

FAKAHATCHEE BOARDWALK EXPANSION

BACKGROUND

The Boardwalk was built in the late 1960s by philanthropist Lester Norris so that it would “make accessible to the public acres of rare floral plants and stands of cypress trees estimated by conservationists to be over 700 years old.” He later sold the property to the Florida Park Service.

Since then, it has had some routine maintenance (mostly done by volunteers) but is due for a complete overhaul. In addition, the design fifty years ago did not foresee the throngs of visitors that we now get. We need to expand the Boardwalk to cope with the crowds, often over 10,000 people per month during season.

Along with an improved Boardwalk go the ancillary amenities: parking, toilets, visitor information. However, the structure of the Boardwalk is the first priority.



GOALS

- expanded and improved Boardwalk
- expanded and safer parking
- permanent toilet facilities
- informational & educational display facilities

THE CHALLENGE

We estimate that with professional engineers, architects, and construction companies we will need at least \$400,000 to start with. Thus, we have set a **target of \$100,000** and hope that the State will help us.

You can watch a short DVD about the Boardwalk and the need for expansion at our website www.orchidswamp.org/boardwalk.php.

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