

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



**Waccasassa Bay Preserve
State Park
and
Cedar Key Scrub
State Reserve**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Recreation and Parks**

**Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve/Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park
Public Meeting
February 27, 2019**

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to receive public input on proposed improvements and facilities at both Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve and Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park.

Background

Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve is a 6,784-acre property located in Levy County near the city of Cedar Key. Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park, *also* in Levy County, is a 34,397-acre property located near the cities of Yankeetown and Cedar Key. Both parks are managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP).

Improvements

The following developments/improvements are proposed for the updated Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve management plan:

- Install Equestrian Facilities Package and Permanent Restroom at SR-24 Trailhead
- Improve Interpretive Kiosks at SR-24 Trailhead
- Update and Reconfigure SR-347 Trail System
- Install Equestrian Facilities Package and portable restroom at SR-347 Trailhead
- Install Trailhead Package, Hunting Checkpoint Station, and Entrance at Panther Ridge Parcel
- Update and Renovate the Shop and Add Pole Barn

The following developments/improvements are proposed for the updated Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park management plan:

- Maintain and Improve Primitive Campsites
- Designate park as a Wilderness Preserve

Public Input

Thank you for taking the time to share your comments with us. Please provide any comments you have on the [back of this page](#) no later than March 13, 2019. You may also provide your comments by calling (850) 245-3051, sending an email with the park name in the subject line to FLStateParkPlanning@dep.state.fl.us, or by regular mail at the address below.

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PLEASE COMPLETE COMMENT FORM ON REVERSE

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COMMENT FORM

Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve

I encourage continued restoration of scrub jay habitat. Quarterly or monthly guided walks are an excellent way of informing the public of problem areas or habits of various species. Any number of groups are interested in specifics: bird and plant species as well as care for natural habitats.

Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park

The First Day hike within the park was an excellent opportunity to be introduced to the various plant communities. I'd like to see more of these opportunities for the public to be invited into the park for gentle use: learning about species, identifying unusual plants and animals.

The public library always is willing to act as a partner for the purposes of community education.

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*would be great if there was some more shade along the trail. Perhaps
short hiking trail.*

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Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve

CKAA - concerns are to be considered -
such as Restroom types and placement
also ↑ equestrian use + ↑ primitive
campsites -

for Restroom
Requesting High Performance System
Advanced system

Prefer Chloris over standard mounded

septic system
they are not
adequate for
protection of
shellfish
water

Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park

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Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve

- very glad to hear about the efforts on scrub jays. Definitely hope this is a priority!
- second what she said about Advanced waste treatment system for new bathroom

Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park

- I would like to see some directed monitoring and/or forecasting for salt marsh change. The latest science on sea-level rise/marsh migration suggests that initially ^{salt} marshes will expand in area (expansion inland) but then there will be a fairly rapid loss due to sea-level rise with a general transition to open water. With the low sediment inputs in Wac. I feel these marshes have limited accretion capacity and this should be recognized and planned for if possible.

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Equestrian Facilities

- The Cross-over range trail
between Site A & B @ 347
needs clearing - wider
horse pass through gate -

- Ideally a drainage culvert
to facilitate safe cross over

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Thank you -
Katherine Dunlop

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Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve

The Levy County Horse Club encourages the planting of pines along perimeter trails. ~~an~~ This would provide shade for equestrian users of CK Scrub as well as hikers, & bikers.

It's coincidental that the cutting of Pine trees has is coincidental with the diminishing numbers of Scrub Jays

We ask for balance. Some tree planting for shade would be appreciated by all users of Cedar Scrub ~~the~~

Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park

Thanks Greg McCandless