



# Sierra Sentry

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## Cumberland Island-The Shrinking Sanctuary

Mark Albertin, a documentary filmmaker for Augusta, Georgia, has made an excellent 30-minute documentary on Cumberland Island called "Cumberland Island-The Shrinking Sanctuary. The documentary will be screened by the Sierra Club in the main meeting room of the Ponte Vedra Beach Public Library, 101 Library Road, Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. 32082 at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 22. Mark will be at the screening for a question and answer session after the screening.



The documentary will be screened around the south to create awareness and activism regarding the threats to Cumberland Island which arise from the proposed residential development of 1,000 acres on the Island. If you want Cumberland Island to remain as a pristine national park then you can write to the Camden Board of County Commissioners at P.O. 99, Woodbine, Georgia , 31569 to request the Commissioners to deny any request for further development of Cumberland Island.

This is a documentary that you will not want to miss.

## Sierra Club North East Florida Student Coalition Current Projects



**SIERRA**  
**STUDENT COALITION**

### 1) Elementary School Garden Project

-Sierra Student Coalition will be visiting a local elementary school to build an organic garden and teach students about the importance of "green" agricultural practices. Students will then take care of the garden themselves! .

### 2) Seize the Grid Campaign at Flagler College

-Here is the big one! The Seize the Grid Campaign is the national Sierra Student Coalition project. We will be organizing a demonstration to urge campus leaders at Flagler college to divest from fossil fuels and move towards renewable energy. The demonstration will include students from Flagler environmental clubs/organizations,

as well as the student coalition.

(For more info: <http://www.sierraclub.org/youth/seize-the-grid>)

### 3) Guana Trails Trash/Recycle Bin Project

-We will be raising money for animal-safe trash and recycle bins for the GTM NERR trails in Ponte Vedra Beach to help reduce littering.

If you would like to get involved with the Sierra Student Coalition, reach out to the group's chair Nick Famularo at [nickfamularo@icloud.com](mailto:nickfamularo@icloud.com).

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# Sierra Club Outings

No pets allowed on outing except where designated in the outings description. Outing participants are required to sign a waiver and release of liability at the start of the outing. The waiver can be found at: [sierraclub.org/outings/national/participantforms/forms/individual\\_waiver.pdf](http://sierraclub.org/outings/national/participantforms/forms/individual_waiver.pdf)

### JOIN US ON MEETUP: OUTINGS HAVE BEEN FILLING UP FAST!

For the most up to date information and to ensure your spot, join our MeetUp site. Details of all outings can be found there with easy access to programs and interactions, or check our website.  
[www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Northeast-Florida-Group](http://www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Northeast-Florida-Group)

## Saturday, August 12, 9:00 a.m.: Hike the Theodore Roosevelt Area

We'll walk the beautiful Timucuan Ecological and Historical Preserve in the Theodore Roosevelt area of Jacksonville. Experience a few miles of peaceful, wooded nature trails, vast grasslands supporting water and land animals, and ancient piles of oyster shells revealing clues about an extinct culture. This will be about a two hour hike of three miles. Some of the hiking will be up steep inclines and on uneven trails.

After our hike, we can drive over to the Visitor Center to see the exhibits and see a replica of the historic Ft. Caroline.

The trail entrance is just past 13165 Mount Pleasant Rd., one mile southeast of Fort Caroline National Memorial. Look for the Sierra Club sign.

### DIRECTIONS:

Coming from the west of Fort Caroline National Memorial on Mount Pleasant Rd., pass the entrance, go about 2 miles more on Mount Pleasant Rd, and turn left at the Sierra Club sign.

Coming from the east of the Memorial, pass signs for Spanish Pond development and go 1/4-1/2 mile on the right. Look for the Sierra Club sign.

Bring water and insect repellent. Children capable of hiking three miles are in the heat are welcome. No pets, please.

RSVP on Meetup or to Outing Leader Bill Armstrong, [armsfam@yahoo.com](mailto:armsfam@yahoo.com).

## Saturday, August 19, 9:00 a.m.: Kayak Durbin Creek

Let's kayak up beautiful Durbin Creek. We'll put in at Clark's Fish Camp and kayak up the creek for about three miles. We'll return to Clark's and eat a great lunch while looking at hundreds of stuffed animals and birds.

We'll put in at the public boat ramp next to Clark's. The address is 12903 Hood Landing Rd, Jacksonville, FL. Parking is limited to spaces along the road near the boat ramp. DO NOT park in Clark's parking lot and where the No Parking signs are located.

Kayak rentals are available through Jax Paddle Sports for \$35. Call (904) 861-9314.

**DIRECTIONS:** From I-295, take the Old St. Augustine Rd exit and go south. Turn right at the light on Hood Landing Rd. Take Hood Landing Rd all the way to the end.

Bring bug repellent, water, hat, and sunscreen. PFD and whistle required. You must WEAR your PFD. Please be there by 8:30 am to unload and get ready.

RSVP on Meetup or to Outing Leader Bill Armstrong, [armsfam@yahoo.com](mailto:armsfam@yahoo.com).

## Sierra Club Seeking Witnesses in Fracking Appeal

The Florida Sierra Club is looking for Sierra Club members who are also Florida Power and Light (FPL) ratepayers, to help with the appeal of a vote of the Public Service Commission to expedite approval of the FPL’s request to add a new fracked methane gas power plan in Dania Beach. FPL failed to do the required analysis in whether the gas is actually needed and also did not evaluate the market price of alternatives such as solar, storage, or energy efficiency.

The Club is specifically seeking to identify Sierra Club members who are FPL ratepayers and who can speak to one or some of the following: (1) the negative impacts that replacing the current plant with the new gas plant would have on the witness; (2) the value the witness places on development of clean energy, supported by specific facts, and impacts that such development would have on the witness; or (3) the negative impacts that volatile (i.e. unpredictably varying) energy bills have had or would have on the witness; or (4) the negative impacts on the witness arising from FPL’s efforts to “hedge” against the risk of volatility, which between 2002 and 2016 resulted in FPL customers paying \$4.5 billion over the market price for fracked gas.

If you can help please call Frank Jackalone as follows:

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### Senator Nelson Opposes Seismic Testing

On July 20, Senator Bill Nelson wrote a strongly-worded letter to Wilbur Ross, Secretary of the Department of Commerce, to oppose the issuance of the five Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) permits for companies planning to conduct seismic geological and geophysical surveys along the Atlantic Coast. Issuance of these permits allow for the disturbance, harming or killing of marine mammals, including the critically endangered Northern Right Whale.

The Senator pointed out in his letter that the National Marine Fisheries Service has apparently underestimated the expected auditory and behavioral impact of the airgun sounds on whales. Senator Nelson also commented on the harmful effects of seismic testing and drilling on the fishing and tourist industries of Florida.

### Northeast Florida Group Partners with St. Johns Solar Co-operative

Our Group has become a partner organization with the St. Johns Solar Co-operative.

The non-profit solar co-operative enables households in St. Johns County to go solar as a group and thereby get discounts. The discount makes the use of solar panels more financially viable that by individual purchase.

For further information on the Co-operative please go to [www.flsun.org](http://www.flsun.org)

*In June Bill Brinton passed away. He was a longtime community activist focused on scenic preservation in Jacksonville and nationally. In his memory we suggest that you go to the Scenic Jacksonville website and join their organization. There is no cost and in doing so you will add your voice to others in support of maintaining and improving scenic beauty in Jacksonville. Membership in this organization is free.*

<http://www.scenic.org/about-us/seven-principles-of-scenic-conservation>

## Join the Sierra Club

Name \_\_\_\_\_


Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Join today and receive a FREE Sierra Club Weekender Bag!**



Check enclosed. Please make payable to Sierra Club.

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| Membership Categories  | Individual                           | Joint                           |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Special Offer</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$25</b> |                                 |
| Standard               | <input type="checkbox"/> \$39        | <input type="checkbox"/> \$47   |
| Supporting             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75        | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100  |
| Contributing           | <input type="checkbox"/> \$150       | <input type="checkbox"/> \$175  |
| Life                   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1250 |
| Senior                 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$24        | <input type="checkbox"/> \$32   |
| Student/Limited Income | <input type="checkbox"/> \$24        | <input type="checkbox"/> \$32   |

Contributions, gifts and dues to Sierra Club are not tax deductible; they support our effective, citizen-based advocacy and lobbying efforts. Your dues include \$7.50 for a subscription to Sierra magazine and \$1 for your Chapter newsletters.

Enclose a check and mail to Sierra Club, P.O. Box 52968, Boulder, CO 80322-2968 or visit our website [www.sierraclub.org](http://www.sierraclub.org) **F94Q W** 1

## Meeting Calendar

**Monday, August 21 @ 6:30pm**  
**Combined Executive Committee and Conservation Committee Meeting**  
*South East Branch Public Library Meeting Room*  
*10599 Deerwood Park Blvd.*  
*Jacksonville, FL 32256*

***Our normal program meeting schedule will resume in September.***

“ If we surrendered to Earth’s intelligence we could rise up rooted, like trees ”

-Rainer Maria Rilke



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## General Programs

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[www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Northeast-Florida-Group](http://www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Northeast-Florida-Group)

**Both the Ponte Vedra and Jacksonville Programs will resume in September following a well-deserved summer break.**

### Top 10 Things to do to Make Your Yard Wildlife Friendly

Did you know Florida has the third highest diversity of plants and animals in the country? Unfortunately, that diversity and productivity is being threatened by rampant development. Come and join the North East Florida Sierra club for a program that will explore some of the techniques we as homeowners can employ to mitigate these disruptions by making our yards Florida Friendly for plants and animals.

Our home landscapes are a part of a larger natural system. This recognition will help guide us to make sound decisions when creating yards that provide ecosystem services but are also visibly appealing. Re-establishing habitat that lawns and nonnative plantings have replaced is your first step. The birds, bees and other wildlife you will attract will be your reward.

Come join us at the Murray Hill Library (918 Edgewood Ave. S, Jacksonville, FL 32205) on August 26th at 4:00pm.

