



## **Rice Creek Hike - 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM**



**Florida Trail  
Association**

**5-mile guided hike in Rice Creek Conservation area that explores the Florida National Scenic Trail and a Bartram site. Participants need transportation to the trailhead 15 minutes northwest from the Palatka Riverfront on Highway 100**

**Join the Florida Trail Association (FTA) for a guided loop hike on the Florida National Scenic Trail. Here the Florida Trail traverses the former site of a 1700s rice plantation and passes an impressive shelter known as the Rice Creek Hilton. An 1,886 foot long boardwalk built by FTA volunteers transports hikers right into the wild heart of the swamp. Explore floodplain swamps, pine flatwoods and mixed upland forests lush with epiphytes and wildlife. We will also visit Bartram site 3b which marks the point where Bartram and his companions attempted to paddle Rice Creek but were forced to turn back by dense vegetation. Adding to the intrigue, the mythical Bardin Booger is said to have lurked amongst these ancient cypresses and dense palmettos.**

**This hike is just over 5 miles long and hikers should come prepared with at least 1 liter of water and supportive shoes with traction. Sun protection and comfortable clothing recommended. Bug spray will be provided on site. No bathroom facilities on site. Hikers should meet at the Rice Creek Conservation Area Trailhead on Highway 100 just north of Bardin Road.**