

Fossil Club OF LEE COUNTY

DECEMBER 2018



The members of the Fossil Club of Lee County would like to express our sincere condolences to Louis & Leslie Stieffel on the passing of Louis' mother on December 3.

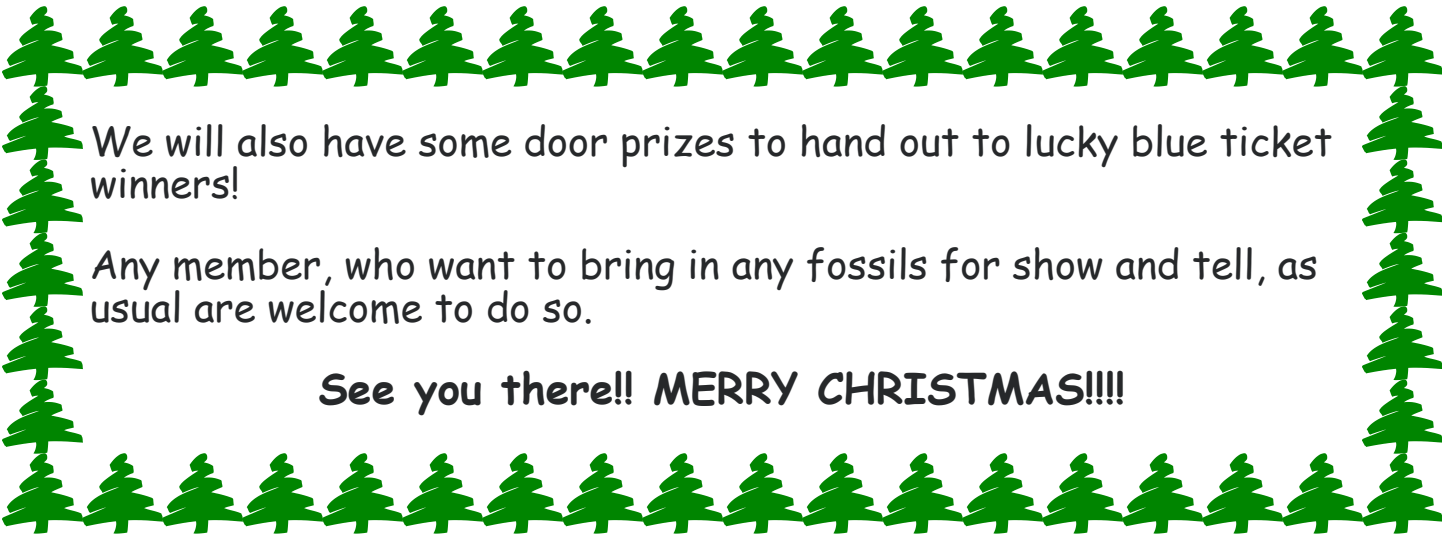
FCOLC CHRISTMAS MEETING

As in the past, our annual Christmas meeting is December 20, it will be a Social type meeting, with members bringing a dish to share. The club provides drinks and one of our members has graciously agreed to cook the turkey & ham. Members share a dish they would like to bring, be it meats or vegetables or salads or deserts! (We always seem to have lots of delicious deserts!) The club provides the plates, napkins, silverware, etc. If you bring a serving spoon, please label it with your name, so when it's left behind we can return it to the owner.

Also, a part of the annual Christmas extravaganza! is our gift exchange! It's simple, for any member who would like to participate. Simply wrap a gift, whether it be fossils, or non-fossil, and place on the designated table for that type of gift. If you bring one-you get one! Bring two-get two! If you bring a non-fossil gift, please take that same type. If you want a fossil gift, then you must bring a fossil gift to swap for. This is a good time of year to be generous. Try to swap a gift that you would like to get yourself.

Do not put your name on the gift.





We will also have some door prizes to hand out to lucky blue ticket winners!

Any member, who want to bring in any fossils for show and tell, as usual are welcome to do so.

See you there!! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!

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Here is a site that has every river and creek mapped **for the whole state**, separated by county. Click on the zoomify tab below each map to zoom in. Enjoy !

Save to your desktop so you can find and use it often!

<http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/maps/galleries/hydrography/index.php>

Here's a link to the Aurora Fossil Museum (North Carolina) and a chance to sign up for a free digital newsletter from them.

<http://aurorafossilmuseum.org/post/36/newsletter.html>



Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm,
in the Fellowship Hall at
Zion Lutheran Church , 7401 Winker Road, Fort Myers, FL 33919

Merry Christmas from our Family to Yours!



Websites & Locations of Interest

Fossil Club of Lee County: www.fcolc.com

FCOLC Fossil Club of Lee County, Inc. c/o AL GOVIN
TREASURER
3584 MIDDLETOWN ST. PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA 33952

The [FCOLC website](#) is a source for links to Fossil websites of interest, archived monthly club newsletters, details on club meetings and officers.

Museum of Natural History @ Gainesville www.flmnh.ufl.edu/

The Fossil Project www.myFOSSIL.org

Randell Research Center PO Box 608, Pineland, FL www.flmnh.ufl.edu/RRC/

Smithsonian Natural History Museum www.mnh.si.edu

Southwest Florida Museum of History 2031 Jackson St., Fort Myers www.MUSEUMofHISTORY.org

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Rd, Sanibel, FL www.shellmuseum.org

Cracker Museum at Pioneer Park in Zolfo Springs, FL Tel 863.735.0119

www.hardeecounty.net/crackertrailmuseum/about.html

Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife Burrowing Owls

www.ccfriendsofwildlife.org

Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium 3450 Ortiz Av, Fort Myers Tel 239-275-3435

www.calusanature.org

Imaginarium 2000 Cranford Ave, Fort Myers

www.i-sci.org

Florida Fossil Clubs

Southwest Florida Fossil Club www.southwestfloridafossilclub.com

Manasota Fossil Club www.manasotafossil.com

Tampa Bay Fossil Club www.tampabayfossilclub.com

Orlando Fossil Club www.floridafossilhunters.com

The Fossil Forum www.thefossilforum.com/index.php

Fossil Treasures of Florida www.fossil-treasures-of-florida.com

Florida Paleontological Society <http://floridapaleosociety.com/>

Collecting Vertebrate Fossils on Florida state lands **requires** a permit. A fossil hunting permit is also part of being an ethical Florida fossil hunter.

Florida Vertebrate **Fossil Permit** <http://flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/vertpaleo/vppermit.htm>

Peace River Water Levels

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/fl/nwis/rt>

Picking Up Isolated Native American Artifacts www.flheritage.com/news/faq.cfm

If you find an Indian artifact, such as an arrowhead, on Florida state lands or river bottom, be aware that possession of an Indian artifact found on state lands after 2004 is a Class 3 Felony.

Field Trip to Rucks Pit

The Fossil Club had a great trip to Rucks Pit, north of Okeechobee, on Saturday, December 1st. Fourteen of our members were greeted by the resident donkey and then spent a beautiful day hunting for treasures. I think everyone went home with a nice specimen or two (including a beautiful shark's tooth!). Mounds of material were waiting for us when we arrived and, around noon, fresh possibilities were delivered by a front end loader. Our host had a wonderful display of the many fossils he has discovered over the years on his 75 acre property. A special thanks to all who joined us on this adventure!

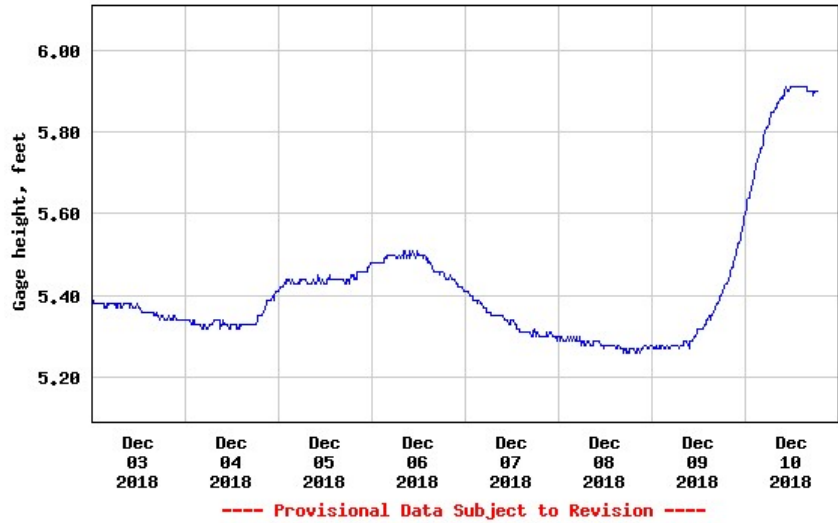


MERRY FOSSIL CHRISTMAS

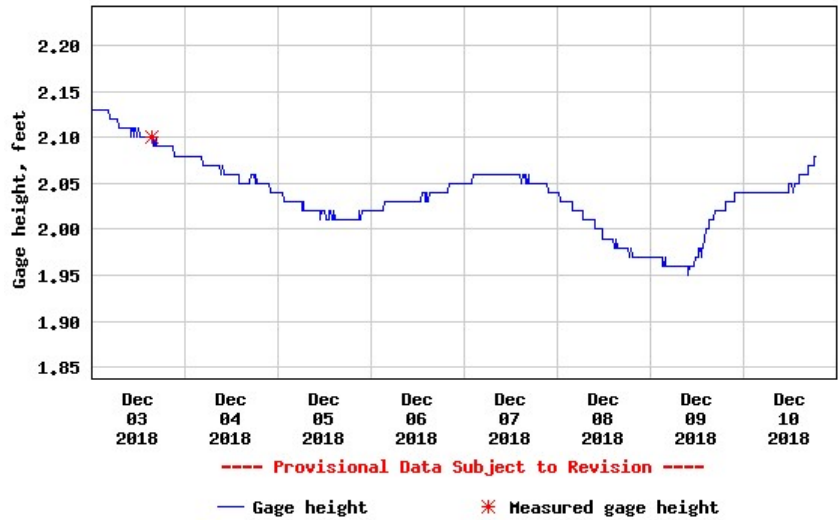


RIVER WATER LEVELS

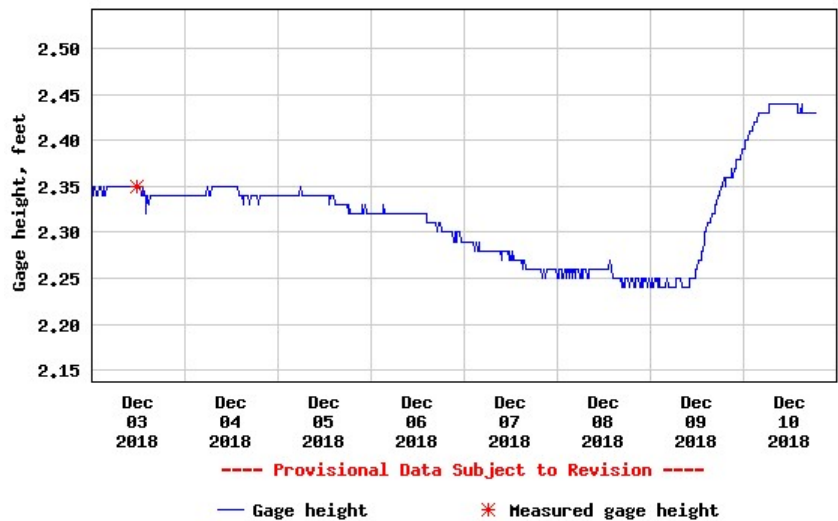
USGS 02295637 PEACE RIVER AT ZOLFO SPRINGS FL

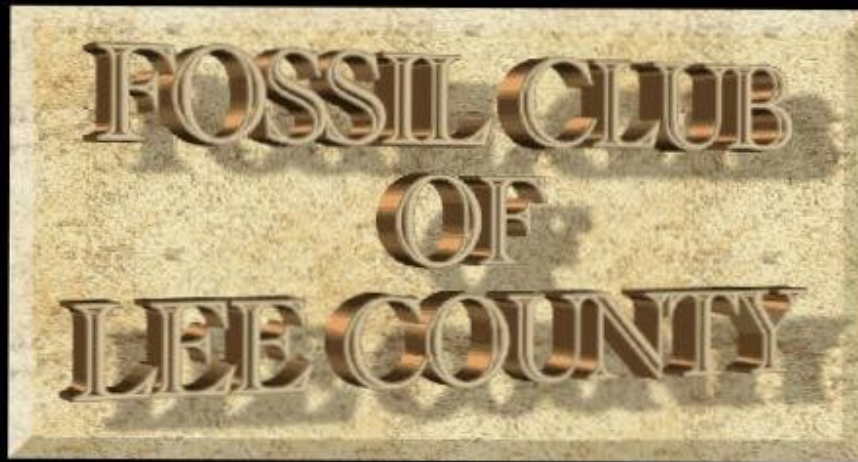


USGS 02296750 PEACE RIVER AT ALCADIA FL



USGS 02297310 HORSE CREEK NEAR ALCADIA FL



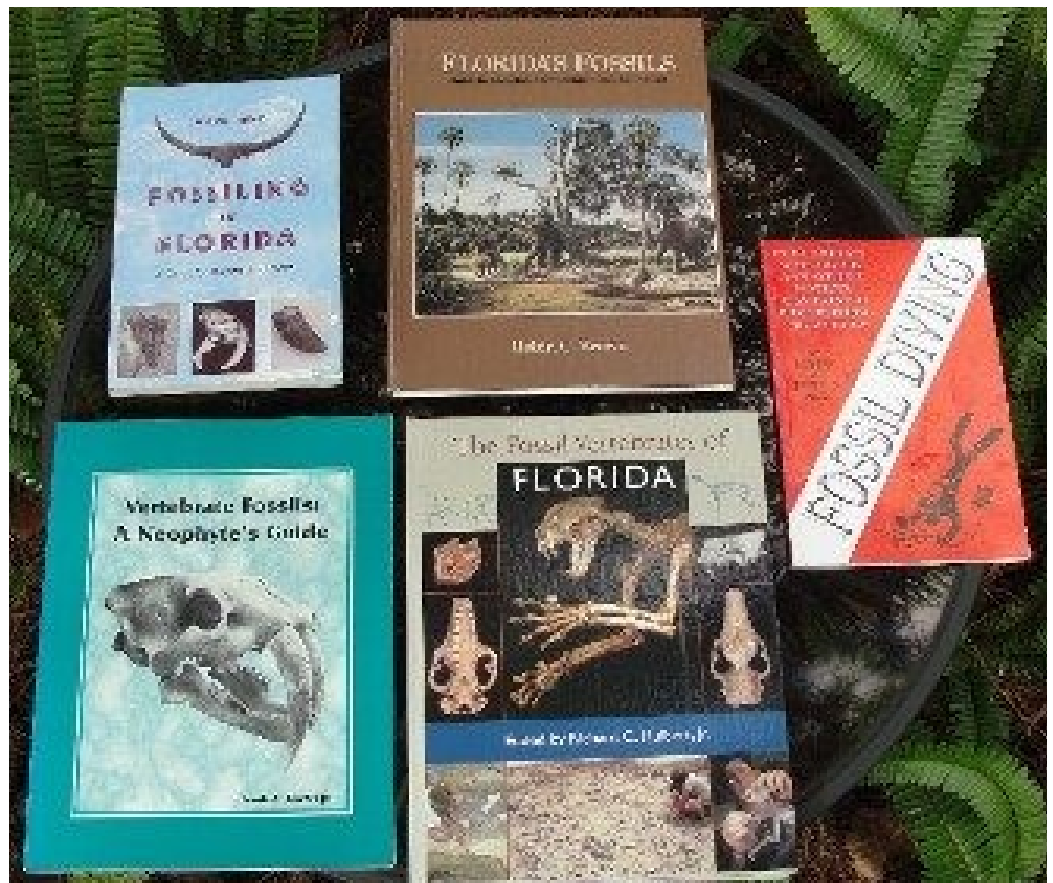


The Fossil Club of Lee County, Inc. is an organization of people interested in the fossils of southern Florida and all points beyond. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. The Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall is located at: 7401 Winkler Road, Ft Myers, FL 33919.

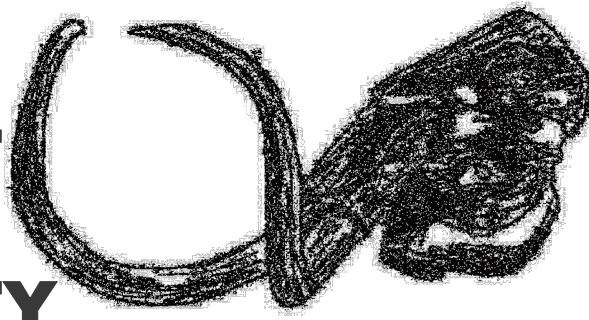
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/378838762286864/>

For those of you who ask what books to get-- here's a great group!

We offer most, if not all, in the club store at the meetings.

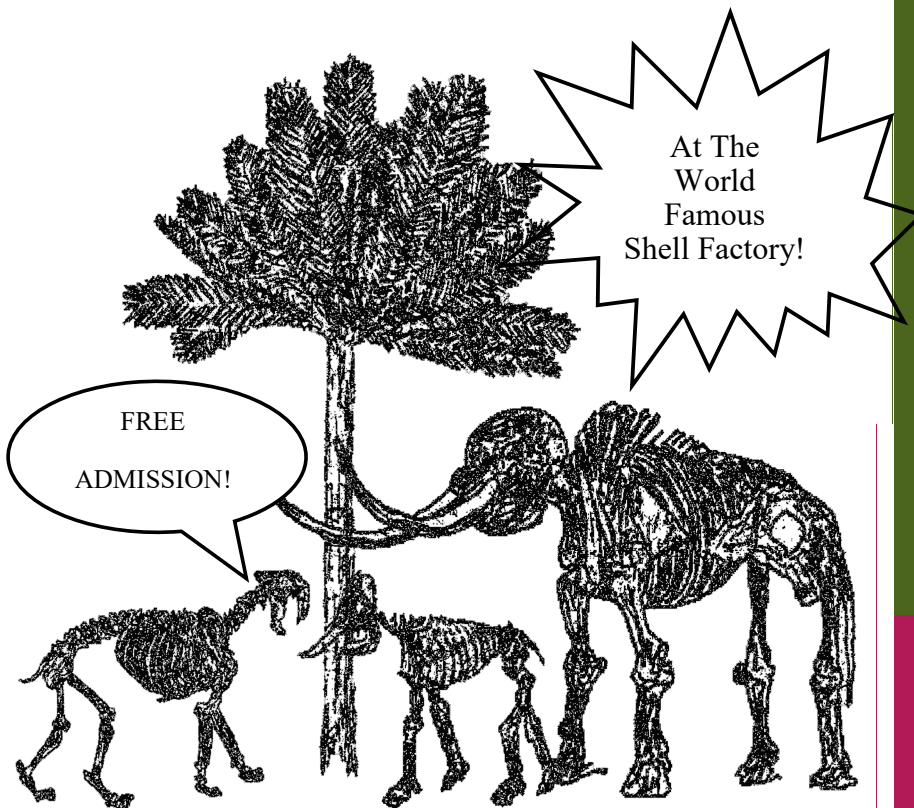


THE FOSSIL CLUB OF LEE COUNTY PRESENTS THE 15TH ANNUAL FOSSIL FESTIVAL



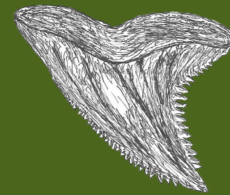
Saturday, February 23rd 2019 at the Shell Factory

Come to the Shell Factory to learn about Florida's pre-historic past, learn how to collect and identify your local fossils and maybe even get to take home a piece of the past! Talk with the local experienced fossil hunters, shop, explore all that Florida's past has to offer! There is something for everyone! Kids fossil dig, vendors with magnificent fossils of all shapes and sizes, minerals, literature for the novice all the way up to the experienced hunter!



Feb. 23, 2019
9AM to 5PM
At the Shell Factory
& Nature Park

Silent Auction
Grand Prize Raffle
Vendors & Fossil
Dealers
KIDS DIG!!
Games & Prizes
Free Fossil Museum
& Exhibits



There's something
for everyone at the
Fossil Festival!

Join us!

www.FCOLC.com

The Shell Factory

2747 N Tamiami Trail

Fort Myers, FL 33903

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www.theshellfactory.com

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