



A Message from the President

Picnics are being enjoyed by our visitors, as well as nature walks, swimming, boating, and the little tots' playground.

While the super staff is taking care of the park your Board of Directors is focusing on the Environmental Education and Research Center. As you drive down to the picnic area you can see the progress.

Taking a lead from Park Service Specialist Libby Ormes, committees are being formed to assist her when the building is opened, probably late October. Consider being a part of the volunteer team that will be serving as docents in the Visitor Center, interpreters, special events and much more. You can become involved as a Friend - how great would that be?

A greater public awareness of the "Pathway to the Future" brick walk is needed. As members, you can help. Make copies of the form (found on page three) and use them as gifts to someone, give them to your neighbors, friends and relatives. It truly is a great legacy.

Once again, I would like to invite you to join us at a monthly board meeting. The meetings are held the third Monday of the month, 6:00 PM in the park headquarters. The ranger on duty will direct you. I know you will be surprised at all we do and will leave inspired to get more involved.

Elsa Kimbell, President

Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.

Biologist's Corner

By Rob Rossmannith, JDSP Park Biologist

Animal Name: Blue Land Crab
Genus/Species: *Cardisoma guanhumi*
Family: Gecarcinidae (Land Crabs)

Can be found at JDSP: Slow down and look out for crabs along park drive during late summer.

Food: The Land Crab is an omnivorous animal, eating mostly leaves and fruits, and occasionally eats other invertebrates or carrion.

Status: Not listed by FFWCC or USFWS. However, throughout much of its range it is harvested by humans. In Florida it is illegal to harvest these animals in the summer and fall months. Because there is concern about the status of these animals the use of traps and chemicals has been banned and there are daily harvest limits. In state parks Land Crabs are offered full protection from harvesting. Sometimes this animal is regarded as a residential pest because it digs burrows 3 to 5 inches wide and 5 feet deep. Removal should be done in accordance with FFWCC guidelines and should not involve the use of chemicals.

Range: Typically found within 5 miles of salt water in the Caribbean, Texas, and southern Florida. Adults are land dwellers, returning to saltwater to spawn, and larvae take about a month to develop in the ocean before returning to land.

Interesting Facts:

- Land Crabs take 4 years to reach reproductive maturity and can be 6 inches long and weigh over 1 pound.
- Females can carry eggs for 2 weeks in anticipation of hatching at which point she will travel to the ocean so hatchlings can begin their aquatic life cycle.



Photo of Land Crab, Rob Rossmannith

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- Elsa Kimbell, President
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- Patricia Magrogan, Vice President
- Roy Kimbell, Secretary
- Joanne Talley, Treasurer

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- Alana Edwards
- John Ford
- Patrick Hayes
- Pat Jebb
- Shawn Johansen
- James Snyder
- Kit Tomalka

Club Scrub Liason

- Steve Bucina, Vice President

Jonathan Dickinson State Park Staff

- Mark Nelson, *Park Manager*
- Thomas Brown, *Asst. Park Manager*
- Martin Morse, *Park Service Specialist*
- Libby Ormes, *Park Service Specialist*
- Janet LaMont, *Admin. Assistant*
- Sharon Lenox, *Secretary*
- Rob Rossmanith, *Park Biologist*

Park Rangers

- Frank Magistro
- Sherri O'Neal
- Rachel Payne
- Barry Richardson
- Bob Schuh
- Jane Shauan
- Susi Toledo
- Pat Walsh
- Cheri Wells



Director of the Florida Park Service, Mike Bullock, poses with his wife Brenda in front of the new building..

Environmental Education & Research Center Update

The Environmental Education and Research Center is moving right along and looking great. The initial blank memorial bricks are in place, and the first set of engraved bricks should be ready to go soon! Sod has been placed out front, and native plant landscaping will be commencing shortly.

Park employees are working with the contractor on exhibits, and things are coming along well. The exhibits will focus on the natural and cultural resources of the park and are highlighted by the photography of award-winning artist James Valentine.

One of our next steps will be to build a well-trained corps of volunteer docents to staff the center. Volunteers will be needed to help provide programs to school-children and families and to assist folks as they explore the displays in the exhibit hall. Help will be needed with all aspects of the running of this facility - are you interested? Please contact Libby Ormes at 561-744-9814. Come visit the park and see the progress - we look forward to seeing you soon!



Elsa Kimbell, Friends President, lays the first brick on the "pathway" to the Environmental Education & Research Center.

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Join us for the Preview Reception!

Thursday, September 28 from 5:30-7:00pm

The new Environmental Education and Research Center will be opening for a Preview Reception. Join the Friends as well as local officials, , ???? And park staff as we celebrate the beautiful new facility. Light snacks will be served and ??????. Call Libby Ormes at 561-744-9814 for more information about this exiting event. This is what we've all been waiting for!

LEAVE A LEGACY!- BRICK ORDER FORM

The Jonathan Dickinson State Park Environmental Education and Research Center is underway. This center belongs to us all, from here to international visitors! It will house our *Visitor Center, classrooms* for students and adult programs, *research labs* for ongoing environmental studies, *interpretive displays, special events, administrative offices* and a meeting place for the Friends and volunteers! **AND NOW YOU CAN BE A PART OF IT ALL!**

Three lines, 20 characters per line, spaces and punctuation count.

1st Line (20)

2nd Line (20)

3rd line (20)

Your information:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Check enclosed

Youth Brick-----	\$35.00
Adult Brick -----	\$50.00
Business-----	\$250.00



Have you purchased at Brick to support the new Environmental Education and Research Center?

What better way to advertise a business, remember friends and family or celebrate an occasion.

Help support the Center and buy a brick today!



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE	New Friends	Friends Renewed
	George Mendisch	Rich Binder & Donna Korora
	Howard Stirling	Roy & Elsa Kimbell
	David Fields	John & Joyce Ford
	Denise Burrus	Kevin McLaughlin & Debra Warmuskerken
	David & Joan Berenson	Allen Trefry
	Jaime Delgadillo	Alex & Rose Doska
	Ernest & Vicki Lefler	Alana Edwards & Rick Nevalis
	Nancy Armstrong	Anky Siegel
	Robert Banks & Vicki Silver	John & Janet Schick
	Scott Fitzsimmons	Helen Copeland
	Fred & Karen Brown	Richard Pereira
	Tim DeVorse	Bridget Titone
	Mary Cunningham	Vilet Weaver
	Joanne Schart	The Ridgways
Tom Hohne		



Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.

Membership Application

A not-for-profit Citizen Support Organization (CSO)

Lifetime Corporate: \$2500 Lifetime Patron: \$1000 Corporate: \$500 Patron: \$100
 Organization: \$50 Family: \$25 Individual: \$15

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please send this application along with your donation to:

The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.
 16450 SE Federal Hwy
 Hobe Sound, FL 33455

For more information on the "Friends" please call (561) 744-9814

A copy of the official registration and financial information of the "Friends" may be obtained from The Division of Consumer Services by calling 800-435-7352

June Breakfast Social

Our June breakfast social was a lot of fun. After enjoying a continental breakfast, many were treated to a tour of the new Environmental Education & Research Center. Following the tour, the Friends enjoyed a guided tour of parts of the park rarely seen by visitors. A few hardy souls took on the multi-use trails with the members of Club Scrub. Many thanks to everyone but especially Kit Tomalka, Elsa Kimball, Patrick Hayes, and Jim Snyder.

There are three socials scheduled for the fall. Don't miss them!



Scheduled Activities at the Park

Thursday, September 28—Preview Reception—5:30-7pm - Come and check out the new Environmental Education and Research Center.

Mark your calendars now for the next two Socials. Times and details of these events are still being arranged. Postcards with more detail will be sent out closer to the event.

Saturday, October 28— Halloween Social
Saturday, December 2—Holiday Social

Hike with a Ranger

Every Sunday morning JDSP offers a hike with a Ranger. Check for location at the Ranger Station. Hikes begin at 9:00 am. No reservation necessary.

Loxahatchee River Adventures

Spend a couple of hours sightseeing on the Wild and Scenic Loxahatchee River. Board the Loxahatchee Queen at the concessions area. Pontoon tours depart the boat dock daily at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m., 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Cost for the tour: Adults-\$14.50, Children (6-12)- \$9.50 and Children under 6 are free.



The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.
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The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc. is a volunteer-based, non-profit organization whose role is one of advocacy for the historical, educational and ecological enhancement of Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Its mission is to assist park management in meeting the natural and cultural resource management objectives established for the park.