

Post-Thanksgiving Memorial Hike with Outdoor Afro

Lake Okeechobee is the site of one of the most fatal hurricanes to hit the United States. This is a little known piece of history due to the fact that most people who died were black immigrant farmers who were, for the most part, not counted in the official death toll until 2003. The Hurricane of 1928 took 2,500 lives, with estimates extending to possibly 3,000 lives. (To put that in perspective, Hurricane Katrina took 1,800 lives.) Most of the black folks whose bodies were recovered after this event were buried in a mass grave in Port Mayaca Cemetery.

The day after Thanksgiving, we are going to pay homage to those that were never fully honored. We'll start off at the Cemetery learning about the history of the area and of the Hurricane and then take a quick 2.5-mile hike along Lake Okeechobee itself. So on Black Friday, please #OptOutside and join us in enjoying the beauty of nature and reclaiming our black history to keep it alive.

WHEN: Friday, November 24, 2017 1-5pm

WHERE: Meeting at Port Mayaca Cemetery and then heading out to Lake Okeechobee from there

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Logistics:

1-2pm: Meet at the Port Mayaca Cemetery

3-5pm: Hike 2.5 miles along Lake Okeechobee and have lunch

For more information and to RSVP, please visit <https://www.meetup.com/Outdoor-Afro-Miami/events/245110801/>