

Annual activities include, the Egin Traverse, the Shoal River Float and Picnic, the Bear Lake Night Hike and Potluck, the Pine Log Gathering and the "Soggy Bottom" hike in the Yellow River floodplain.

A full list of our activities are posted on our **MEETUP** page:



[www.choctaw.floridatrail.org](http://www.choctaw.floridatrail.org)

As a **MEETUP** member you will have access to the following information: A members list, sponsor links, photos from past activities, message boards, and upcoming activities.

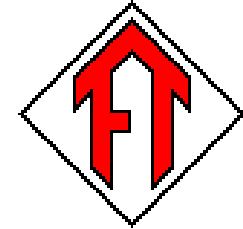
Membership in the Florida Trail Association (FTA) is not a requirement to be a **MEETUP** member or to participate in any activity. However, all members of the chapter are unpaid volunteers and the majority of our activities, trail maintaining and trail building are funded via FTA membership dues and donations. Please consider joining the Florida Trail Association.

**CHAPTER MEETINGS** are on the fourth Tuesday of the month, social at 6 PM with meeting at 6:30 PM at Ed's Hometown Seafood & Steak Restaurant, 1027 John Sims Parkway, Niceville, FL 32578

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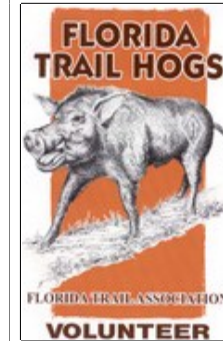


*If you enjoy hiking, backpacking, camping, paddling and eco-volunteering, this is the group for you!*



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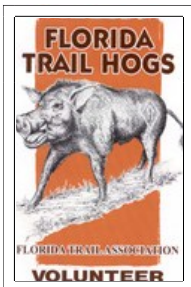
**Serving Okaloosa and Walton Counties**



# Choctawhatchee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association

**W**e are the Choctawhatchee Chapter of the Florida Trail Association. Our activities include hiking, backpacking, camping, and paddling events ranging from easy to strenuous, local to regional. We focus on outdoor activities in NW Florida's woodlands. Our members are outdoor enthusiasts who also enjoy building and maintaining local hiking trails.

We built and maintain the Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. Chapter activities are open to the public and center on enjoying Florida's woodlands, streams and natural areas. The Chapter maintains the FNST on the Eglin AFB Reservation and the Nokuse Section.



**T**rails Maintained by the Choctawhatchee Chapter: on Eglin Air Force Base the Florida National Scenic Trail provides over 60 miles of excellent hiking for day trips or backpacking on land that once was part of Choctawhatchee National Forest. Seven primitive campsites are located along the trail. An Eglin Recreation Permit is required and can be obtained at the Eglin Natural Resources Branch: 850-882-4164. The FNST achieves its highest elevation along its entire route on Eglin AFB.



Eglin AFB Reservation



Nokuse Plantation

**B**etween the Choctawhatchee River and the Eglin AFB Reservation the route crosses lands managed by the Nokuse Plantation and Northwest Florida Water Management District. The Nokuse Plantation is a conservation corridor where the ecosystem is being restored and preserved to support native plants and animals. Two primitive campsites are located along the trail.



**O**n the Nokuse Plantation near Freeport is the E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center. The Center and Florida Trail Association have partnered and share the goal of educating school children about nature and the value of conservation.



E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center  
Open House/Hiking

