	0	0	0	31,819
09 10	Ray Wayside Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10 11	Ray Wayside Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: The traffic count numbers come from traffic counter data that may not reflect the actual paid user of the facility. The counts are presented for trend disclosure and comparative activity among other recreation facilities.

Outdoor Times



MARION COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION
IT STARTS IN PARKS

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June 2009

Marion County: Get Outdoors



National Get Outdoors Day is a new annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun. The Marion

County Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with the City of Ocala Recreation Department, will offer opportunities for Marion County families to experience traditional and non-traditional types of outdoor activities. Prime goals of the day are reaching first-time visitors to public lands and reconnecting our youth to the great outdoors.

Clinics for geo-caching, spelunking (a.k.a. caving), birding, how to pitch a tent, children's craft activities, how to make smore's and

many more outdoor activities are planned.

The event will be held at Brick City Adventure Park on Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The Park is located at 1211 SE 22 Road in Ocala.

For more information, please contact the Marion County Parks & Recreation Department at 352-671-8560 or visit the National Get Outdoors website at www.nationalgetoutdoorsday.org

Outdoor Times is a monthly newsletter provided as a public service to park visitors and guests.

Any questions related to this publication may be directed to Gina Peebles, Acting Director, in writing at Marion County Parks & Recreation, 111 SE 25 Ave, Ocala, FL 34471, by telephone at 352-671-8560 or via e-mail at gina.peebles@marioncountyfl.org

Summer Park Explorers for Teens

The Marion County Parks and Recreation Department is offering a "Summer Park Explorers" program for youth ages 12-16. The group will meet the first and third Friday of each month from June 19 until August 21.

Whether hiking a trail, kayaking or participating in a number of other outdoor activities, the Explorers will discover a park in Marion County, learning about the natural habitat and wildlife located there. Participants will de-



part from Brick City Adventure Park at 8 a.m. and return to the park at 4 p.m.

The park is located at 1211 SE 22 Road in Ocala. The cost is only \$12 per outing.

The program is limited in size and pre-registration is required.

For additional information, or to pre-register, please contact the Marion County Parks and Recreation Department at 352-

671-8560 or stop by our office located at 111 SE 25 Avenue in Ocala.

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Outdoor Times

Fishing for River Trash

The St. Johns River Water Management District's Watershed Action Volunteers (WAV) offers citizens in 14 counties the opportunity to volunteer while protecting our natural resources. Volunteers are trained to use field test kits for monitoring water quality, survey streams for sources of pollutants, participate in revegetation projects and shoreline cleanups, and help out in the field, in laborato-

ries and in offices. WAVs are also trained to prepare and give educational presentations.



The WAV's fished for trash at Moss Bluff on Saturday, May 16. Three full bags of trash were collected and

then separated to recycle the plastic, glass and aluminum. A total of 20 community service hours were attributed to this project.

After the cleanup, they enjoyed lunch and cane pole fishing, compliments of the Florida Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Commission and Lewis' Bait and Tackle. The WAV's will schedule another cleanup at Moss Bluff early next year. Moss Bluff is located at 9677 SE Hwy 464C in Oklawaha.

To learn more about WAV's, please contact Ellie Falbo at 352-304-6324 or via e-mail at WAVMarion@sjrwm.com.

Revised Fee Resolution Approved

At the May 5, 2009 Board of County Commissioners Meeting, the Board unanimously voted to approve several changes to the Department's Fee Resolution including a two week cancellation clause to receive a full refund for rentals.

Also, non-Marion County residents can purchase an annual pass for only \$70 and Marion County residents can purchase a two-year pass for the same price. An annual pass for Marion County residents remains \$35. New changes

also include a \$10 discount for 100 percent disabled residents and active military personnel is now offered.

Up to two passes can be purchased per household.

For more information, to make a reservation or to

purchase a pass, please contact us at 352-671-8560 or stop by our office located at 111 SE 25 Avenue in Ocala.

Community Asked to Name SR 200 Park



The Marion County Parks & Recreation Department is looking for suggestions to name the newly acquired

40-acre park in the SR 200 area. "In keeping with the theme of the area, a patriotic name is desired," stated Commission Chairman, Jim Payton, whose district the park is located.

While suggestions are welcome by mail, an on-line survey is also available. The survey asks only three questions, your name, your e-mail address and your suggested name. The link for the survey is:

www.marioncountyfl.org/Parks.htm

After the contest closes on June 30, a five person committee comprised of a representative of the Commissioner whose district the facility is located, a representative of the County Administrator's Office, a representative of the Interested Department who will act as chair and secretary, a representative of the Historical Commission and an interested citizen will meet to review the submissions and make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.

In partnership with the South Marion Citizen, the winner will receive a gift basket including an annual park pass and the opportunity to participate in the sign unveiling.

For additional information, please contact the Marion County Parks and Recreation Department at 352-671-8560 or stop by our office located at 111 SE 25 Avenue in Ocala.

KP Hole Park - The Tuber Ride of Generations

KP Hole Park is your family destination for spending the day on the Rainbow River. The park is open daily and offers swimming, picnicking, a boat ramp, canoeing and kayaking. Tube rentals are available on a seasonal basis.

The park is open from Mid-May to September 30 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. and from October 1 to Mid-May between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (or until all available parking is full). The daily user fee is only \$3 per person and children under five are free.

A designated Outstanding Florida Waterway and Aquatic Preserve, the Rainbow River is a must-visit spot for nature lovers and fun seekers alike. The Rainbow River is home to a variety of freshwater fish and turtles. Heron, ibis, anhinga and cormorants are seen regularly, as is an occasional hawk searching for dinner. Many visitors have been entertained by the river otters or are excited by the spotting an occasional alligator.

In addition to providing a habitat for wildlife above

and below the water, native wetland plants produce oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide. Wetland plants improve water quality by removing fertilizers such as nitrogen and phosphorus and, by doing so, help control algal blooms that can cause fish kills. Wetland plants also filter storm water runoff, help control erosion, and contribute to the aesthetic beauty.

Tube Rentals: Tube rentals are \$9 plus tax which includes return shuttle service. Guests bringing their own floatation device may purchase a pre-paid return shuttle for only \$7, which includes tax.

Tubing/Float Trips: The average float trip from the KP Hole to the Blue Run of Dunnellon Park is approximately four hours. Your float time may vary based on weather and / or water levels. Tubing with return shuttle service is available daily April 1 through September 30.

Canoe / Kayak Rentals: Rentals require a credit card or \$50 cash deposit. Safety equipment is included. Each canoe can

accommodate up to three people. Prices are per hour / per vessel with a minimum one hour charge required.

Down River Trips: Explore the Rainbow River and be transported back to the Park from the Blue Run Park of Dunnellon Park. The average trip is two hours.

Single Kayak - \$25 plus tax which includes return shuttle service.

Double Kayak - \$35 plus tax which includes return shuttle service for two people.

Canoes - \$35 plus tax which includes return shuttle service for three people.

Up River Trips: Paddle upstream to the headsprings and drift back to KP Hole. The average trip is 1 1/2 to two hours.

Park and Rainbow River Rules:

✦ Pets (excluding service animals) and alcohol are not permitted.

✦ Coolers are subject to search.



✦ Disposable containers (such as cans, plastics, glass, Styrofoam or paper) are not permitted on the Rainbow River.

✦ Divers and snorkelers are required to float a "diver-down" flag.

✦ The entire Rainbow River is a designated "Idle Speed / No Wake" zone.

✦ The main springs are protected. Motorized vessels, anchoring, diving and fishing are not permitted beyond the marker buoy.

✦ Exiting the Rainbow River at any point except the Blue Run of Dunnellon Park is considered unlawful trespassing and violators may be subject to arrest.

The Park is located at 9435 SW 190 Avenue R o a d in Dunnellon. For more information on your next family adventure, contact the park at 352-489-3055 or visit us on-line at www.marioncountyfl.org/

Park Partnership Applications Now Available

For 15 years, the Park Partnership Program has provided more than \$840,000 to non-profit groups interested in developing or upgrading recreation facilities for use by all the citizens of Marion County.

The Marion County Parks & Recreation Department is now accepting applications through July 30, 2009 for the FY 09/10 Park Partnership Program.

Facilities eligible to receive grants include parks, school

sites and MSTU's. Recipients will receive up to 50 percent in matching funds for their projects. A total of \$60,000 is available for the program this year.

Applications are available o n - l i n e a t

www.marioncountyfl.org/parks.htm.

For additional information, please contact the Marion County Parks and Recreation Department at 352-671-8560 or stop by our office located at 111 SE 25 Avenue in Ocala.



Outdoor Times

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location	Time
June 12	Adult Kayak Outing	KP Hole	9:30 a.m.
June 13	Get Outdoors Day Event	Brick City Adventure Park	10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
June 19	Summer Park Explorers	Brick City Adventure Park	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
June 20	Adult Kayak Outing	Ray Wayside	9:30 a.m.
June 26	Adult Kayak Outing	Ray Wayside	9:30 a.m.
June 27	Birding Class	Brick City Adventure Park	9 a.m. - 12 noon
June 30	SR 200 Naming Contest Closes	www.marioncountyfl.org/Parks.htm	
July 3	Summer Park Explorers	Brick City Adventure Park	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
July 10	Adult Kayak Outing	Ray Wayside	9:30 a.m.
July 17	Summer Park Explorers	Brick City Adventure Park	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
July 18	Adult Kayak Outing	Ray Wayside	9:30 a.m.
July 30	Park Partnership Appl. Due	Parks & Recreation Office	5 p.m.
August 7	Summer Park Explorers	Brick City Adventure Park	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
August 8	Adult Kayak Outing	TBD	9:30 a.m.
August 14	Adult Kayak Outing	Gores Landing	9:30 a.m.
August 21	Summer Park Explorers	Brick City Adventure Park	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
August 22	Adult Kayak Outing	Ray Wayside	9:30 a.m.
August 29	Birding Class	Brick City Adventure Park	9 a.m. - 12 noon

Birding Classes Now Available

Are you curious about the little brown bird in your bird feeder? Can you identify the hawk on the power pole at the end of your driveway? Are you wondering about the woodpecker living in the hole in your palm tree? Join us to learn about birds native to Marion County by participating in our three hour class that will give you the basics to enjoy the fastest

growing outdoor activity in North America...bird watching.

Classes are offered monthly from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at Brick City Adventure Park located at 1211 SE 22 Road in Ocala. Upcoming classes are scheduled for May 30, June 27 and August 29. The program is only \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. Pre-registration is required.

For additional information, or to pre-register, please contact the Marion County Parks and Recreation Department at 352-671-8560 or stop by our office located at 111 SE 25 Avenue in Ocala.

