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## Leon Sinks Geological Area - Sunday, May 23, 2010

**Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Civic Center parking lot.** Carpool caravan will depart for the Leon Sinks parking lot promptly at **8:15 a.m.**

Or arrive on your own--

**Start time at field trip location: 8:45 a.m.** Meet at **Leon Sinks Geological Area.** Leon Sinks Geological Area is located on the western side Crawfordville Highway (319) approximately 9 miles south of the downtown Tallahassee area.

**End Time:** Noon

**Degree of Difficulty:** Moderate **Handicap access:** no

**Guide/ Local Expert:** Paul Russo, Florida Natural Areas Inventory Field Biologist. Contact info: [prusso@fnai.org](mailto:prusso@fnai.org)

**Co-leader:** Melissa Hooke

**Description:** The Leon Sinks Geological Area is a unique section of the Apalachicola National Forest located south of the city of Tallahassee. This area is made famous by its numerous high quality sinkholes and other unique karst features. The largest sinkhole at the site is "Big Dismal", a 75-foot deep sink with sheer limestone walls. The majority of the landscape in which the sinks occur is high quality sandhill that occurs on rolling hills with upland hardwood forest immediately bordering the karst features.

**Entrance fee:** fee is waived for this trip

**DON'T FORGET:** Water, sun screen, hat, binoculars, and cameras. Light, long-sleeved shirt and pants are recommended to protect against biting insects.

**Nearest facilities:** There are drinking fountains, picnic tables and restrooms onsite at the Leon Sinks trailhead.

The nearest gas stations are adjacent to the intersection of Crawfordville Highway and Capitol Circle, approximately 5 miles to the north of Leon Sinks Geological Area.

Cell phone reception for this site is strong.

**Contact number** for the day of the event: 850-694-1648 (trip leader) or 850-694-1678 (trip co-leader)

**Park Entrance:** From Tallahassee (downtown): Head south on Monroe Street. Turn right on Gaile Ave (First traffic light just past Leon County Fair Grounds). Turn left on Crawfordville Highway (Route 61). Continue south on Crawfordville Highway, which turns into US 319. Leon Sinks will be on your right off Crawfordville Highway (US 319) approximately 5.5 miles from Capital Circle SE (the truck route).

**Map:** [http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/guide/regions/panhandleeast/trails/leon\\_sinks.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/guide/regions/panhandleeast/trails/leon_sinks.htm)

