

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS
OFFICE OF PARK PLANNING**



**SAN FELASCO
HAMMOCK PRESERVE
STATE PARK**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

From: [Donna Legare](#)
To: [FLStateParkPlanning](#)
Subject: San Felasco Hammock Preserve
Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 5:20:44 PM

We support the listed improvements. In addition, we would like to see more control of wild hogs and invasive plants that are creeping in from adjoining neighborhoods. We live in Tallahassee, but visit our daughter whose 5 acre home site backs up to the Preserve. She has fenced her property to keep her dog in and the hogs out, but the hogs are currently working along the edges of her property on the state park. They are destroying the forest floor, uprooting everything. We have helped rid our daughter's 5 acres of ardisia and other invasive plants. Other people in her neighborhood have let ardisia run wild and it is creeping into the park. Perhaps an outreach program to adjoining neighborhoods is warranted.

Donna Legare
Jody Walthall
Tallahassee

From: Allbritton, Joel
To: Baxley, Demi
Subject: FW: San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park improvements
Date: Friday, February 1, 2019 8:24:04 AM

Public Comment

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From: athomhorse@aol.com [mailto:athomhorse@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 7:50 AM
To: Allbritton, Joel <Joel.Allbritton@dep.state.fl.us>
Subject: San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park improvements

Hi Joel. I have visited San Felasco hundreds of times during the past 22 years and the most important improvement is redesigning the Millhopper Road Trailhead parking area. It needs at least 20 more spots for cars and good drainage. Currently when it rains we lose 3-4 spots. A restroom with running water is also needed.

The next important improvement would be adding 2 small picnic pavilions and a restroom near the equestrian and biking trailheads.

Last but not least is keeping the park hiking trails open and in good shape. Currently 1/2 of the hiking trails have been closed (for what seems like a year) due to beetle kill. Its seems like an excessive amount of time to remove some trees. I do applaud you guys because the rest of the hiking trails are in the best shape ever! (The previous 2 years they were in the worst shape ever.) Thanks for reading.

Andy
Surrender to chaos!

From: [Allbritton, Joel](#)
To: [Baxley, Demi](#)
Subject: FW: San Felasco Park meeting
Date: Friday, February 1, 2019 8:22:52 AM

Public Comment

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From: Wilbur Holloway [mailto:bike_surf53@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 8:30 AM
To: Allbritton, Joel <Joel.Allbritton@dep.state.fl.us>
Subject: San Felasco Park meeting

Hi Joel, I attended the recent meeting at Santa Fe College. I am primarily interested in trail usage in the park specifically mountain biking. It would be nice to have a skills area near the parking lot (see skills area at the Santos trailhead.) Also it would be nice to reroute some of the trails to make them more fun (Flowing) and sustainable. I am involved in the Ocala Mountain Bike Association and we redesigned several of the existing trails that now require less maintenance and are more fun. We used IMBA Trail Solutions (International Mountain Bike Assoc.) for the redesign. Mickey Thompson can attest to the effectiveness of our club working with the Office of the Greenway and IMBA-TS
Thank you for all you do for our parks and state,

Sincerely,

Wilbur Holloway

**Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Recreation and Parks
San Felasco Hammock
Preserve State Park
Public Meeting
January 29, 2019**

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to receive public input on proposed improvements and facilities at San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park.

Background

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Proposals

The following is a summary of developments and improvements proposed for the updated unit management plan:

- Redesigning the park entrance to better orient visitors and guide them to their desired location
- Adding 2 small picnic pavilions and a restroom near the equestrian and biking trailheads
- Adding a .5 mi. Nature Trail with interpretive kiosks about Lee Sink
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San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park

Greatly Appreciate this Park
One of the Top 10 for Horse Trails.

1. Only one concern - the ruts at the main entrance
make it hard to drive a horse rig. It rubs the
Bottom of the Trailer hitch area.

Thanks for all the hard work.

Debrah

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- o Adding 2 small picnic pavilions and a restroom near the equestrian and biking trailheads *(Low priority. There are nice restrooms and a picnic area already)*
- o Adding a .5 mi. Nature Trail with interpretive kiosks about Lee Sink
- o Adding a picnic pavilion and picnic tables at Itchy Bottom Lake
- o Remodeling the parks shop complex to help better manage the property
- o Redesigning the Millhopper Road Trailhead parking area - *muddy - not enough spots.*
- o Adding a restroom to the Millhopper Road Trailhead *Yes!!*
- o Enhancing the interpretive opportunities at the Millhopper Road Trailhead

Progress of Park North

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More signs on MTB trails and at trailheads would help inform the users, could help with safety (being able to locate an injured rider) and help people learn their way around better. Also, educate users ("Don't cut grapevines. They are good things" etc. etc. "Watch for hikers and trail runners." "Tung Nut A" or "North" "Tung Nut B" or "Middle", "Tung Nut C" or South.)
Inexpensive solution to many problems. Signs can say what a ranger would say. I saw lots of signs at the maintenance building. Please put them up!
Would it help with trapping the feral hogs if MTB riders, hikers and trail runners called or emailed the current locations as they discover them where the hogs are tearing up the trails?
Can we users help with this problem?

Trail
etc. etc.
too!

Kathy Benton

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Hire more ranger staff /
provide more interpretive programs +
opportunities!

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Trail to Lee Sink

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280 Acres Progress Park

Rick Scott Multi-Hill # Grant → City of Alachua → San Felasco Parkway

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connect CR 241 to Progress Blvd. → FL Job Growth Grant Fund

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My concern is disturbance to flora, fauna,
hydro & geological structures.

The more that can be done to let
people be aware of this unique piece of
Planet Earth, the better.

I am grateful for your service.

Thank You Very Much.

God Bless Us, Every One.

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The management plan has very comprehensive inventory of resources and ambitious management plans.

Would like to see more reference citations in text. Only saw Dunn, Smith, Ward, Simmons. ^{+ in species lists} Was a list of past and current research projects available?

Would to see plan include connectivity north to the river. May not be feasible at this time but put it on "wish list".

Also, please take a stand on proposed 83rd Drive extension from 39th to Millhopper. Heritage-sized hickories & spruce pine will be impacted.

Karen Garren

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Fla Native Plant Society

Paynes Prairie Ch. VP

Would like to make arrangements for FNPS field trip to San Felasco.