

Earth Day 2024



Celebrating another successful Earth Day venture, the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association (FSCA) and Lake Okeechobee Airboat Association (LOAA) joined forces again in 2024. Their mission? To enhance the Kissimmee River Public Use Area by clearing obstacles and debris. This year's focus was on Chandler Slough, south of Highway 98 on the east side of the Kissimmee River.

Equipped with (10) ten swamp buggies, (6) six side-by-sides, and (2) two mini excavators, volunteers tackled the task with an array of hand tools, including battery-powered saws, drills, impact guns, chainsaws, hammers, and pry bars.

A heartfelt salute to the 58 dedicated volunteers who generously contributed 480 hours of their time to this cause without expecting any financial reward. Special appreciation goes out to Matt Nelson, Jamie Mellette, Ricky Burnsed, and all those who traveled far to bring their equipment to the project site. Gratitude also extends to the South Florida Water Management District for hosting this event, with a special nod to the SFWMD Board of Director Ben Butler for his active participation.

The collaborative efforts of FSCA and LOAA made this Earth Day initiative a resounding success, demonstrating the power of community in enhancing public spaces for the benefit of all. Here's to another impactful Earth Day event in 2025!