

Byway Partner/ Destination Spotlight

Dade Battlefield State Park. About 50 area children and 25 volunteers will come together for the week long Pioneer Day Camp at Dade Battlefield Historic State Park in June. Campers will learn pioneer and Indian crafts, toy making, enjoy old-fashioned games, and try their hands at traditional skills from archery to milking a real cow and churning fresh butter. Sack races, egg tosses and walking on stilts are among the fun activities planned for the week. Living historians will present programs on Seminole Indian, U.S. soldier and Florida

cowman life in the 1800s. The children, ages 8 through 12, will get to make Jonnycakes and popcorn over open fires and learn how to grind corn and care for poultry. Sing-alongs, square dancing and many other activities round out the week-long camp. For information, call Dade Battlefield at 352-793-4781.



Name our Newsletter Contest

Email us your ideas for a name for our Newsletter and the winner will have their choice of a T-Shirt or Hat/Visor! You will also be mentioned on Facebook and our website! The Byway is taking ideas through July 2015.

ANTIQUÉ Appraisal Fair

Byway Antique Appraisal Fair

Our first Antique Appraisal Fair was held on March 31, 2015 and was a great success. Many people brought out their treasures to the Sumter County Fairgrounds. Chris Dudley with Dudley Antiques in Inverness brought a great team of appraisers from Sumter and surrounding counties. There were some happy people that day and a good time was had by all that participated. The Byway also hosted a bake sale.

Our next scheduled Antique Appraisal Fair is scheduled for the Fall. Please stay tuned for the date and place! An announcement will be posted on the Byway's Facebook as the date approaches.



Coast to Coast South Sumter Connector Trail

The Florida Department of Transportation is conducting a feasibility study to evaluate potential alignments for a proposed 20-mile multi-use trail facility known as the South Sumter Connector Trail, which will connect the Withlacoochee State Trail to the west and General James A. Van Fleet State Trail to the east through Sumter, Hernando, and Pasco counties. This project began in January 2015 and is expected to be complete in Summer 2016. There was a public meeting held at the Florida Grand RV Resort on May 6, 2015 and was well attended. Notification of upcoming meetings will be sent via email from the Byway's distribution list.

Scenic Sumter Meeting
3rd Tuesday each Month 11 a.m.
Various Locations around the County
YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Upcoming Events 2015

June

16 CME Meeting-Dade Battlefield

20 Quarterly Byway Clean Up

July

21 CME Meeting-Bushnell City Hall

August

18 CME Meeting-Webster Community Center

September

15 CME Meeting-Webster Community Center

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Adopt-A-Highway clean up is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2015 at the Florida National Cemetery at 9:00 A.M. This is the perfect opportunity for Community Service Hours for High Schoolers and Citizens. Please wear appropriate clothing and email us at SumterByway@gmail.com for the link to the Safety Video if you wish to join us.

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Abraham's Town Historical Marker

The Byway is working in partnership with the Sumter County Historical Society, Dade Battlefield Historic Society, Seminole Wars, and the Hernando Historical Society to raise money to place a state historical marker at this site between Center Hill and Webster.



Webster DEO Grant and Partnership

The City of Webster has been selected to participate in the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO's) Competitive Florida Partnership program. The Competitive Florida Partnership focuses on improving local economic development activities. DEO has worked with the City to create a strategic economic development plan. As part of this award the DEO has assisted the City on understanding the potential economic impact of the two primary alignments for the South Sumter Connector trail, part of the planned 250-mile Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Department of Greenways & Trails Coast-to-Coast Connector. A comparison of the opportunities and constraints of the alignments and visioning scenarios with potential partnerships, programming and promotional ideas will be included in the Study. The City of Webster has worked to communicate the vision of the trail through along Central Avenue using various methods including:

- Painting an outline of the trail along the Central Avenue median and added a temporary crosswalk.
- Hoke Design, Inc. the planning consultant for the study, provided an "after" image of the trail along Central Avenue that has been used in flyers and at community meetings.
- Surveys have been developed and distributed to understand current bicycle riding, horseback riding and walking trends.

This has succeeded in generating community feedback and has allowed citizens and stakeholders an opportunity to visualize the trail.

This fast-paced project will be completed in June 2015 and will provide information for the ongoing Florida Department of Transportation South Sumter Connector Feasibility Study.

