



Adventure Coast Group // Florida Chapter

## **Sierra Club Adventure Coast Group August 2024 News, Events & Action Alerts**

*Check out all that's going on!*

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ZOOM Thursday, August 8th**

**Welcome Om Bee Conscious  
Sat. August 17th 10am-2pm**

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for Anclote River Beach Park**

**Weekiwachee Preserve  
Hearing Aug. 27th**

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Get outside!**

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**Sierra Club Pasco Conservation Committee  
ZOOM Thursday, August 8th at 8PM**

SIERRA CLUB FLORIDA  
**PASCO**  
CONSERVATION  
COMMITTEE



***2nd Thurs. @ 8pm on Zoom***



Sierra Club Pasco Conservation Committee is dedicated to preserving, exploring and enjoying nature in areas of Pasco County. We are working towards spinning off into its own Nature Coast Sierra Club Group. If you would like to join us in leading efforts to educate and protect Pasco's natural open spaces, please email [sashabuddha@gmail.com](mailto:sashabuddha@gmail.com).

You're invited to join our Zoom meeting the second Thursday of each month at 8:00PM at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7674695843> with the Zoom ID: 767 469 5843.

**Welcome Om 2nd Annual Bee Conscious  
Sat. August 17th 10am-2pm**

**BEE CONSCIOUS**  
*Honey Bee Day  
& Craft Fair*

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Saturday August 2023 10-2 pm

WELL COME OM EDUCATION CENTER  
Gardner Audiology  
Om Grown COMMUNITY GARDEN

Look for our inside table at this annual event to celebrate bees!

Welcome Om Integral Healing and Education Center  
4242 Lake in the Woods Drive, Spring Hill, FL.

# VICTORY CELEBRATION

## for Anclote River Beach Park

Friday, August 23, 2024

Time 6:30 PM - Sunset

1119 Baillies Bluff Road, Holiday, FL 34691

**CELEBRATE** our living shoreline & sacred place.  
Just South of Beach adjacent to 'the Mound'

Bring your energy,  
drums - if you  
have them - and  
insect repellent.



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**Weekiwachee Preserve Hearing Aug. 27th**



The [Southwest Florida Water Management District](#) (District) will review a draft management plan update for the Weekiwachee Preserve on Tuesday, August 27th at their offices at 2379 Broad Street in Brooksville, FL. Please plan to attend and share your comments and concerns.

The 11,206-acre Weekiwachee Preserve is part of a regional system of conservation lands that preserve numerous habitats, including coastal hardwood hammocks, hardwood swamps, freshwater and saltwater marshes, and sandhills. It also provides a protective buffer to several miles of the Weeki Wachee River.

The draft plan is available at [WaterMatters.org/LMPUpdates](http://WaterMatters.org/LMPUpdates). Every ten years, the District reviews and updates land management plans to ensure its public conservation lands are acquired to preserve and protect water resources and natural systems while also providing public access for recreation.

A virtual public meeting was held July 24th to discuss plan updates. Virtual comments were accepted through July 29th to inform the public, solicit input from stakeholders, and incorporate that feedback into the new 10-year plan. At the August 27th meeting, the final plan will be presented to the Governing Board for discussion prior to its final adoption on September 24 at the Tampa Governing Board Meeting.

Sierra Club Adventure Coast Group leaders attended the virtual hearing and have submitted written comments. Our main recommendations are:

1. The Plan should include a Black Bear Management Plan that with design and management guidance to avoid human-bear interactions in public use areas. The Chassahowitzka Black Bear subpopulation is one of the most imperiled in the state with less than 20 bears.
2. We support plans to implement the Leave No Trace Program. The Preserve provides public access to a growing population of hikers, bikers, and bird watchers. We also encourage placement of bear-deterrent recycling bins for public use and a preserve-wide system of recycling to manage the disposal of recyclables as well as signage to encourage visitors to recycle.
3. To support the passive recreational use strategy for the Preserve, the Plan should be strengthened to rule out the creation of an artificial beach and swim area in any future recreational plans.
4. We support full funding to acquire additional lands adjacent to the Preserve to ensure protection from encroachment and expand the functionality of the Preserve's critical linkage to the Florida Wildlife Corridor. The Weekiwachee Preserve is located adjacent to an area of rapid urban development and increasing population.



5. The plan should be modified to include the Springs Protection Zone (SPZ) for the Weeki Wachee River. Among other functions, the SPZ is designed to protect and restore the river's shoreline which forms much of the Preserve's northern border.

Show up for the Weekiwachee Preserve Tuesday, Aug. 27th in Brooksville!

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## August: Summer Vacation -- No MeetUp!



Explore and enjoy our local springs, waterways and forests!

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## Adventure Coast Meetup Wed. Sept. 11th With Kimberleigh Dinkins of 1000 Friends of Florida



Kimberleigh Dinkins, Policy and Planning Director for 1000 Friends of Florida, will be our guest speaker at the September 11th Sierra Club Adventure Coast Group MeetUp. Attend in person or remotely via Zoom. **The meeting will run from 7—8pm at the South Brooksville Community Center, 601 East Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Brooksville, FL.** Public welcome!

Kim provides guidance on critical growth and development issues and will help us explore strategies for Citrus and Hernando Counties. She promotes legislation for sound community planning that protects Florida's lands, waters and quality of life at the Florida Legislature. Kim has been directly involved in

natural resource policy and management for over 15 years, as senior conservation associate with Save the Manatee Club, senior planner for Marion County, environmental consultant for FL-DEP, water resources coordinator for the Marion County, and an environmental scientist on water pollution. Kim has a bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of Florida and a master's degree in soil and water science at UF.

To participate remotely via Zoom, please register in advance at:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrf-yhqzlpG9ZyAFKmBe71nAfqHtc6TibW>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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