



Rails to Trails of the Withlacoochee, Inc

LETTER TO PREVIOUS BIKE RIDE PARTICIPANTS

After careful consideration and much deliberation, the unanimous decision by the Board is to cancel the 2020 Rails to Trails Bike Ride on the Withlacoochee State Trail. While we know that this will be a disappointment for many cyclists, our volunteer Board of Directors feels this is the only responsible choice.

These are unprecedented times, and the economic impact of the global pandemic cannot be overstated. Our sponsors are hurting; many have had to close their doors. Additionally, many riders have lost their jobs and source of income.

This is not the time for us as a trail community to ask for donations from our stalwart supporters. We will alternatively help those who have always supported us. We ask that you consider patronizing these businesses as soon as it is safe to do so again.

For 25 years, the Annual Bike Ride has been our sole fundraiser to support the trail. Despite the fact that it will not be held this October, we encourage you to support the Withlacoochee State Trail by making a donation every time you use the trail – just drop it in the “iron ranger” box in front of the restrooms at the Inverness Trailhead, or donate online at rttwst.org/donate.

Please also show your support by becoming a member of Rails to Trails of the Withlacoochee, the citizen support organization for the Withlacoochee State Trail. We know you have sorely missed the trail during this closure; and are hopeful once it reopens for an outpouring of community involvement.

We fully expect to resume the annual Bike Ride next year! Save the date: Sunday, October 3, 2021.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to meeting again soon. Until then, stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Natalie G. Oven
President,
Rails to Trails of the Withlacoochee, Inc.