

A Beautiful Day at Red Bug Slough Preserve

The Friends of Red Bug Slough gathered for another cleanup of the Preserve on Saturday October 8, 2016. After the successful work done at the previous two cleanups, the property is pretty clean along the main trails, but we still found plenty of trash in the lake and off the beaten paths.



Nina



Scott and Ronda

It was a beautiful morning that never got too hot, a great day to walk the trails and do some good. Two of the more unusual items found were an ancient, rusty spring mattress and some galvanized metal that may have been a refrigerator or other appliance once upon a time.



Big piece of old appliance - What is it?

New Friends were made today as people visiting the Slough to go for a walk decided to take a trash bag and join in: Welcome to the Friends group Lori and Sue! There was plenty of time to visit, swap stories and gobble some donut holes.



Lori



Mmmmm

Ronda found a surprisingly large amount of fishing line, lures and bobbers as she kayaked around the lake and slough. John (and Mac) used a wheelbarrow to haul out some concrete and asphalt. The volunteers were careful to leave undisturbed some fiber bags deployed by Dr. Emily Saarinen of New College of Florida. She and her ecology students are conducting a study of macroinvertebrates in the Preserve.



Mac helping out



Bobbers, Lures and Fishing Line

Coming Soon is an Air Potato Roundup, hosted by the Sarasota Bay Estuary Program and Around the Bend Nature Tours on November 5 at 9AM. Contact Darcy to sign up at 955-8085 or darcy@sarasotabay.org

