

2026 32nd Annual J W Corbett Clean Up.

The 32nd Annual J.W. Corbett Cleanup once again demonstrated the powerful impact of community involvement in preserving the J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area (WMA). Thanks to the dedication of volunteers and organizations such as the Florida Sportsmen's Conservation Association (FSCA), this treasured natural area continues to thrive.

This year, FSCA coordinated the cleanup effort alongside Earth Day celebrations, drawing more than 75 enthusiastic volunteers who brought energy and positivity to the event. While some participants were discouraged by the amount of trash removed on April 26, the debris collected today is significantly less than what covered the area nearly 30 years ago.

Originally launched by FSCA almost three decades ago, the annual cleanup has helped transform the landscape through education, awareness, and the tireless efforts of volunteers. Today, J.W. Corbett WMA remains a clean and welcoming environment for outdoor recreation.

As a thank-you to participants, FSCA provided a complimentary lunch to volunteers who collected at least one bag of trash. This year's cleanup removed approximately 10 yards of debris — a dramatic improvement compared to the early years of the event, when four 30-yard dumpsters were routinely filled to capacity. The reduction in waste is a testament to the success of education, stewardship, and continued community involvement.

One of the more troubling discoveries during the cleanup was the removal of hundreds of golf balls that had clearly been driven into the WMA from surrounding neighboring properties. The impact this debris can have on wildlife and the natural landscape is deeply concerning and serves as an important reminder of the need to respect and protect conservation lands.

FSCA extends sincere appreciation to **President Matt Nelson** for his leadership in coordinating with multiple agencies to secure the resources and approvals necessary for the event, including permission for side-by-sides and swamp buggies to access the area during the off-season.

Special thanks to **Eric Goss and A&E Land Clearing, Inc.**, for providing the truck used to remove debris, and to the **Florida Fish and Wildlife Foundation** for grant support that supplied trash bags, T-shirts, food, and beverages.

Additional appreciation goes to **Tommy McGoldrick**, event chairman, for organizing a strong volunteer turnout; to **Sherri and Benny** for preparing lunch; and to **Nikki** for helping keep the event running smoothly.

Most importantly, thank you to the **volunteers** whose time, effort, and dedication made the 32nd Annual J.W. Corbett Cleanup another tremendous success.

FSCA JW CORBETT CLEANUP APPRECIATION

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