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PALMETTO PAL'S PAPER

'Our community connecting YOU to Palmetto Island State Park'

A newsletter by Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.

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Happy New Year!

Hello 2019 and hello to a new year of events at Palmetto Island State Park! Friends of Palmetto are bringing back some of the old favorites and even have a few new events in the making. As always, these events take volunteers. You do not have to be a member of Friends to volunteer and we would love to have you!

If you are a member of Friends of Palmetto, you are eligible to be on the board or serve in an office position. We have 2 seats coming open in March. Carla Foley will be stepping down as treasurer. She has done a fantastic job and we thank her very much for all the time she has put into keeping the group's finances. If anyone out there has this special talent and would like more information about this position, please call 337-652-2484 or email us at info@FriendsofPalmetto.org.

The Friends of Palmetto Board Meetings are held at the Vermilion Parish Library at 6:00 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend and we would love to hear from you! Friends of Palmetto has a very diverse group of people that come together because we love our state park and we want to see it continue for the community as well as for our visitors from afar.

Last month we sent out membership forms to renew for the 2019 year. Just a reminder that your membership and donations are tax deductible. If you still need a form, they can be downloaded from our [web sight](#).

Friends of Palmetto Island publishes this electronic newsletter on the 1st of each month. To receive a copy please e-mail info@friendsofpalmetto.org
To 'un-subscribe' e-mail the above. **Only current members without an e-mail address will receive a copy of this newsletter by mail.** Thank you!

Please feel free to share.

2019 Calendar of Events

January - **Happy New Year!** *Tuesday, Jan 1*

Board Meeting- *Tuesday, Jan 29*

Latanier Cooker's D.O.G. – Saturday, Jan 12

February - Board Meeting -*Tuesday, Feb 26*

Latanier Cooker's D.O.G. – Saturday, Feb 9

Saturday, February 23 - Cracklin Cooking Demo

March - Annual Membership Meeting -*Tuesday, March 26*

Saturday, March 2 - Painting at Palmetto

Crewe of Palmetto Golf Cart Parade – *Saturday, March 2*

Latanier Cooker's D.O.G. – Saturday, March 9

April - Board Meeting - *Tuesday, April 30*

Latanier Cooker's D.O.G. – Saturday, April 13

Saturday, April 20...Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 27 ...Stir the Pot Festival

May - Board Meeting -*Tuesday, May 28*

Saturday, May 18 – Fun Day at the Park

June - Board Meeting –*Tuesday, June 25*

Latanier Cooker's D.O.G. – Saturday, June 8

July - Board Meeting – *Tuesday, July 30*

Latanier Cooker's D.O.G. – Saturday, July 13

August - Board meeting – *Tuesday, August 27*

Latanier Cooker's D.O.G. – Saturday, August 10

September - Board Meeting - *Tuesday, September 24*

Latanier Cooker's D.O. G. – Saturday, September 14

Sunday, Sept 29 - Pork Steak Plate Lunch Sale

October - Board Meeting – *Tuesday, October 29*

Latanier Cooker's D.O. G. – Saturday, October 12

Saturday, Oct. 26 - Halloween Celebration

November - Board Meeting – *Tuesday, November 26*

Latanier Cooker's Cochon de lat D.O. G. – Saturday, November 9

Saturday, November 30 - Pictures with Santa

December - Board Meeting – *Tuesday, December 17*

Saturday, December 7 - Membership Social

Latanier Cooker's D.O. G. – Saturday, December 14

All board meetings are scheduled to be held at the Vermilion Parish Library at 6 p.m.





Akierra's Full Moon Hike

Akierra, the park ranger, led a group of around 50 people on a full moon hike. The trail was a bit wet, so rubber boots were the dress attire for this event. Camp hosts had a campfire ready so the kids could roast marshmallows and Akierra read "Gaston the Green Nose Alligator" to everyone gathered. Once back at the nature center, the kids had a coloring contest and took turns guessing what object was in a paper bag just by feeling it. Akierra did a great job leading the hike.



Reminder:

The Palmetto Island Christmas Bird Count

will be held *Thursday, January 3rd, 2019.*

For more information on Christmas Bird Counts go to:

<http://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count>

For more information on the Palmetto Island Count or to participate this January, feel free to contact the compiler **Toddy Guidry** at Guidrys@cox.net or 337-303-2262.



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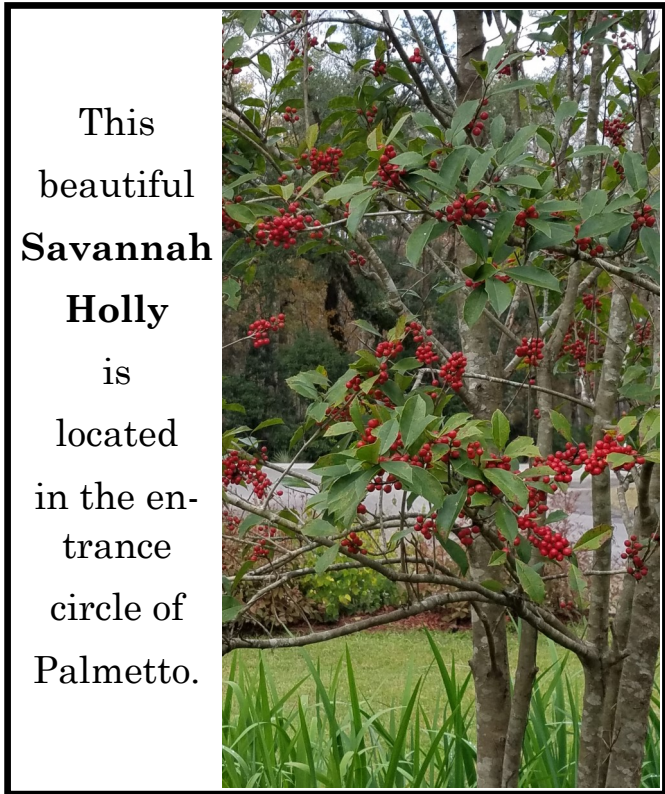
**3rd Annual Mardi Gras
Golf Cart Parade
Saturday, March 2**

We shared your request to make the Exit signs more visible.

Thanks to park staff Ryan and Everett for coming up with this new design.

We hope it helps you find your way out of the park.





FIRST DAY HIKE

January 1, 2019

In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks
- John Muir

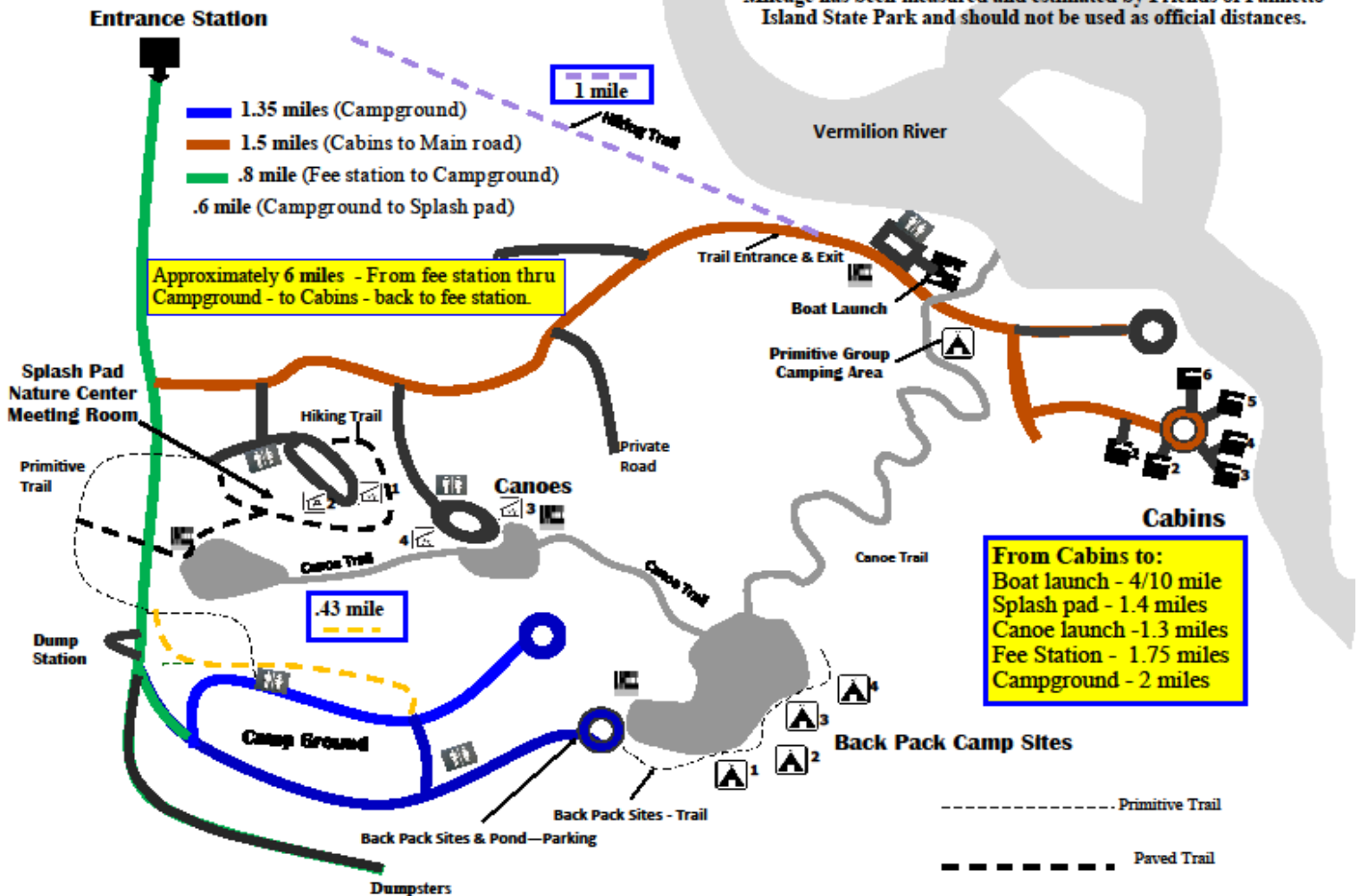
What better way to kick off the New Year than by getting a jump start burning off those extra holiday calories in the great outdoors?

On New Year's Day, America's State Parks have all 50 state offering free, guided First Day Hike Programs. These hikes provide a means for individuals and families to welcome the coming year in the outdoors, exercising and connecting with nature.

Without an Interpretive Ranger, Palmetto Island can not provide a guided hike, but you can use the map below to hike and explore the park.

Send us your First Day Hike pictures.

Palmetto Island State Park



Cracklin Cooking

Saturday, February 23

Palmetto Island State Park



**Demonstrations
begin at 8 a.m.**

No charge for the tasting...Donations are always welcome.
No bicycles, golf carts or pets allowed in event area.
Entrance fees into park apply.

Live music provided by



9 a.m.
to
1 p.m.



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electronic monthly newsletter or find us on Facebook.

LATANIER COOKERS' D.O.G. 'CHOW'

JALAPENO BREAD submitted by Danny Meaux

15 Rhodes rolls (*frozen, unbaked*)
 4 tbsp. butter (*melted*)
 2 jalapeno (*seeded, 1 finely minced & 1 sliced*)
 1/2 tsp garlic powder
 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese (*mixed Mexican works well*)

- Thaw the rolls for 30 min.
- Cut rolls in half.
- In a large bowl combine butter, minced jalapeno, 1 cup cheese and cut rolls. Mix well and transfer to 12 in, parchment lined Dutch oven. Cover and allow dough to rise to only double in size. 2 -3 1/2 hours depending on heat and humidity.
- When doubled in size, add remaining cheese and jalapenos on top of rolls.
- Bake for 25 min at 350° or until rolls are done in the middle of the pan.



NOTES: Do not use more than 15 rolls (*whole, uncut*).
 Only allow to rise double in size. If you allow to rise more, dough will touch the pot's lid, making a cheesy mess.

Meeting, Greeting, Cooking & Eating

Gathering on the 2nd Saturday of each month at Palmetto Island State Park



337-893-2470 or 337-501-1535
 meauxdp@yahoo.com



Tony & Jessica are from Denver, Colorado and they camped out at Palmetto Island in their “really cool” tent (*Roof Top Tent*). They are on a year long trip to visit all 50 states along with their dog Bee and their trusty Land Cruiser “Snowball”. You can follow their travels in their blog [“Purposefully Unrushed”](#).

FUNDRAISER PAINTING CLASSES
TO BENEFIT PALMETTO ISLAND STATE PARK,
SPONSORED BY FRIENDS OF PALMETTO ISLAND STATE PARK, INC.

Sign up to come do a little painting! Even if you have never painted before, you will be shown step by step how to paint a picture which you can keep for yourself or give to someone as a one of a kind gift.

Saturday, March 2 @ 10 A.M. - NOON
 (Please arrive at least 15 minutes before class begins)

Meeting Room at Palmetto Island State Park

Cost per Class: (All supplies included for the class)
\$40 per person / 11"x14" painting

Please Note:

- Entry fees into the park will apply
- Registrations will only be accepted by mail!
- You will be allowed to bring your own wine.
- Children are welcome but must be accompanied by an adult

Artist Instructor: Norma Young
 For more info contact :
 Brandy Babineaux 337-652-9247 or
 Carla Foley 337-522-3992



Registrations for each of the classes are accepted on a first come, first serve basis.
 To ensure your enrollment in the class, please mail your registration form with payment as soon as possible.
Refund/Cancellation Policy:
 Registration fees are refunded when the class is canceled by the artist. Enrollment is limited; therefore registrations are non-refundable unless cancelled at least 24 hours before the date of your class. (Please leave a voice message at 652-9247 or 522-3992.) The Artist Instructor reserves the right to cancel, postpone or change class location in light of unforeseen circumstances.

PAINTING CLASS
REGISTRATION FORM

Detach and return only the bottom portion of this sheet. To complete the registration process,
 mail this completed form along with payment to:

Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) Public Charity) P.O. Box 33, Perry, LA 70575
 ***PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 'Friends of Palmetto Island State Park, Inc.

Name: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ Contact #: _____

I am registering for the : **March 2 CLASS**

I have included a payment of: **\$40 (11"x14")**

I have included a payment by (circle one) : **CASH/MONEY ORDER** or **CHECK # _____**

(Sorry, no credit cards!) PLEASE NOTE: There will be a \$10 charge for all checks that are returned as NSF!

I would like to receive an (circle one) **EMAIL** or **PHONE CALL** to confirm receipt of my registration.



P.O. Box 33, Perry, LA 70575



Please Mail To:

**Gulf Coast Golf Carts
Sales & Rental**



*Free delivery with
two day rental.
(Call for details)*

Bus: (337) 522-4210
2810 Veterans Memorial Dr.
Abbeville, LA 70510

**Don Derouen
Owner/Operator**



Thank You!

**ExxonMobil
Foundation**

We appreciate the donation you gifted Friends in exchange for 40 hours of volunteer work performed by an ExxonMobil retiree at Palmetto Island State Park.

Park Hours of Operation:

Gates are open 6am-9pm (Sun-Thurs) and 6am-10pm (Fri & Sat). **Entrance station** is open: 8am-5pm (Sun-Thur) 8am-10pm (Fri & Sat). All park sites close at 10pm on Friday, Saturday and days preceding holidays. **Entrance Fees:** \$3 per person; Free for Seniors (62 and older) and children age 3 and under. **Canoe** rentals are \$25 per day or \$7 per hour. The **Splashpad** is open April-September, Tuesday –Sunday from 8am to 8pm. **Golf cart** entry fees are \$10 per day or \$100 for annual pass (*proof of insurance is required*). Palmetto Island State Park has **96 camp sites**, 6 cabins, 4 pavilions, 4 primitive backpack sites, 1 primitive group site and a meeting room to rent. **Reservations** for overnight accommodations at Palmetto Island State Park can be made [online](http://www.lastateparks.com) or through the Call Center at 877.226.7652. For more information about the Park, visit www.lastateparks.com, call 888.677.0094 toll free or 337.893.3930 locally.