



Town of MALABAR

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Welcome to the Town of Malabar's Page

MALABAR BECOMES A FLORIDA TRAIL TOWN

Our Trails and Greenways Committee, headed by Chairman Drew Thompson and Vice Chair Murray Hann, is proud to announce that Malabar is now officially a Florida Trail Town. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection describe a Trail Town as "A vibrant destination where people come together. It is a place where trail users can venture off a hiking, biking, equestrian or paddling trail to enjoy the services and unique heritage of the community, benefiting the town economically and socially." Malabar was designated due to its vigorous efforts to establish walking, bicycling and paddling trails through its conservation areas. Our small town is made up of 33% conservation land, much of which have active biking, hiking, and horseback trails! The Trails and Greenways Committee has worked tirelessly to connect all the trails in our town. Maps of the trails can be found online at www.malabartrails.org. This is the best time of year to enjoy the outdoor beauty of our town. The main trailhead for the Malabar Trail System is located at 1400 Marie Street. The trailhead has a newly built ADA compliant restroom, and access to the paved Al Tuttle Trail.



A LETTER FROM YOUR PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD



The Malabar Parks & Recreation Board is in the process of putting together a wish list and would like to invite interested people to participate in this endeavor. Our small-town budget does not provide for many of the amenities that would enhance the enjoyment of our parks. Donations of items such as park benches, gazebos, picnic tables, boardwalks, small wooden bridges, trees, pavilions, landscaping, storage sheds, and water fountains have been discussed. If anyone has any donations, thoughts, or creative ideas/suggestions, our town meetings take place on the 3rd

Wednesday of every month at 6PM. Citizens may also contact the Parks and Rec department via phone or email. Many donors acknowledge that it may be tax deductible by crediting the donors with plaques at the site, and sometimes have ribbon cutting ceremonies. Donors may be corporations, organizations and individuals honoring achievements and memorializing loved ones.

We've had the good fortune of labor being provided by locals like those who built the bridge in Dern Creek Park. The park needs maintenance and the removal of some trees to enhance parking. The Trails and Greenway committee volunteers designed and built the observation deck and shelter in the Cameron Preserve. The committee also worked with other volunteers to clear branches that blocked trails and built kiosks and trail markers. The Parks & Recreation Board members, along with family and neighbors, have put together work parties to sand down rust on the playground equipment in need of maintenance. A few good deeds your friends and neighbors have, and are currently contributing, would be the ongoing exercise area in front of the Fire Department and the ground maintenance/trash placement by the Disc Golf members. These are only two of the many deeds your neighbors contribute to our town. Not only does our Community contribute money and labor, but also with designing, engineering advice, research and artistic talents, while in their own homes! Malabar is a town that reminds people we can achieve so much more by putting out efforts and time together, making our community stronger every day.

Stewardship consists of pride, time, talent, and treasure. If you are interested in joining those in your community and dedicating yourself, in making the most of our small town, please feel free to contact any of your Park Board members!

MALABAR MADNESS DISC GOLF TOURNAMENT 2019

The Madness was spectacular this year. Good folks, great food and perfect weather! Fifty-nine players competed at the Malabar Disc Golf Sanctuary on January 5th. We were met with a day of gorgeous weather and the course was lush and trimmed to the tee.

After the player's meeting, the morning round was played on cards in groups of the players' choosing. Amateur and Open class players vied for nine CTP (Closest to Pin) prizes



on the first round, and considering there were 59 players on the course, wait time for teeing off was not too bad. It was interesting to see: at any moment, you could look around and see discs of all colors flying in all directions! This was the highest number of players on the course at one time EVER. All players got a T-shirt with their entry (We are currently printing and delivering the ones we were short).

Then lunch was served. Johnnie Jones brought his BBQ trailer and served 55 full meals, and his cooking was delicious! John Ditmars cooked up locally caught fish and other delectable snacks all through the day, and golfers walking by were welcome to come and get a bite from his table. John's battered fried fish is an old tradition, and he did a great job once again. John and Joyce Detwiler brought BBQ pork for sandwiches and Hans made corn chowder for the event.

The afternoon round featured tight competition, and the top four Open players got record cash payouts. Amateur players received disc golf equipment and hoodies as prizes. Andy Vajanyi and Joyce Detwiler won the lost-and-not-claimed disc raffle, and ten CTP prizes were awarded. An old friend of the course, Andy McCaskill, who moved to Pennsylvania a couple of years ago, flew down with two friends, Chris and Dave, to play the Madness!

Many thanks to all those who helped make this happen. Trimming and hauling off debris was accomplished with the help of Joe Robinson, Shawn Krug and David Aran. Marathon maniacal saw-blade palmetto trimming was carried out by Mark Miller, the designer of the course. Sponsors included Malabar Mo's, Reasonable Auto, Malabar Moments Massage, and Satellite Steve. Barefoot Designs did a great job on the shirts. As usual, Mark Miller and Hans did all the running around and organized the tournament. Looking forward to next year!