

Sun Country Trail Blazers (SCTB) Inc is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation located in the Horse Capital of the World<sup>®</sup> - Ocala, Marion County, Florida. Our purpose is to promote trail riding on horseback for family-oriented fun and rider safety; promote goodwill among persons using the trails for other purposes; and raise money for contributions to organizations which qualify as exempt under Section 501(c)(3). Our purpose for environmental stewardship is to maintain existing equine trails, help develop new trails, preserve trail systems, and engage in community outreach for equine land conservation. Membership consists of anyone interested in an active or supportive role in promoting horse trails, riding horses, rider safety, riding for fun, and volunteering to do trail maintenance, development, and preservation.

Membership rides and campouts occur September through May in parks and preserves. Horses and other equine *must* have a current Coggins Certificate. Scheduled events are announced on the Webpage, Facebook, and email. SCTB volunteer trail maintenance workdays are planned in cooperation with the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway office. Volunteers need to sign up with the Florida State Parks at [www.floridastateparks.org](http://www.floridastateparks.org) as an individual volunteer prior to working on trails.

Sun Country Trail Blazers' purpose for Florida State Parks is in maintaining the Marjorie Carr Cross Florida Greenway Trail System for safe equestrian use. Data provided to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection estimates the number impacted by our club's volunteer contribution to trail maintenance totaled 307, 293 users: (i.e. equestrians, hikers, bikers) between May 2022-May 2023.

SCTB coordinates at the Shangri-La Trailhead & Campground the "Run, Ride and Roll Relay (Triple R)" spring event to benefit SCTB volunteer trail maintenance initiative. SCTB was awarded a one-time Extreme Terrain (XT) Clean Trail Grant in support of trail maintenance. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection works with the SCTB state park activities through the Division of Recreation and Parks/Florida State Park Service.

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