



2017 Annual CT Reunion!

The 2017 [Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail](#) (CT) Reunion is rapidly approaching! The annual event is sponsored by the [Florida Paddling Trails Association](#) (FPTA) in cooperation with the [Office of Greenways and Trails](#). We want to feature those who have most recently completed the CT. Of course, thru paddlers who didn't speak in past years are welcome to share their adventures as well. Please be ready to share up to 20 of your best photos for 5-10 minute presentations to increase awareness of the trail and advise would-be thru paddlers. Send in advance to doug.alderson@dep.state.fl.us or bring your own PowerPoint on flash drive.

When: April 21-23, 2017

Where: Youth Group Cabins, [Wekiwa Springs State Park](#), 1800 Wekiwa Circle, Apopka, Florida 32712. Fees for cabins and dinner Friday night, Saturday and Sunday breakfast will be covered by the FPTA. You will have to pay admission to get in the park. Bring your own linens, pillow and soap.

Who is invited:

- Paddlers who have completed the entire 1,500-mile trail or at least halfway as a "work in progress"

- FPTA volunteers – Regional Directors and Trail Keepers
- CT Trail Angels – friends of paddlers in communities along the CT
- Managers of trails that overlay the CT such as the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling Trail, Paddle Manatee, Great Calusa Blueway, Charlotte County Blueway Trails, Paradise Coast Blueway, Jupiter Waterway Trail and others.
- Experienced paddlers who are considering paddling the CT and who want to learn from the experts
- Paddlesports training participants.
- Participants must be FPTA members.

Schedule:

Friday

- FPTA board meeting 2-4 p.m.
- 7 p.m. Pizza and salad complements of FPTA
- Campfire stories and possible movie

Saturday

- Breakfast provided by FPTA
- Paddle [Wekiva River/Rock Springs Run](#). Rentals are available. Embark from [King's Landing](#) by 9:30 a.m. so we can take the 2:30 shuttle back to King's Landing. \$20 launch and shuttle fee per boat. Please let Doug know if you plan to use the shuttle so he can provide an accurate count.
- 4 p.m. "Tales from the Trail" at the Group Camp Meeting Hall. Members of the general public are welcome to attend. No charge except for park admission.
- 6: 30 p.m. Dinner on your own or as a group in town or at camp

Sunday

- Breakfast, compliments of FPTA
- Check out by 11 a.m.

Please RSVP to save your cabin space by April 7th. Email doug.alderson@dep.state.fl.us.

Paddlers, please send in your nominations for "Trail Angels" awards so we can recognize those who make the long journey special with heartfelt "trail magic."

We had a wonderful gathering last year and look forward to look forward to meeting new friends and supporters of the CT April 21-23. Please RSVP so we get an accurate head count!