

Loxahatchee River Photography Contest
Celebrates 25th Anniversary of the River's Wild & Scenic Designation

Jupiter, Florida – The Loxahatchee River District, Friends of the Loxahatchee River and the River Center invite the community to participate in a photography contest to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Loxahatchee River's Wild & Scenic designation.

Local photographers are invited to submit their photographic representations of the Loxahatchee River by the April 1, 2010 deadline. Categories will include professional photographers, amateurs, and students. For specific contest rules and guidelines, please visit www.loxahatcheeriver.org/river25.

"What Makes a Great Photograph?" Join professional nature photographer John J. Lopinot for a seminar at the River Center on Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. John and professional photographer Jason Nuttle will teach you simple techniques that will improve your photos. You are invited to bring three digital photographs to be critiqued by John and Jason. Photographs should be jpegs with less than 1500 pixels in one direction. You'll also learn how to prepare your entries for the contest.

The River Center will host a public judging event on Friday, April 9, 2010 at 7:00 pm with professional photographers as judges. Winners in each category will receive prizes donated by local businesses. One grand prize will also be awarded. Selected winning photographs will be published with photo credit in a 2011 river calendar and be part of a traveling exhibit representing the Loxahatchee River.

One of Florida's most unique treasures, the Loxahatchee River meanders through freshwater marshes and cypress swamps, down to the brackish estuary, and empties through the Jupiter Inlet into the Atlantic Ocean. Navigating the Loxahatchee River is a journey back in time as you explore untouched freshwater reaches, teeming estuaries and coastal marine environments. The Loxahatchee River was the first of only two National Wild & Scenic Rivers in Florida. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Loxahatchee River's Wild & Scenic designation, and represents a remarkable milestone in our community's environmental legacy.

This photography contest is made possible by the Loxahatchee River District and its entities. The Loxahatchee River District is responsible for preserving and protecting the Loxahatchee River through innovative waste water management, research, and education. For more information about the Loxahatchee River District and the Wild & Scenic anniversary events please visit www.loxahatcheeriver.org or call (561) 743-7123.

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