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Trout Pond – Apalachicola National Forest - Sunday, May 23, 2010

Meet at 8:15 a.m. in Civic Center parking lot. Carpool caravan will depart for Trout Pond parking area in Apalachicola National Forest promptly at **8:30 a.m.**

Or arrive on your own—

Start time at field trip location: 9:00 a.m.. Meet at **Trout Pond parking area, Apalachicola National Forest.** Trout Pond is located on the east side of Springhill Road (CR 373), ca 6 miles south of its intersection with Capital Circle SW in Tallahassee. **(see map below)**

End Time: 1p.m.

Degree of Difficulty: Easy **Handicap access:** yes

Guide:, Steve McAllister, field biologist, Florida Natural Areas Inventory. Contact info: swmcallister@fnai.org

Co-leader: Aubrey Davis, field biologist, Florida Natural Areas Inventory

Description: Trout Pond bike trail, part of the Georgia, Florida, and Alabama Trail (GF&A), is an area of paved trails through a natural sandhill with overlooks at clear, sandy-bottomed lake. We will start with an older trail along the lake to two overlooks over the water. This short trail is paved but hilly and somewhat rough and bumpy because tree roots have buckled it in places. We will then continue on a smooth, relatively flat bike trail through open longleaf pine/wiregrass forests that have the open airy appearance of pinewoods described by Bartram and other early travelers in Florida and the southeast. We will double back on the bike trail (total distance ca 0.6 mi) to the parking area where there is a picnic area for those who wish to eat here.

Entrance is free

DON'T FORGET: Water, sun screen, hat. Light, long-sleeved shirt and pants are recommended to protect against biting insects. Hike will be on paved trails.

Nearest Restrooms: There are restrooms at Trout Pond.

Cell phone reception: unknown

Contact number for the day of the event: 919/604-0934 (Steve MacAllister's cell).

Trout Pond Entrance: From Tallahassee take Monroe St (SR61) south to Orange Ave (CR 373) and turn right (west) on Orange Ave to Springhill Road (CR 373). Turn left (south) on Springhill Road to Capital Circle SW intersection. Continue across Capital Circle SW intersection for 6 miles to sign to Trout Pond parking area on your left. Follow short driveway to parking area. **GPS:** 84.388631 30.335352

See attached map

Map:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r8/florida/apalachicola/recreation/maps/ApalachicolaGFATrailmap.pdf>



GF&A Trail

Apalachicola National Forest

2.4 miles

