



Myakka Friends need you!

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Friends of the Myakka River, Inc.
Friends Web page
www.MyakkaRiver.org/friends.html

Myakka Friends Gallery & Gifts
Located in the Ranger Station
941 316-8139

Myakka River State Park
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Park Web Page
www.MyakkaRiver.org
and
www.FloridaStateParks.org/MyakkaRiver

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YES!! I/we would like to help by joining the Friends of the Myakka River, Inc.

Annual Membership Dues: Regular \$25 _____ Family \$35 _____ Corporate \$100 _____
Individual Lifetime \$350 _____ Family Lifetime \$500 _____ Corporate Lifetime \$1000 _____

Name (s) _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

City _____ (night) _____

Telephone (day) _____ (night) _____

Additionally, I/we would like to make a contribution of \$ _____
Check here to designate your donation for the Friends Endowment fund. _____

Friends of the Myakka River, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization in accordance with the Internal Revenue Service regulations. Annual dues & contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Please make checks payable & mail to: Friends of the Myakka River, Inc.

1930 Clematis Street
Sarasota, Florida 34239

Who are the Friends?

The Friends of the Myakka River, Inc. is a nonprofit group established to protect, preserve and support Myakka River State Park and the "Florida Wild and Scenic" Myakka River. The Friends raise funds and provide volunteer services to improve your enjoyment of the park and river.

What is a CSO?

Citizens Support Organizations are nonprofit corporations given special status by Florida law that make it possible for you to support your favorite state parks. In these times of budget shortages CSO's are critical for providing much needed funds and manpower.

How can you help?

Time Volunteer to work at the park or on the river. Positions are available for a wide variety of interests and expertise. Call 941 361-6512 for more information.

Money Become a member, make a donation, or memorial gift, remember the park in your will.

Your generosity will benefit your state park.

The Park Story

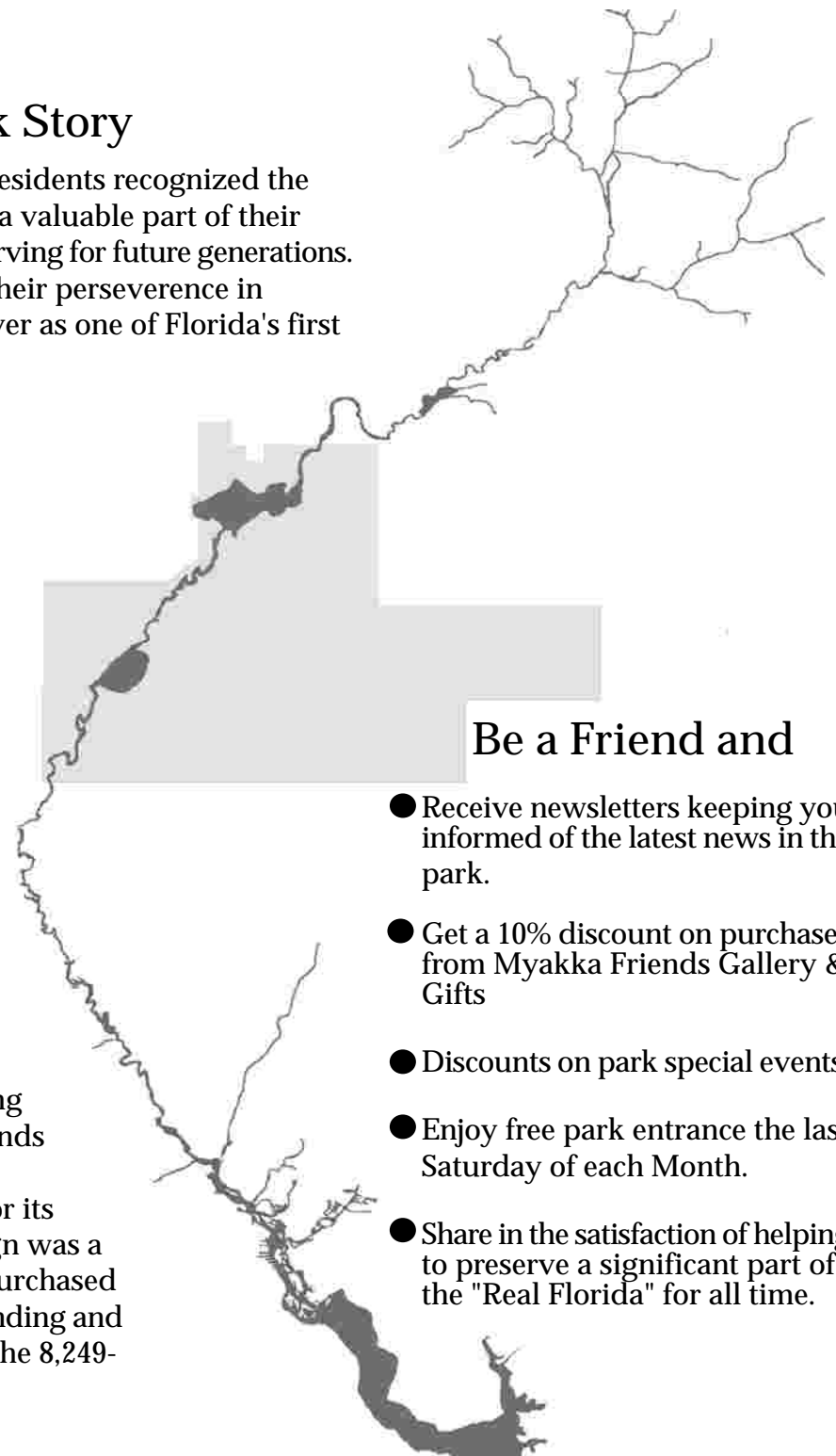
In the early 1930s local residents recognized the Myakka River Valley as a valuable part of their heritage, worthy of preserving for future generations. We can thank them for their perseverance in establishing Myakka River as one of Florida's first state parks.

Myakka River-- Wild & Scenic

Because of strong citizen interest in protecting its scenic qualities, the Myakka was declared an official Florida Wild and Scenic River by State Legislature in 1985.

And the story continues...

When development threatened land adjoining the park in 1992, thousands of Floridians wrote to legislators petitioning for its protection. The campaign was a success. The land was purchased with Save-our-Rivers funding and now the park manages the 8,249-acre Myakka Prairie..



Be a Friend and

- Receive newsletters keeping you informed of the latest news in the park.
- Get a 10% discount on purchases from Myakka Friends Gallery & Gifts
- Discounts on park special events.
- Enjoy free park entrance the last Saturday of each Month.
- Share in the satisfaction of helping to preserve a significant part of the "Real Florida" for all time.