



Florida Sport Horse Club Newsletter

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Calendar of Club Rides and Events:

NOTE: Email or message members for any pickup rides!

- **Tuesday, December 17, 11:30am:** Club dine-around at the Back Porch, Lake Alfred
- **Saturday, December 21, 9:30am:** Club ride at Lake Kissimmee State Park. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, December 28, 9:00am:** Club ride at Marshall Hampton. Mike Charron, trail boss
- **Saturday, January 4, 9:30am:** Club ride at Lake Louisa. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, January 11, 9:00am:** Club ride at Tenoroc. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Saturday, January 18, 9:30am:** Club ride at Catfish Creek. Del Jones, trail boss
- **Thursday, January 16, 2020, 8am-1pm:** Horsey show-and-tell at Circle B Bar for "Water, Wings & Wild Things"
- **Monday, January 20, 6:00pm:** Club dinner with monthly meeting, **Golden Corral**, 4532 S Florida Ave., Lakeland.
- **Saturday, February 8, 2020:** Pony rides at Colt Creek
- **Friday-Monday, February 14-17:** Club campout at Colt Creek
- **Saturday, March 7, 2020, 10am:** Pony rides at the "Day without Disabilities" at the Bunch Ranch

Please RSVP designated trail boss for club rides! If nobody responds by the Thursday night before the ride, it will be cancelled.

Keep up with the club rides and "join" via our Facebook Page (Events section).

Those wanting to ride other days—please contact Barbara Lassiter and/or Karen Turbeville, or email club members directly.

Check the "**Upcoming Events**" section of our web page at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>, or the "**Events**" section of the Florida Sport Horse Club's Facebook page.

News

WELCOME to our newest member Andrea Mason! Andrea lives in Winter Haven and has a Paso and a quarter horse.

Thanks go again to the Charrons for sharing their home for our Christmas party. Barbara Charron and Janet Schneider cooked the turkeys, and Susan Buchanon brought 2 hams. The Neelys contributed ice, and Ben Cazort piloted the pontoon boat around the lake for sight-seeing cruises. Nobody could possibly have gone home hungry—we have some awesome cooks in the club! As always, we had a wonderful time.

We have great news from SWFWMD!

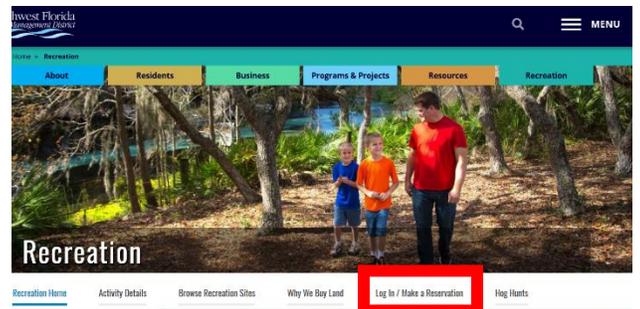
- The **Hampton Tract day parking area** is finally going to be fixed! It will be closed for about 2 months, beginning January 6. We will be able to get an instant day pass that will allow them to park at the campground (details below).
- The **Alston Tract** has been closed since a contractor tore the parking lot up. There have also been security issues. But it's anticipated that it will reopen in January, and will then require a day pass since the locked gate will be moved to the start of the driveway.
- The **Upper Hillsborough Tract**, accessed from Hwy 54, has also been closed for several months. Eventually this also will be added to the day pass option. In the meantime, though, SWFWMD representative Margaret (Sweetie) Blommel said that if our club wishes a day ride here to call her and she will authorize it.

How to request a day pass from SWFWMD:

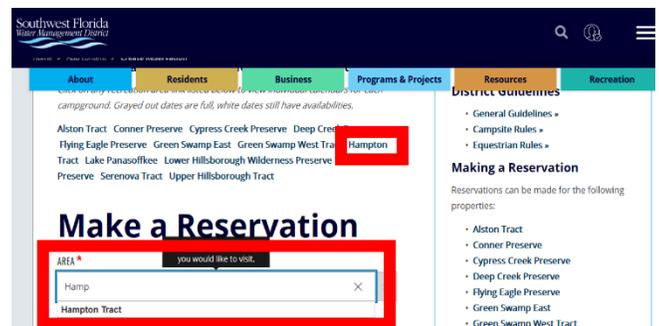
1. Go to WaterMatters.org
2. Click on "Recreation."



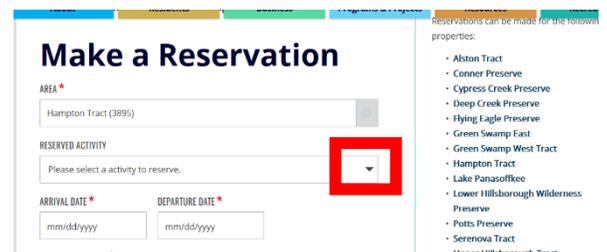
3. Click on "Log in/Make a Reservation."



4. Make an account, or log in if you already have an account.
5. Once logged in, you can either click on the name of your desired area, or begin typing it into the box.



6. Under "Reserved Activity," click on the little down arrow and select "Day Pass." Fill in the rest of the requested information, and click "Check Reservation Availability."



7. You should get your pass immediately via email. It will include the security code and parking pass. You'll need to print it out and carry it with you.



There's a new trail open off the north loop at Tenoroc! The new part lengthens the north loop from the original +-3 miles to almost 10. From the parking area, follow the old trail from the back of the parking and turn left at the T. We took the opposite route on the last club ride there by starting behind the office, and found the new loop at marker #4. The trail is currently VERY rough, with lots of gullies. The pigs have also enjoyed digging up the path. Take it at walking speed only.

The **club campout** has been set for Friday through Monday, February 14-17, at Colt Creek. Barbara Lassiter has reserved space for 12 rigs. Please contact her to save your spot.

The Friends of Lake Louisa is still holding its \$3800 fundraiser to replace the **Louisa State Park bridge**. Interested? Go to <https://llsp.org/Donate1>. You can designate your money for the bridge, and contribute any amount that fits your budget.

It's time to renew your free **permits to the Marshall Hampton Reserve, Gator Creek and Sumica**. Just call the Polk County Environmental Lands office at 863-534-7377; you'll need the date of your current Coggins and, if it's a new permit, your driver's license number.

New people have joined us on many recent rides and meetings. If you see unfamiliar faces, please introduce yourself and invite them to club activities. People are welcome to join us a few times before they decide whether they want to become a member. Of course, anyone showing up regularly should be encouraged to officially join the club.



Donna Fellers at the 2010 Circle B Bar event, holding Mike Charron's "Blew."

Polk County's **"Water, Wings and Wild Things"** showcase for second graders is coming quickly on Thursday, January 16. This will be a meet-and-greet and needs only a few bomb-proof, well-behaved horses. While the event runs from 9am to noon, we will need to be there by 8am to set up and be prepared to stay until 1pm to allow the kids to clear the park. We will have a lunch for folks. We have a few volunteers but need more horses and people! Please let Janet Schneider know if you can come.

The **"Day without Disabilities"** is also coming quickly on Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Bunch Ranch. We can use a lot of people and pony-ride-type horses for this! Again, please let Janet Schneider know if you can come.

Review our club on Facebook. Click on the "Reviews" link in the left menu, and find the question "Do you recommend Florida Sport Horse Club?" Click on (hopefully) "yes," and make any extra comments you'd like.

Name badges are here--Each person can pick his or her button up at each meeting and dump it back in the bag at the end. Friendliness is knowing everybody's name.



Tips & Activities by Members:



Congratulations to Karen Sidell on her new grandbaby!

We hear that Harold Williams is recovering from a chain saw-related accident, and hope he recovers well and quickly.

We offer sympathies to Rae Gayer, who lost her mare this week.

Keep Myra Bell in your thoughts as she deals with another health issue.

We're glad that Jerry Wilson has found a great home for La Bamba and Tony, and Lori Shank has ended up with a pair of lovely animals. It's our club networking at its best.

A few of us were admiring Del Jones' handy-dandy "tire step" at a recent ride. This gadget fits over a tire and gives the user a very handy step up so the engine or truck bed can be reached much more easily. Del got his at Camping World for between \$30-35; they are also online at the inevitable Amazon.



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If you need an animal sitter while you're away, give **Susie Jacobs** a call at 863-325-6007. She'll take care of your horses, dogs, cats and more.

Join the club! Meet some great people who love their horses. What are YOU doing? Let us know, and send us pictures--we'd love some action shots of you and your horse! Send to jm_schneider@msn.com. Follow us on Facebook and visit us online at <https://floridasporthorseclub.com/>. Happy Trails, where we hope to see you soon!



Florida Sport Horse Club, Inc
Membership New/Renewal Form
August through July, 20__ to 20__



Please complete the form and return it with your check, **payable to the Florida Sport Horse Club**,
by September 30. Welcome to our club!

Name(s) _____ Single \$15.00
 _____ Family \$25.00

Joining before September 30? Add a 1-year subscription to Horse & Pony for an extra \$10. Yes _____

Total paid: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Birthday: _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

Emergency contact name & phone: _____

For and in consideration of the activities, services and fees paid, Participant hereby does forever and finally release, remise, acquit, satisfy and forever discharge the Florida Sport Horse Club, Inc. (FSHC) of and from all manner of action and actions, cause and causes of action, suit, debts, dues, sums of money, bonds, billings, contracts executions, claims and demands whatsoever, in law or in equity, which may arise for or against the FSHC for the activities of the Association. This document is meant to be a full and complete release from any and all liability that may arise from participating in the activities of the FSHC. The Participant gives this release freely and voluntarily.

 Signed (include legal guardian if under 19 years of age) Date

 Other Family Member(s) Date

Please submit this form and your membership fee to:

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