

DATE and TIME: Sunday, January 19 at 12:30pm

ACTIVITY: Hiking from the Vortex Trailhead in the Cross Florida Greenway MAXIMUM GROUP SIZE OF 12

RSVP REQUIRED: Please RSVP to Marcia at 352-390-4406 (text preferred)

<u>DESCRIPTION:</u> This hike starts at the Vortex Trailhead in the Cross Florida Greenway. This is a shady, mostly flat trail through a pretty and peaceful forest that has some grand old oak trees. The total distance is about 3.75 miles round trip with an estimated travel time of about 1.75 hours hiking at a moderate pace with stops to enjoy the scenery. Our hiking trail is separate from the mountain biking trails but we'll take a few minutes to see some of the double black diamond mountain biking jumps and wood features in the Vortex.

You may want to do an <u>optional add-on hike</u>. Just a short drive from the Vortex, located on "The Island" behind the Sheriff's office at the intersection of Route 301 and SE 80<sup>th</sup> St., is the Barge Canal History Trail. It's a shady .8-mile loop trail with lots of historical markers outlining the history of the defunct Cross Florida Barge Canal project and how those lands became our Cross Florida Greenway.

MEETING PLACE: Meet at the pickleball court parking lot between 12:30 and 12:40pm. Departing promptly at 12:40. Carpooling available.

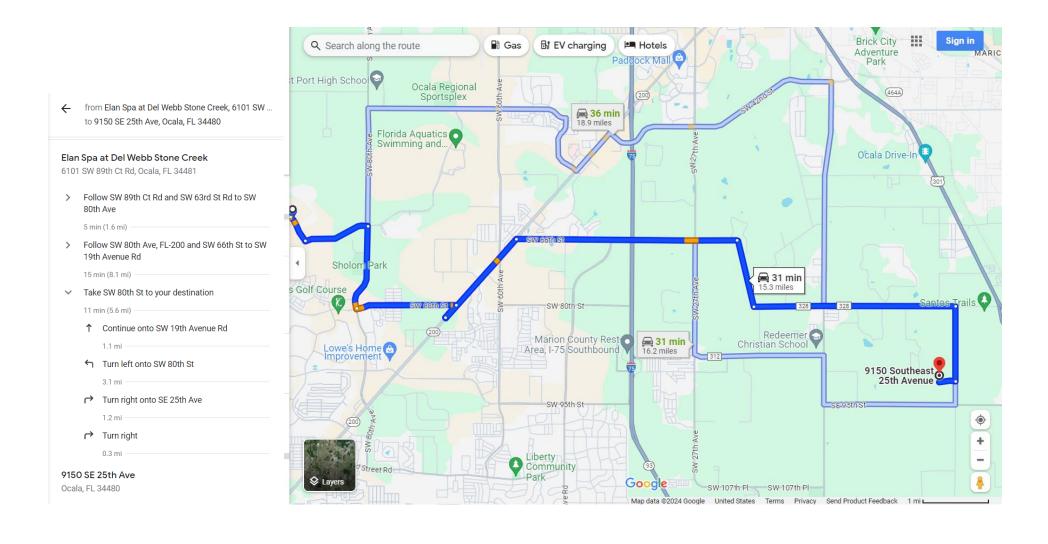
TRAILHEAD ADDRESS: 9150 SE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ocala, Off-street parking. A port-o-potty is located just a couple minutes walk down our trail.

<u>ITEMS TO BRING:</u> Please bring plenty of water and a snack.

<u>PETS:</u> Pets are welcome on this hike. <u>FEES:</u> None <u>DRIVING MAPS ON NEXT 2 PAGES</u> →

See your doctor before swapping the TV remote control for hiking boots, bikes and kayaks. Then pick a hike, ride or other trip within your comfort zone and begin your adventure. Participants are personally responsible for all their decisions and risks associated with their participation in any Outdoor Adventure Club activity.

## **Driving from Stone Creek to the Vortex Trailhead**



## **Driving from the Vortex Trailhead to the Barge Canal History Trail**

Park in the visitor parking area at the sheriff's office (on the right as you enter). Walk behind the building to the tree line. You'll see start of the trail towards the left end of the treeline.

