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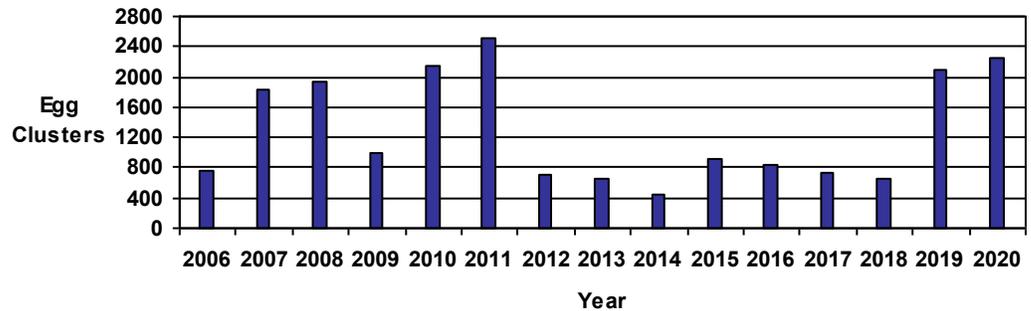
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Apple Snail Egg Clusters 2006-2020



While it's been a very unusual summer, some things have stayed the same. We've found plenty of ways to stay busy at Wakulla Springs State Park!

Beginning in May, we resumed our apple snail egg cluster surveys on the river. Once a month through September we follow a route that takes us along the river boat tour route and slightly beyond, looking through the marsh plants for white, pea-like snail eggs. As the pontoon boat was down this May, Kearstin Hess and I did that month's survey from a canoe for the first time. It worked well, but my biceps and back were starting to complain as we headed back up-river to the spring. I was happy to get back on the pontoon for June, July and August.

We saw 421 clusters in May, 537 in June, 497 in July, and 409 in August. The first three numbers are just slightly less than the good numbers we had last year. The

August number is higher though, and many of those eggs looked freshly laid. It appears the apple snails are finishing the summer strong.



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Resource Management News (Con'd) By Patty Wilbur; Photos Courtesy of Patty Wilbur



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We conducted the summer Wakulla Full River Survey on July 16th. Park ranger Kat Wilson was excited to see the sanctuary portion of the river, as was Rob Baker of TNT Hideaway. His family’s company has been a great partner on the survey for many years, generously lending us canoes to use. I was happy to get both on this stretch of the river for the first time.

The wildlife did not disappoint . We set a record for the number of cattle egrets in the park section of the river with 557! Their rookery was a loud, active place, with parents and chicks flapping at their nests. Even the bullfrogs seemed especially noisy there. Little blue herons, double-crested cormorants, and a few great egrets were nesting in the area as well, enjoying the seclusion and protection of the sanctuary.

I was very grateful this July to have the assistance of Park Services Specialist Mark Stevenson, fire techs Jeff John-

son and Jessie Birch, as well as Park Ranger Phil Pouliot.

The Bush Hog mower which we use to maintain the park’s fire lines was no longer cutting very well. After several years, it was time to replace the blades. Unfortunately, it’s a heavy-duty piece of equipment, so that is not an easy job. It was even more difficult this time, as the large metal disk to which the blades attach had cracked and needed to be replaced as well. It took hours of work to lift the Bush Hog onto its side, loosen the old parts and install the new. I’m happy to report that everything came together though, and we’ll be able to whip our roads back into shape as things calm down this fall.



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Resource Management (Continued) By Patty Wilbur

Park Rangers Kat Wilson and Steven Urling have completed a wonderful milestone in their career as prescribed burners! They've both recently completed their third burns as trainees. Kat helped burn at Ochlockonee River State Park this June, and Steven helped burn at St. Marks River State Park this August. Both were great assets to the team, and their positive attitudes were especially noted during the hot days' work. Having completed their third trainee burns means that they are now considered full crew members and will be given more responsibility going forward.

We've had a bit of fire at Wakulla Springs too. I burned our brush pile on a steamy day this July. We'd had a tree service cut down several large hazard trees around the park this spring, so the pile had some truly impressive logs blazing in it. More recently, lightning struck a tall pine tree behind the shop. Kat and Steven (good burn crew members that they are) noticed smoke and flames coming from about 20 feet up the trunk! It burned for quite a while, but I had to stay back for a bit to wait out the frequent lightning. Thankfully, after another hour of hard rain, Mother Nature finally extinguished it for us.

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new Ferrell parcel. They have been posting boundaries, picking up trash, and checking and clearing roads. Recently they helped me clear a section of old fencing and brush so that we can connect the Ferrell roads to those on the adjacent Turner Sink parcel. Pete and Pam will soon be starting to survey and treat invasive exotic plants. With over 700 acres to keep an eye on at Ferrell, their assistance is greatly appreciated!

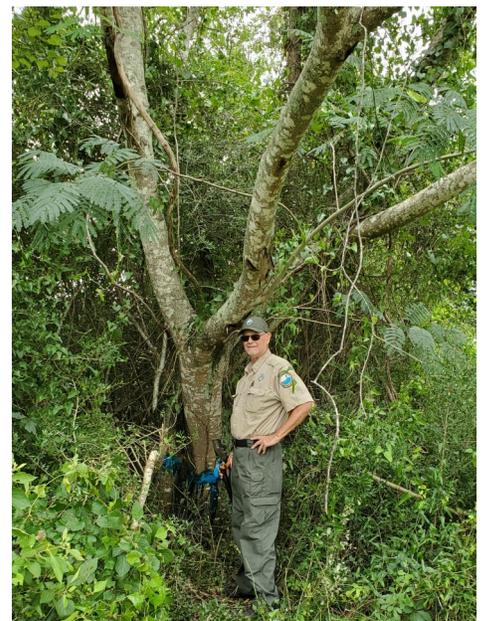
I've been spending more time on the Ferrell tract myself, to get to know it better. Cal Jamison,

Charlie Baisden with one of several enormous mimosa trees we treated on the Ferrell Tract.

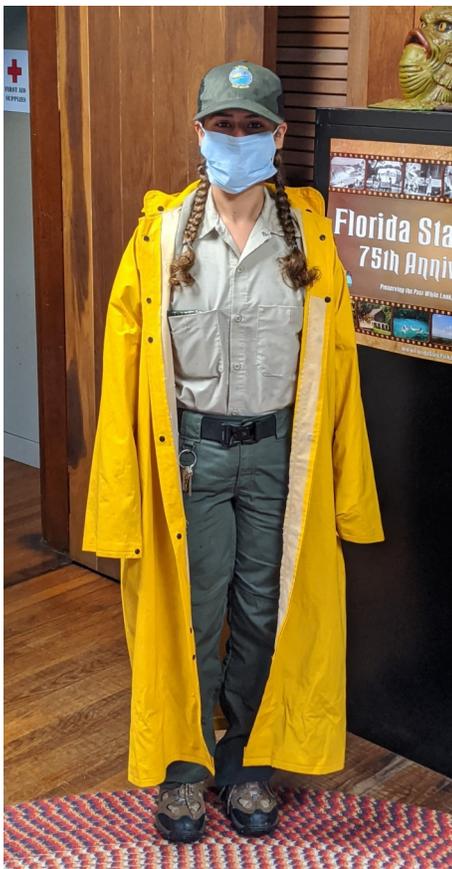
who knows the springs and sinkholes in this area better than anyone, was a great guide to John Melton and me this July. He taught us the true names of Ferrell's karst features, and even showed us a swallet that neither John nor I knew about.

District Biologist John McKenzie and District Fire Coordinator Daryl Hatfield joined me out at Ferrell in late July for a couple of long field days. We did ground-truthing necessary to map the natural community types. We decided how we wanted to separate the parcel into management zones. We also looked at what work needed to be done to install or maintain fire lines so we can begin conducting prescribed burns there. As a follow-up, I bushwhacked to many of the more remote

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New Faces in a New Paradigm By Jeff Hugo Photos by Jeff Hugo



OPS Park Ranger Elizabeth Hazard is decked out in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

It's like being at a train station (The Florida Park Service). I watch passengers (employees) as they disembark from a distant but now familiar place (current position). And then, I watch those who arrive (new personnel). Eager for a new adventure, they anticipate with excitement the journey they are about to begin.

The train (Wakulla Springs State Park) is somewhat bizarre. It never comes to a complete stop. Both those ar-

iving and departing are expected to jump on or off as best they can. And they do.

Thankfully, there are many conductors (current staff) who make the passenger transitions to and from the train as smooth as possible. They work to situate the travelers for the ride. They do their best to provide meaningful and productive tasks while enhancing the skills needed for their completion.

Some ride the train for years. They learn and grow and become conductors themselves. Some have other destinations in mind. They jump off the moving train to catch a new train or even try out a new train station.

It's quite a process. It is enriching to watch. Especially as the travelers reveal their personalities, passions, and aspirations.

Over the past few months, the Wakulla Springs 'train' has been chugging down the track. Perhaps not at top speed (the rails have been impaired due to Covid-19), but on the move nonetheless.

Its cargo, the services it provides, have morphed to meet the new conditions. There is a greater emphasis on resource management and park maintenance. Visitor and staff safety continues to remain a priority. As a result, staff expectations, have had to morph as well.

When Elizabeth (Liz) Hazard first thought about volunteering in the park six months ago, she hoped to be leading tours on the river boats. "But then," as she put it, "a pandemic happened."

She is small in stature, but gritty. She is focused on a professional destination down the line—being an environmental engineer. While working at the park as an Other Personal Services (OPS) Ranger in June and July, she was also taking courses at FSU to meet her goal.

Although she was looking forward to interpreting the river to park guests, her interpretive skills were shifted to greeting guests at the park entrance station and as they came to enjoy the swimming area.

With limited capacity in the swimming area, she often had the opportunity to chat with guests about more than the safety measures implemented on their behalf. She loved to talk with them about where they were from and all things Wakulla. It was a chance for her to be with "happy" people. She reflected, "It brings out a good side in me."

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New Faces in a New Paradigm (Continued) By Jeff Hugo

Unfortunately for the park, a new fall semester and a heavier course load has pulled her away from service at Wakulla Springs. Looking to the future she predicts, "I will be involved with the Park Service once again at some point in my life."



"It's a really cool park. There is no other place like this." Park Ranger Phil Pouliot

Phil Pouliot, unlike Liz, did not see himself working for the Florida Park Service at some time in his life. For him, life was full of possibilities. He was confident. He was not afraid to try new things.

By the time he applied for the ranger position at Wakulla Springs, he had crisscrossed the country a couple of times working different positions and owning 3 or 4 different companies. It provided a lifetime of experiences. He had even enjoyed a comfortable early retirement. And now, he was looking for something new and fun to do.

In the fall of 2019, he had heard that there might be an opportunity to volunteer as a river boat captain. He contacted Volunteer Manager Jackie Turner and found out the next class wouldn't begin until February, 2020.

She asked, "Would you be interested in any other park volunteer work?" Jackie showed him the park's Administration

Building. It was languishing through a 'Twilight Zone' painting project that seemed to have no end.

Begun a year earlier, paper dangled from windows like a dolls ragged clothing. Paint spray splattered every window. Some walls were complete, but others were covered with lesions created by scraping in preparation for the primer.

He had a chance to run. Instead, he agreed to come in once a week to complete the job.

Phil was incredible! With patience, perseverance, and skill born of a diversity of life experiences, he labored away at cleaning, priming, and painting the remaining walls. He cleaned all of the windows. And then he painted the porch floor and railings. It was done. And it was beautiful!

During his transformation of the Administration Building, a park ranger position opened up. The point values awarded in his interview set the bar high.

His start date was February 14. In just a few weeks he was trained on the majority of ranger responsibilities, including the operation of the tour boats. Unfortunately, the day after he was approved to conduct river boat tours,

the tours were suspended due to Covid-19. A week later the park closed.

Over the next six weeks, he had plenty of handyman projects to complete. He fixed boardwalks, did more painting and squirrel-proofed garbage cans. It was the tip of an iceberg chipped away with patience, perseverance, and skill.

When the park reopened the middle of May, handyman skills would give way to honing his interpretive skills. He now found himself greeting park guests at the entrance station. It often included an explanation of available park services and expectations.

While at the entrance to the swimming area, he monitored the beach capacity and found opportunity to answer patrons questions about the park. He says of his experience, "It's a really cool park. There is no other place like this. If someone asks me a question I don't know, it motivates me to find the answer. I like the park's history. I take it to heart to learn what I can because I want to serve."

Phil Pouliot, in his short career with the Park Service, has done just that. We look forward to his presence and leadership as his new vocation continues.

New Faces in a New Paradigm (Continued) By Jeff Hugo



“If you listen a lot; you can learn a lot.” OPS Park Ranger Kevin Posey

Unlike Phil, Kevin Posey is just beginning to create his resume. He has a strong connection to Wakulla County and the park. He grew up here as did “my parents and grandparents”.

He recalls his grandfather and father telling him about how clear the spring used to be. He has never seen it that clear. In fact, he confessed, “I’d never been on a boat tour before I worked here.

It turned out that participating in an occasional river inspection and seeing the wildlife was his “favorite thing”. Getting to know the wildlife was a bit of a learning curve. It was nothing he shied away from. He was amazed at how much wildlife could be seen in the park. “It really shocked me.”

His real love is geology and the karst features associated with the park. He had taken courses and learned general information. But he really liked seeing how specific elements of geology impacted his and everyone else’s life as he worked here.

He was like an informational sponge. In fact, he observed, “If you listen a lot, you can learn a lot.”

He also appreciated how the park service took the Covid-19 virus very seriously. He was impressed with the contactless park entrance. He appreciated the wisdom of lower density in the swimming area. He learned that there are ways to adapt to and mitigate inconveniences.

He is continuing to practice that mitigation as he continues his higher education. Perhaps one day, he will be an environmental engineer.

He did say, “I didn’t think the job would be as fun or cool as it was.” We hope he will keep his experiences at Wakulla Springs close as he moves on to the next rung of his resume ladder.

Scott Royslance grew up in Tallahassee. His life experiences introduced him to many different cultures and many different people.

He has served as a marine. He has been a firefighter overseas. He has lived in the Philippines and run his own businesses. And now he’s home.

He likes the work environment at the park. “People are low stress and easy-going. There’s a good vibe here. Everyone gets along.”

He likes the park’s history. But most of all, “I like interacting with people. I like answering their questions. I

want to make sure they have good experiences while they are here.”

Scott is reserved about himself. But he was coaxed to reveal that he is a “Jack-of-all-trades type of person”. His world-wide background has given him the confidence to be “capable of doing just about anything”.

It shows. He has replaced fencing, fixed boats, conducted a fire inspection and for good measure — resolved conflicts.

He also revealed that he likes to cook. Of course, he could only say so much as he must safeguard his secret family recipes. Hopefully, we’ll get a taste at some point in the future.



“I like interacting with people and answering their questions. I like the history of the park.” OPS Park Ranger Scott

New Faces in a New Paradigm (Continued) By Jeff Hugo



Bruce Graybeal rests after assisting with the removal of a decaying live oak in the picnic area.

Bruce Graybeal is also an OPS Ranger. Like Phil and Scott, he has had a life filled with a wide range of experiences.

He moved to the area decades ago in order to attend FSU. The third day he was in the area, he went to Cherokee Sink. It was then that his love for the areas karst features began.

He took his time getting his Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. There were opportunities for adventure that tugged at his heart. He took a road trip to Costa Rica and was awed by the beauty of its pristine environment.

He went on an expedition to find gold in Ecuador. Later he planted trees, was a roofer, installed in-ground pools, and others. He settled on a career with the Postal Service. The one thing he discovered about himself was that he liked to work outdoors. He simply is unhappy cooped up in a building.

He retired from the Postal Service five years ago. Unfortunately, a nagging pain followed him into retirement. His doctors thought that surgery might be the only solution. But Bruce chose another route. He started swimming at the park everyday. The pain went away. Like so many others, he had developed a uniquely meaningful relationship with Wakulla Spring.

And then there was the Covid-19 lockdown. As much as he was enjoying retirement, Bruce was thinking about and searching for something that might bring a bit more purpose to his life. He figured a part-time position at Wakulla Springs State Park might wed his need with his already special park relationship.

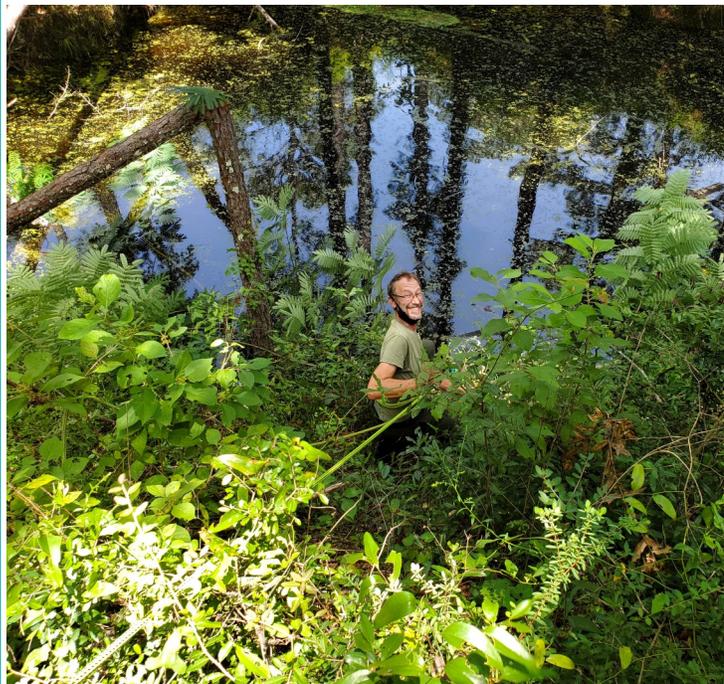
He has enjoyed working outdoors maintaining and repairing park infrastructure and resources. As he put it, "I like seeing the backside of park life. The people I work with are really nice people. Everyone has a story."

It is good to remember that in this new paradigm and among new faces that everyone does have a story. The stories are as rich and as varied as the lives that have been shaped by them. We are privileged to benefit from one another.

Photo Courtesy Bob Thompson



All in All: A Summer Like No Other By John Melton; Photo by Patty Wilbur



Assistant Park Manager John Melton is treating mimosa trees on the steep banks of Ferrell Sink

Summer is just about over. School is back in session. Park visitation has slowed down a good bit on weekdays as a result. But, it has been a summer like no other. The Covid-19 Pandemic changed things for all of us.

We staffed a “greeting tent” at the waterfront on busy days to keep our swimming area at a lower density. The effort was appreciated by many visitors as it helped them to maintain a 6 foot social distance per The Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines.

These same guidelines created unresolved quandaries with respect to our historic river boat cruises. This is the first time in memory that the boat tours have been canceled for such a long time.

Though we have not been able to have visitors join us for our river boat cruises, we have been busy. We have brand new sound systems on all the river boats including the Glass Bottom Boat Henry. When the boats tour again, get ready for clear, easy to understand interpretation from our boat captains.

Even with the Covid-19 challenge this year we had an excellent seasonal staff of Lifeguards and OPS seasonal Rangers. I’d like to thank this year’s Lifeguards: Melanie and Lauren Oglesby, Jordan Hoover, Dylan Harvey, Teddy Shiver, Ethan Whaley & Mikayla Corrigan. I would also like to thank our seasonal Ranger staff: Kevin Posey & Elizabeth Hazard. Great Job Folks!

You will notice a couple of new faces on our year-round OPS Ranger staff. Please welcome Scott Royslance and Bruce Graybeal. Bruce and Scott bring a wealth of knowledge to our team. They are especially skilled in maintenance.

As for me, it has been an exciting summer with a move to the new assistant park manager residence. It is located on the newly acquired Ferrell Tract. As a result, I have been able to be heavily involved in ongoing preparations to add the property to our Unit Management Plan.

Recently I had the opportunity to join our Park Biologist Patty Wilbur and Former “Springs Ambassador” Cal Jamison for a tour of the 717-acre Ferrell Tract. Cal was a friend of the late John Ferrell Sr. and knows much about the sink holes and swallets on the property.

We bushwhacked into the forest and located Outcrop Sink, Otter’s Den Sink, Blue Sink, 12’O Clock Sink, Ferrell Sink and Meeting House Sink. We located a previously unknown sink that we are calling Ash Sink.

Other karst associated ponds on the property include Ferrell Pond, Cannon Pond and a rookery known as Hourglass. Thanks to Cal Jamison for expanding our knowledge of the new property.

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Stretching By Amy Conyers

SALLY WARD TRAIL WALK

All of the items pictured can be seen along the *Sally Ward Trail*. Some are seen on every tour and others only in certain seasons of the year.

Mark the ones you see. Try to see how many rows, columns, or diagonals you can complete.

Bring your card back at different times of the year and different times of the day to see if you can find everything pictured.

Most importantly, enjoy exploring the *Sally Ward Trail*.



to want to learn a little more. With a good experience related to the park in a virtual fashion, we hope that when our visitors return in our historic volumes, they will have a deeper appreciation for the natural world within our park.

I'm glad to see the Florida State Park Junior Ranger Program has a virtual option now on the Florida State Park webpage. Jeff Hugo has been hard at work learning videography and editing on the fly to create some interactive, at home activities. I know that several more programs are in the works as music is being written, videos are being recorded, and ideas are exchanged.

The Friends of Wakulla are supporting this digital revolution by hosting our virtual endeavors at wakullasprings.org. The Friends have also started a Virtual Speaker and Performance Series. Register to attend and you can experience some of the brilliant minds that support the park and enjoy some great music all from the comfort of your home.

We are all stretching, we are all learning. We are all working together to fulfill our mission in the most creative and ingenious ways. Thank you all for that.

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They say that necessity is the mother of invention. Our needs certainly have made a great shift in the last months. We had a need to rapidly adjust to life with Covid and a reevaluation of all of our procedures. Necessary changes to keep ourselves and our visitors safe has led to a great deal of creativity. While our lives have all been challenged lately, we must focus on the positive and celebrate the new ideas that we'll be able to carry forward.

I was already aware of many of the creative talents of our staff and volunteers. Park people are creative people. We've long ago discovered the ability to do more with less. Whether it's quick thinking to craft a makeshift split to get an injured hiker out of the woods to

a waiting ambulance or the hundreds of uses for a discontinued park sign, we can reduce, reuse, and recycle with the best of 'em.

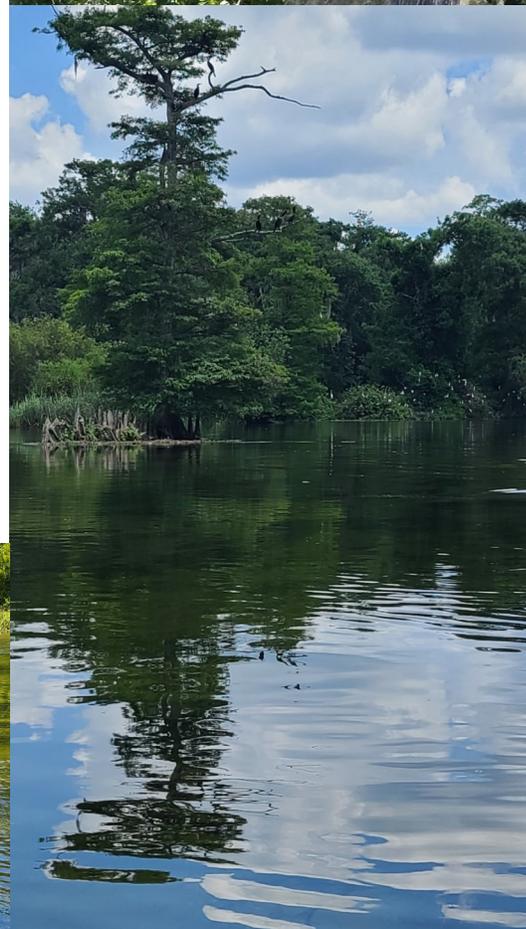
As interpreters, we keep inventing new ways to grab the attention of our audience and help them readily absorb the information that we share. Now we're discovering ways to reach our audience while being physically distant. I can see each of us stepping beyond our comfort zone and learning a little bit more about new technologies (or old technologies that we haven't learned yet!)

While our best-case scenario is to have a park visitor come and experience the park firsthand, we are focusing more than ever on lighting the spark that will encourage someone

Noise Canceling Experience By Kat Wilson Photo by Kat Wilson



ABOVE: Cattle Egrets near their rookery.
RIGHT TOP: Young anhingas wait for lunch.
RIGHT BOTTOM: Tranquility in motion.
BOTTOM: A manatee at the turn around.



Thursday afternoon, July 16th, found a bright sun shining on three teams as they set forth on the *Summer Full River Survey*.

I was part of the upper river team, traveling from the spring basin to the upper bridge. Patty Wilbur and Robert Deyle joined me in the canoe.

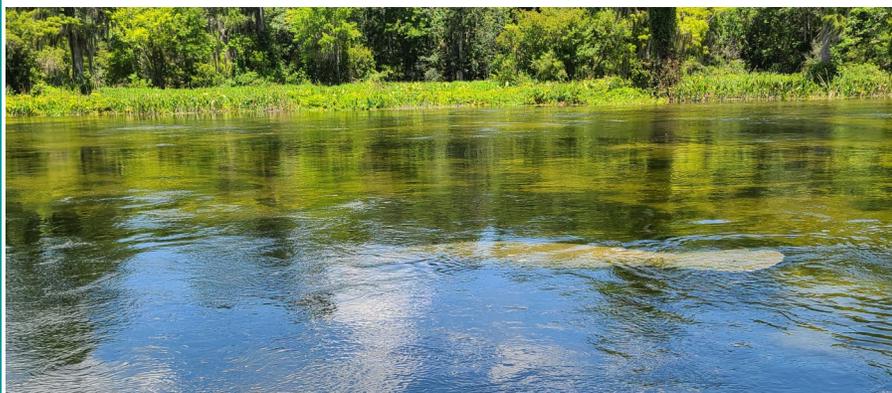
As we left the noise of the beach behind, we were surrounded by the chorus of bullfrogs from the river banks. We floated calmly down the river in the afternoon heat.

The survey takes a count of the visible animals along the

length of the Wakulla River. Many of the alligators were spotted cooling off in the water.

The shores and islands of the rarely seen rookery were teeming with birds. Juvenile anhinga, little blue herons, and cattle egrets were seen by the dozens. Double crested cormorants and common gallinules swam along the reeds. Three manatees were seen at the turning point of the jungle cruise.

Life is thriving along the river. In our uncertain times it brings a good sense of calm to the noise. Here, it is truly possible to imagine a river untouched by humanity.



It's the Little Things By Charlie Baisden Photo by Charlie Baisden



“We transformed the main entrance with the planting of muhly grass around the entrance sign.”

The year 2020 has certainly been a year to remember. Park activities have been substantially curtailed or suspended altogether due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, in some ways the present situation has presented opportunities to accomplish some things we would otherwise be less likely to do.

With the help of Volunteer Charles Lorch with the Wakulla County Garden Club, the camellias have been pruned and are looking great. More time has been directed to the routine weeding of the flower beds around the lodge. We have planted several new trees on the park grounds to replace ones

we have lost. The butterfly garden has had one of its best years with a stunning array of butterflies and hummingbirds. We transformed the main entrance with the planting of muhly grass around the entrance sign. This fall the muhly grass will be in full splendor with its beautiful purple plumes. The azaleas were pruned this year in a timely manner and should provide a wonderful display of spring colors when they bloom.

Often times it's the little things done on a consistent basis that produce the greatest results. I think the overall appearance of the park grounds certainly proves

this to be the case. I appreciate the help of our entire staff and the generous time of volunteers in accomplishing these projects.



“The butterfly garden has had one of its best years...”



LEFT: A monarch caterpillar feeding on a milkweed in the butterfly garden. RIGHT: volunteer Charles Lorch pruning a camellia.

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As usual, lots of time has also been spent keeping our roads and trails clear. We’ve had quite a few large trees come down, so it’s been a group effort. We’ve also been trying to spend as much time as possible lately surveying and treating exotic plants. It’s hard work, but I really enjoy it. It puts me in some of the most remote parts of the park and it can present some great opportunities for wildlife sightings. It’s also rewarding when you see the positive results of your labor.

All in All (Continued) By John Melton

Coming up in September we are planning a Volunteer Boat cleaning day. We will need a dedicated group of volunteers to help with this endeavor September 21st through September 23rd. More information will be coming soon. In the meantime, if you want to help with this project, contact Ranger Kat Wilson or me.

All in all, we are thankful for a good summer. Currently, there have been no Covid-19 related illnesses among the employees at Wakulla Springs. We are following CDC guidance as we work to keep our good health and our morale high. Thank you to our AWESOME team at Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park. Getting it done in District One!

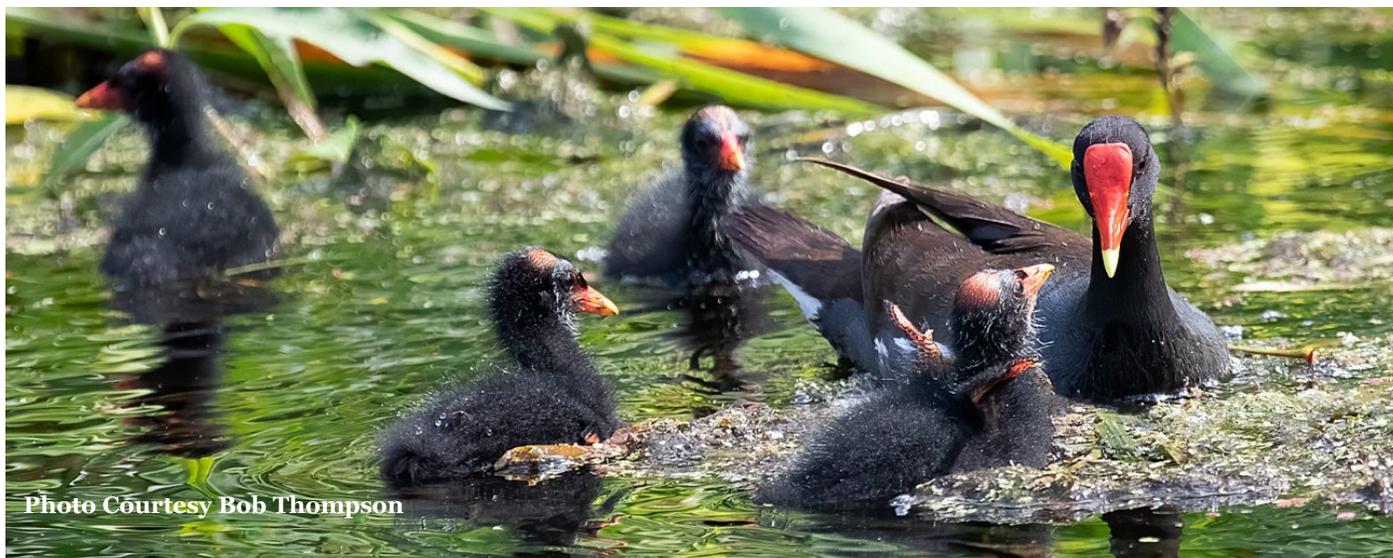


Photo Courtesy Bob Thompson

It Came Crashing Down By Jeff Hugo Photos by Jeff Hugo

It was August 26 and Hurricane Laura was bearing down on the Texas/Louisiana coasts. Here, it was a summery, humid, and warm morning. But at long last, Assistant Park Manager John Melton was able to assemble enough park staff to tackle a giant.

The upper limbs of an old live oak in the picnic area had broken and were threatening to crash to earth at some unexpected moment. The area had been cordoned off for weeks waiting for the right weather conditions and enough staff to take down the massive tree.

With the aid of Collin Johnson, Bruce Graybeal and Phil Pouliot; John Melton successfully directed the felling of the tree. John is a certified arborist and has had a great deal of experience removing trees. This was no job for the uninitiated.

The tree which had lived in that spot for over 175 years, was taken apart section by section. With the aid of the park's tractor, the pieces were transported to the park's burn pile. Someday in the future, Park Biologist Patty Wilbur will supervise its cremation.



Collin Johnson (left) and John Melton (right) work together to segment the trunk of the fallen oak.



Photo by Bob Thompson

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Please Note!

The safety of our visitors, staff, and volunteers is a top priority at Wakulla Springs State Park.

As part of ongoing statewide efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19, some park procedures and activities have been modified or suspended.

Visitors will find measures in place to reduce density to promote everyone's safety.

Please investigate the option to prepay park entrance by visiting the Wakulla Springs home page on the FloridaStateParks.org website. Then click on the desired payment option. Otherwise, bring exact change, credit card, or annual pass for contactless payment of entrance fees.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (850) 561-7276.

MISSION: To provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting, and restoring natural and cultural resources

Insect Intrigue: The Red-Tailed Specter

By Jeff Hugo

Photo Courtesy of Kat Wilson

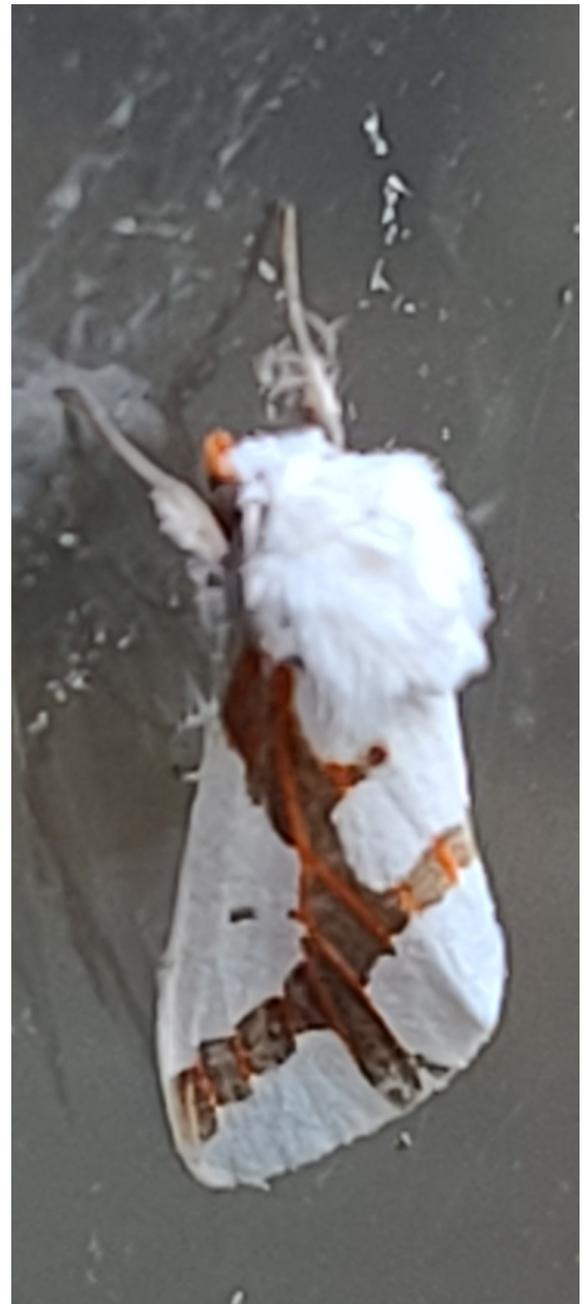
Just hearing the name conjures images of ghosts and goblins. After all, a specter is another name for a ghost. And this one must have a red tail — which it does. Although while resting, it keeps it well hidden.

The other thing about specters is that they are rarely seen. Such is true of the red-tailed specter (*Eueyrythra phasma*). Although it is said to roam the Southeastern U.S., it is rarely seen in Florida.

Park Ranger Kat Wilson knew she had found something special clinging to the door of the Ranger Station on a mid-August morning. Drawn there by the mesmerizing lights of the building, this moth, like so many others, took some time to rest and recoup from a busy night of dancing around the light.

For most people, the word moth summons the visual of a destructive and drably uninteresting winged creature. Sadly, moths' nocturnal activities and excellent camouflage keep the secret of their wide-ranging color palette and patterns hidden. Only the few who linger at the lights give us a glimpse into yet another world of kaleidoscopic beauty.

And even more, this moth is said to have a secret talent. It is able to emit a sound which makes it difficult for bats to echolocate and consequently eat it (<https://>



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www.chron.com/neighborhood/dayton/news/article/Like-moths-to-a-flame-Moth-Night-draws-in-11308409.php). What else could be expected of a specter?