Where: Wauchula Riverside Park, Wauchula, FL (~2 hrs from FMEL)

When: Meet at FMEL at 8:00 am Saturday morning, 28 May 2022 to caravan to Wauchula. Caravan will return to Vero Beach late afternoon.

What to bring: Lunch, coffee, and snacks, cooler (if needed), water, sunscreen, swimwear, water shoes/sandals, tubes/floats. Fossil hunting supplies: pasta strainer/colander, shovel, bag or container for fossils

We will park vehicles at Wauchula Riverside Park and walk about 1/3 mile downstream to a gravel bar (photo) where we will collect fossils. Water depth on this stretch of the Peace River varies from about a foot or less to >5ft at holes in river bends, but is generally 2-3 ft. At the gravel bar, water should be 6 in to 1 ft in depth, depending on recent precipitation. We will hunt for fossils by shoveling gravel into screens or strainers, sifting out sand and smaller debris and looking for shark teeth and other fossils among the remaining gravel. You can sit in the water while doing this or bring gravel back to the riverbank. We will have five fossil screens to be shared, but suggest bringing colanders/strainers as well. Fossils at the Peace River range in age from the Miocene to Pleistocene. Shark teeth are common, and megalodon teeth can be found. Alligators are present but not problematic.

More information: https://www.fossilguy.com/sites/peace-river/index.htm or email lereeves@ufl.edu