← Back to Field Trips



The Little Manatee River's tannin-dark water. — floridastateparks.org

First Day Hike — Little Manatee River State Park

LEADER Julie Stocksdale 727-418-5119

WHEN Friday, January 1, 2027 — meet at the equestrian parking lot at 9:00 AM. Dress warm!

WHERE Little Manatee River State Park, 215 Lightfoot Rd, Wimauma, FL 33598

About the Trip

What better way to start the new year than with a First Day Hike! This will be an easy walk on the Green Trail to Dude Lake. Trip leader Julie Stocksdale will talk about how plants and animals — yes, there is an alligator in Dude Lake — adapt to winter in Florida.

It's a short walk on an easy trail to a pretty little lake. And your whole year will be happier because you did this. Everyone is welcome.

Good to Know Before You Go

- No charge for the hike; park entry fee applies: $4 for 1 person in a car, $5 for 2–8 people.
- Dress warm, and meet at the equestrian parking lot — if you drive to the campground, you've gone too far.
- Park website: floridastateparks.org/little-manatee-river-state-park

← BACK TO FIELD TRIPS SCHEDULE