

ETC! ETC! with Joanne Kash

Here are some places to visit that won't take too much gas.

FLORIDA'S STATE PARKS

FLORIDA'S GEMS WE'VE NEVER HEARD OF!

Did you know that there are 106 STATE PARKS in Florida from the Keys to the Panhandle?

Did you know that over 15,000 people visit Florida's State Parks annually - just to "Get Away from it All?"

Did you know that Florida State Parks welcomed their One Millionth Visitor recently? Did you know that Florida State Parks protect more than 100 miles of Florida beach?

If you've got a boat, or want to take a Ferry, here's a place for your family to go.

CALADESI ISLAND STATE PARK

CALADESI ISLAND has the honor of being recognized as the number one BEACH in the NATION by, coastal geologist, Dr. Stephen P. Leatherman, better known as "Dr. Beach," just before Memorial Day. This fabulous State Park is accessible only by boat, yours - or a ferry from Honeymoon Island State Park. Swimming, Sunbathing, Beach Combing, Saltwater Fishing from the surf or your boat, Hiking the 3-mile Nature Trail through the Island's interior, or paddling a 3-mile Nature Trail through the mangroves and bay. There are picnic tables and shelters near the beach, and a Marina with electricity and water hookups for boaters.

This Paradise is on the Tampa Gulf Coast. I'm going give you something to do - get out the map and look it up, and then be on your way. Call 727-469-5918 for information. Get ready, get set, now GO! Have fun, I'll be thinking about you!

In west Volusia County our very own, fascinating, DeLeon Springs State Park, north of DeLand, will be celebrating, on AUGUST 2, 9am -4 pm, "A DAY IN FLORIDA HISTORY OF DELEON SPRINGS." There will be a reenactment of a skirmish between soldiers and settlers of the early 1800s and the Seminole Indians, complete with actual weapons of the period.

You will also be able to explore an authentic Indian Village and soldiers' encampment, examine Indian artifacts, old Rifles and weapons, and join in the performance of Indian dances.

Call 386-985-4212 for information.

NOW THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN!

AND,

At one of our favorite places, further north - FORT CLINCH STATE PARK near Jacksonville

They are offering, Saturday Evening, after sundown, a SELF-GUIDED "CANDLELIGHT VIEWING" another AUGUST 2 event. Viewing time may vary with the sunset. Give the Park a call for exact information. #904-277-7274. There is a \$3.00 fee for Fort Admission. It's worth it big time!

Another August 2, -7 PM happening is the FIRST SATURDAY COFFEEHOUSE at THE STEPHEN FOSTER FOLK CULTURE STATE PARK, near Lake City. There will be an open stage night, with songs, stories, music, and poetry performed in the Park Auditorium. It's F R E E! Call 386-397-4331 for more information.

These places are bound to take less gas than driving to "The Grand Ole Opry" or flying to Paris AND you can learn more about what's in this beautiful FLORA-DA. Each week I will give you heads-up on some other, closer to home, Florida State Parks. Remember to be on the lookout.

PS - I am on the prowl to find "BULL HILL SUMMIT - A FLORIDA MOUNTAIN PEAK!" It's somewhere near Oak Hill, Florida. If anyone knows exactly where it is located, so we can go visit and perhaps climb it, I will be able to let y'all know all about it next month. E-mail me at LifestyleMagazine@cfl.rr.com. Thanks.

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