

A Message from the President

What a busy winter the Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park's Citizens Support Organization (CSO) has had with our full moon boat trip to Trapper's, Archaeology Days, and Riverfest! Lots of fun!

Your Friend's membership is a great bargain in these tough times. Please tell your friends about our support team for the Rangers at the Park and their projects.

Looking forward to another beautiful summer, almost guaranteed in Florida.

Use your membership passes to bring your friends into the Park to see how fortunate we are to have Jonathan Dickinson State Park in our area.

Membership forms are available at the gate. Give us a hand and increase our membership. A membership with the Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc. makes a great gift for all occasions.

We hope that you enjoy the park this summer!

Pat Magrogan, President

Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park, Inc.

Biologist's Corner

By Rob Rossmanith, JDSP Park Biologist

Animal Name: Sandhill Crane

Genus/Species:

Grus canadensis [pratensis is the Florida subspecies]

Family: Gruidae (Cranes)

Can be found at JDSP: Cranes are typically found in open wetland areas (marshes) and their surrounding uplands. Right now, you may see adults with chicks in the Pine Grove campground area and the EaglesView area.



Credit: Nancy Marshall

Food: Omnivorous. Eats grains and tubers, invertebrates, and small vertebrates such as snakes, mice, and frogs. In parts of its range flocks of this species will damage agricultural crops by attacking plant tubers.

Status: Threatened species on FWC list. The primary threat to Sandhill Cranes throughout their range is development of natural and agricultural land to residential or commercial uses. Impacts to migratory cranes is complicated by the need for breeding, staging, and wintering grounds. Other threats include over-hunting and poaching. Range wide, Sandhill Cranes are thought to have stable populations. The cousin of the Sandhill Crane, the Whooping Crane, is an endangered species which instead of a grayish color is white.

Range: In Florida, Cuba and Mississippi Sandhill Cranes are non-migratory. The migratory populations travel from breeding grounds throughout Canada, Alaska, Siberia, and several northern states to a few southern states and Mexico.

Interesting Facts: 1) A mated Sandhill Crane pair will perform a courtship ritual best described as dancing where individuals bow, jump, toss vegetation, and flap their wings all the while vocalizing. 2) The rusty appearance of feathers results from the combination of digging beaks into iron rich mud and preening. 3) The red area around the head is actually skin, not feathers. 4) Nests are usually built in open areas where adults can see predators and defend the nest from bobcats, coyotes, raccoons, gators, and the like. The female will incubate eggs in the nest for one month, and post hatching the chick begins to fly after two months.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- A Message from the President....1
- Biologist's Corner.....1
- Discovering Camp Murphy.....2
- FL Historical Markers Program...3
- Shop Demolition.....4
- Membership.....5
- Brick Order Form.....5
- Park Activities.....6
- Volunteer Opportunities.....6

**Friends of
Jonathan Dickinson
State Park, Inc.**

Executive Committee

Patricia Magrogan, *President*
Patrick Hayes, *Vice President*
Shirley Willis, *Secretary*
Joanne Talley, *Treasurer*

Board Members

Roger Bursley
Alana Edwards
Pat Jebb
Roy Kimbell
Nancy Marshall
James Snyder
Mason Walsh

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 Reinert, *Park
Service Specialist*
Rich Hauck, *Park Service
Specialist*
Janet LaMont, *Admin.
Assistant*
Sandra Lovelady,
Secretary
Rob Rossmanith, *Park
Biologist*

Park Rangers
Carl Howard
Rachel Payne
Mark Peyton
Barry Richardson
Bob Schuh
Jane Shauan
Scott Tedford
Susi Toledo
Pat Walsh
Cheri Wells

Discovering Camp Murphy

March was Florida Archaeology Month, with the theme of Forts and Fortifications. On March 15, the park held a public event, *Discovering Camp Murphy*, honoring Camp Murphy. Camp Murphy was an army base that housed a top-secret radar training school during World War II. The camp was decommissioned in 1944, and the property was transferred to the State of Florida to become Jonathan Dickinson State Park.

Discovering Camp Murphy was held at the Kimbell Center and was very successful. We had about 200 visitors for the event, which hosted World War II equipment, compliments of the Road to Victory Military Museum, Camp Murphy memorabilia, provided by Skip Gladwin, and an insightful presentation about Camp Murphy by local historian, Frank Lund. A Kid's Dig was also a highlight of the day. Children and adults of all ages participated in the mock dig and found treasures like arrowheads, gold coins, shells and bones.

We'd like to thank Dick Roberts for helping to bring things together on the event and Park Ranger, Barry Richardson, whose hard work and dedication was largely responsible for the success of the event.

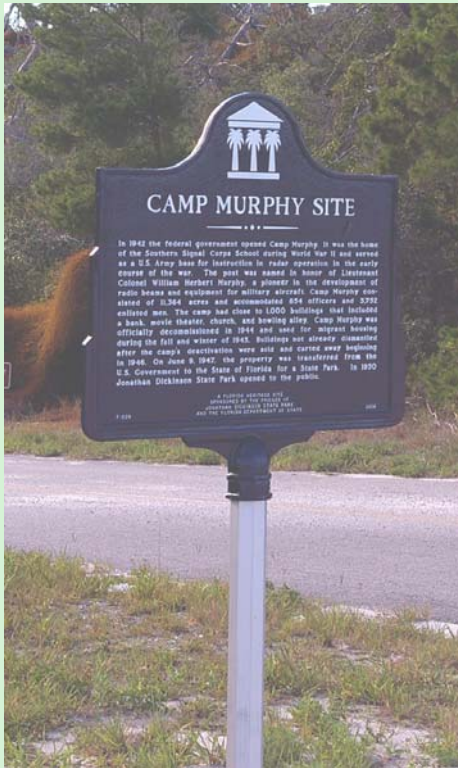


Kid's Dig



WWII field radios

Florida Historical Markers Program



The Florida Historical Marker Program is a cultural program governed by the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources. The program recognizes resources, persons and events that are significant in the areas of architecture, archaeology, Florida history and traditional culture by promoting the placing of historic markers and plaques at sites of historical and visual interest to visitors. The purpose of the program is to increase public awareness of the rich cultural heritage of the state and to enhance the enjoyment of historic sites in Florida by its citizens and tourists.

In its efforts to provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting and protecting Florida's natural and cultural resources, Jonathan Dickinson State Park has nominated Camp Murphy to the Florida Historical Marker Program. Camp Murphy was a U.S. Army school for radar and radio communications from 1942-1944.

Nominations made to the Florida Marker Program may take several years depending upon review, approval, and marker sponsorship. Camp Murphy was approved as a Florida Heritage Site in late 2006. The marker was sponsored by The Friends of Jonathan Dickinson State Park in 2008. The nomination of Camp Murphy to the Florida Historical Marker Program was written by Park Ranger Barry Richardson.

The Old Shop is History!

You may notice the lack of an ancient Jonathan Dickinson State Park landmark – THE OLD SHOP IS GONE!


The park's shop building, one of the largest maintenance facilities in all the Florida State Parks, was a holdover from the Camp Murphy days, when it also served as the U.S. Army's maintenance shop for the Southern Signal Corps School during World War II. Badly damaged in the hurricanes of 2004 and 2005, the shop has been slated for demolition for many months now. With the help of a generous donation from a friend of the park, we rented the biggest track-hoe we could get delivered, and down it came! The resulting construction trash filled over 30 large-sized roll-off dumpsters.

Lots of Park Service memories were tied up in the old shop. The only thing left is the Army's poured concrete bank vault, which even the huge track-hoe wouldn't tear down. Seems the only thing left is to blast!

RiverFest



On Sunday, March 30th, about 2000 people gathered in the park for the annual RiverFest event, sponsored by the Friends of the Loxahatchee River, Inc. The goal of the event is to promote awareness and celebrate the beautiful Loxahatchee River. Attendees enjoyed a variety of exhibitors, including touch tanks provided by the Loxahatchee River District, and a rescue boat with a life-size manatee (see photo on left) provided by FWC. Other activities and fun included food vendors, a bounce house, and a mock kid's dig at the park's education center.

<p>ADOPT-A-BRICK! The Elsa Kimbell Environmental Education and Research Center at Jonathan Dickinson State Park is now open. This center belongs to us all, from here to international visitors! It houses 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!</p>	<p>Three lines, 20 characters per line, spaces and punctuation count.</p> <p>1st Line (20) _____</p> <p>2nd Line (20) _____</p> <p>3rd Line (20) _____</p> <p>Your Information:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____</p> <p>Fax: _____ Email: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Check Enclosed: ()</p>	 <p>Youth Brick \$35.00</p> <p>Adult Brick \$50.00</p> <p>Business \$250.00</p>
---	---	---

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE	New Friends	Louise Koski Ken & Michelle Languedoc Jennifer Lieber David & Rose MacGillivray Pat & Dick Manseau Nancy Marshall Gary Palmer Marlene Rivera John & Janet Schick Miriam Speakman Jamie Stuve Bridget Titone	Friends Renewed	Heather Lamond Lynne & Harlan Lanou Winnie Lo David & Rose MacGillivray Dusty Macpherson Charles & Joanne Mailat Wallace & Michelle McCall Linda O'Laughlin Ronald Polsgrove Vicky Putnam & E. Cantelmo Lorraine Ripley John & Jan Schick Michael & Linda Smith Jim Snyder Peter Stuttaford & Jean Kluge Erik & Karen Zudans
	Tom & Nancy Boyhan Connie & David Clapp Charles Conklin Jacquelin & James DePompe Jim Dieckhoner Richard & Patricia Dopsovic Nancy Finnegan & Jack Adana Lynette Foster Tom & Cindy Fucigna Paul Haas Family Barry Holeve Hardy Indoe Shirley Kent Paul & Clare Kirchman Ron Kocher	Ginger Baldwin Doug & Debra Bendix David & Joan Berenson Roger & Carole Burse Banks & Anne Clark Don & Mary Beth Cory Deb Day Kim Devenport Lana & David Edwards John Ford Lynette Foster Edgar & Carol Fulton Victor Gingell Tom & Mary Ann Grieser Christian Jacobson		

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: _____

I am interested in volunteering with the Friends.

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES—HELP NEEDED

We are currently defining areas where members of *Friends of JDSP* who wish to volunteer can help. Please identify where you can assist the *Friends* by emailing us at info@friendsofJDSP.org, calling the Ed Center at 561-745-5551, or park office for the *Friends* at 561-744-9814. If you can help with something that you don't see listed here, please let us know. Your comments are welcome.

Ways you can help the *Friends*:

- Man table at events in park
- Help at socials
- Help with phone calls – for members without email
- Distributing membership forms – libraries, _____(other?)
- Distributing event flyers
- Help with mailings
- Secretary – take notes at meetings
- Other _____

Education center volunteers can help with:

- Greeting visitors at the reception desk
- Maintaining program and activity supplies and materials
- Maintaining exhibits and displays
- Leading school and visitor programs and activities
- Coordinating special events

We also need a Volunteer Coordinator!

Also, please tell your friends or neighbors that might be interested in helping about the opportunities at JDSP. We look forward to hearing from you with any questions or comments and appreciate your involvement. **Thank you for being a *Friend*!**

Scheduled Activities at the Park

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. Call the River Store at 561-746-1466 for more information.



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

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.

We are on the web at:
www.friendsofjdsp.org!