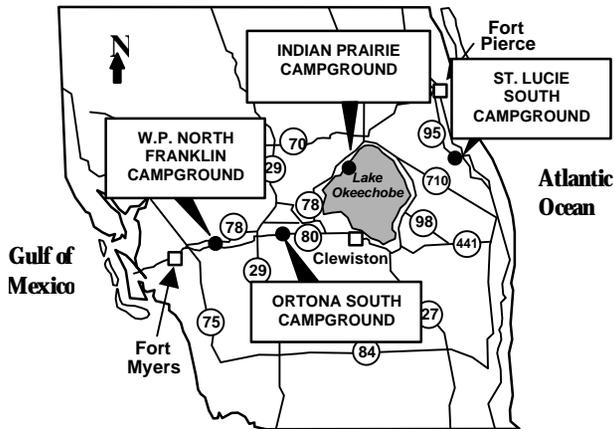


At Lake Okeechobee & the Okeechobee Waterway we have four main areas of interest:

- (1) W.P. Franklin Recreation Areas,
- (2) Ortona Recreation Areas,
- (3) Lake Okeechobee, and the
- (4) St. Lucie Recreation Areas.



The following volunteer positions are available within the above listed recreation areas. **Visitor Center** volunteers operate two visitor centers: (1) W.P. Franklin Visitor Center and (2) St. Lucie Visitor. These volunteers greet the general public and provide valuable project information along with a video and general information about the local area.

Park Host positions are offered in the following recreation areas:

- (1) W.P. Franklin South Recreation Area,
- (2) Ortona North Recreation Area, and (3) Indian Prairie Campground. Park Host's open and close the park along with restrooms on a daily basis while informing the general public of the rules and regulations that govern the recreation area.

Water Safety Presenters provide water safety program to the local elementary schools, kindergarten to fifth grade. These volunteers introduce children to Personal Floatation Devices (P.F.D.'s) and safe swimming practices.



Manatee Watch positions are available at W.P. Franklin, Ortona, and St. Lucie Locks. These volunteers collect environmental data along with photographs and scar sketches of manatees. This information is provided to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.



Photograph provided by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Trail Maintenance volunteers provide maintenance on primitive trail campsites located along the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail, a segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail that encircles Lake Okeechobee on top of the Herbert Hoover Dike.



Community Service volunteers are always welcome. Students and adults are provided an opportunity to volunteer their time by giving back to their community.



Other volunteer events include formal events such as: Take Pride In Lake Okeechobee and St. Lucie Trail Days to informal events when local scout groups setup a weekend camping event along with providing community service.

St. Lucie Trail Days are held to maintain a nature trail by clearing trail routes, repairing bridges, pruning trees, shrubs, and roots, and laying mulch.



Take Pride In Lake Okeechobee is an environmental day to promote safe environmental awareness through practices such as planting trees, constructing bird houses, project tours, and various displays and exhibits.

For additional information concerning the S.F.O.O. Volunteer Program please contact our Volunteer Coordinator – Park Ranger Robert Schnell at the following address:

W.P. Franklin Visitor Center
1660 South Franklin Lock Road
Alva, FL 33920
(239) 694 - 2582 tele
(239) 694 – 2204 fax

Robert.J.Schnell@saj02.usace.army.mil

Or visit us on our website for additional volunteer information at

www.saj.usace.army.mil/recreation/index.html

For additional information on other Corps volunteer positions throughout the United States please contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Volunteer Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 1070, Nashville, TN 37202-1070 or call

1 – 800 – VOL – TEER

Or visit their website at

www.orn.usace.army.mil/volunteer/

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If you are ready to start a Grand Volunteer Adventure then let's begin. Various volunteer positions are offered at Lake Okeechobee and the Okeechobee Waterway from staffing visitor centers to trail maintenance. These positions are offered year round whether you live in the local area or visiting for a while.

