

CONSERVATION REQUIREMENT

All groups using the trail must designate one person to carry a pack or other suitable container for the purpose of removing all waste paper, cans, glass, etc. from the trail during the hike.

HIKING AWARDS AND REQUIREMENTS

Scout groups must hike in correct scout uniform. Further, the hiking group must correctly complete a questionnaire which is provided for the group as a part of the registration to hike process. The questions are answered by the group during the hike and the answers recorded on the questionnaire by a designated hiker. The adult unit leader must approve the questionnaire by signature and submit it to the trail committee at the time awards are ordered. An award order form is mailed to the registering person by the trail committee.

Awards available:

1. A fully embroidered patch.
2. An enameled medal designed as a replica of the patch symbolizing Florida history and Scouting, suspended from a ribbon top bar pin.

For information on registering to hike the Historic Trails, contact:

Milledge Murphey, Ph.D., Chairman
Florida Historic Trails Assn.
1815 NW 7th Place
Gainesville, FL 32603

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HISTORIC HIKING TRAILS IN FLORIDA

The Florida Hiking Trails Association (FHTA) was founded during 1970 for the purpose of developing and sponsoring historic hiking trails for Scouting and other civic youth groups. The founder, Dr. Milledge Murphey, a professor at the University of Florida, had for many years been a scoutmaster and had taken his troop on numerous BSA approved historic trail hikes throughout the southeastern United States. As the interest in and benefits from such hiking experiences were great, he founded the FHTA and developed Florida's first historic trail, the now famous Ft. Clinch Trail in Fernandina Beach, Florida. Subsequently, seven other BSA approved hikes were developed as was a 100 Mile Honor Hiker recognition program. Trails currently active include:

1. FT. CLINCH HISTORIC TRAIL

12 miles (Historic Fernandina and Ft. Clinch State Park visited) Allow 7-8 hours to hike.

2. FT. CLINCH ENVIRONMENTAL/NATURE TRAIL

6 miles. Allow 2 hours to hike.

3. *OSCEOLA-OLUSTEE HISTORIC TRAILS

22.4 miles and/or 10.8 miles (Osceola-Olustee Battlefield Monument visited). Allow 2 days for 22.4 mile or 6 hours for 10.8 mile.

* This trail may be hiked in one long day without packs or in two days "pack-back" with an overnight stay on the trail.

4. ST. AUGUSTINE HISTORIC TRAIL

8 miles (all sites in historic St. Augustine visited). Allow 6 hours to hike.

5. FT. MATANZAS HISTORIC TRAIL

2 miles including a boat trip to the Fort at the National Monument and nature hike. Allow 3 hours to hike.

6. FT. CAROLINE HISTORIC TRAIL

5.37 miles in and around the Fort Caroline National Memorial. Allow 3-4 hours to hike.

7. TAMPA HISTORIC TRAIL

11 miles through historic Ybor City and Tampa historical district. Allow 6 hours to hike.

8. FORT GEORGE HISTORIC TRAIL

6.4 miles through historic Kingsley Plantation and environs. Allow 3-4 hours to hike.

The trails include such highlights as ocean or lake swimming, camping, historic forts and museums, and many other historic sites.

Any registered scout group as well as other civic youth groups may hike the trails under the supervision of qualified adult leaders. Trail awards include medal and patch for successful completion of the the Fort Clinch trail and the St. Augustine trail which may be purchased from the trail committee upon proper application. The BSA historic trails award is available to those Boy Scout units who apply to their council offices upon successful completion of one or more of the trails.

For information and/or to apply to hike the trails, please complete the application form and mail to:

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NOTE: Camping may be arranged for in advance by contacting Anastasia State Park for St. Augustine & Ft. Matanzas; Ft. Clinch State Park for Ft. Clinch trails; Little Talbot Island State Park for Ft. George; Osceola National Forest for Osceola-Olustee Historic Trails; and Hillsborough County Parks or Gulf Ridge Council BSA (Camp Brorein) for Tampa.

HIKING APPLICATION

Important: Complete and submit this application 3 weeks before your planned hike, including \$.50 per hiker per trail. Instructions: Check the trail(s) for which you are registering to hike, list the date(s) on which the hike(s) will occur and list the number of hikers who are registering for each hike.

Adult Leader's Name	Group Name	Group #
Street or P.O. Box	City, State, ZIP	Area code and number
___ Ft. Clinch Historic Trail	___ Ft. Matanzas Historic Trail	
___ Ft. Clinch Environmental Trail	___ Ft. Caroline Historic Trail	
___ St. Augustine Historic Trail	___ Tampa Historic	
___ Osceola-Olustee Historic Trail	___ Ft. George Historic Trail	
Date (of hike)	# Hikers	Total registration (\$.50 per hiker per trail)