



**Southwest Region** 

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## HIGHLIGHTS

## Thinking Like a Network through collaboration on statewide Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS) Grant: Terrestrial Laser Scanning with Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park

In September, FPAN SW staff began terrestrial laser scanning at an eroding midden site in Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park. This site is included in a list of 12 sites that are part of a deliverable to the Bureau of Archaeological Research for FPAN's HMS grant.

FPAN SW staff along with park staff visited the site to document the current extent of the deteriorating conditions of the site. Staff intends to return to the site in early December.



Rachael Kangas sets up the FARO laser scanner within Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park

## Goal Provide for Long Term Viability of the Network: Collaborating with Randell Research Center for Florida Master Naturalist Training

Rachael Kangas was invited to do guest presentations about archaeological resources and HMS in South Florida for the Randell Research Center (RRC). The Florida Master Naturalist Program is dedicated to promoting awareness, understanding, and respect of Florida's natural world among Florida's citizens and visitors. Kangas also invited participants to be cross-trained as heritage monitoring scouts. Kangas's focus on archaeology and human culture will help future stewards appreciate both the natural and cultural aspects of sites in Florida.



Rachael Kangas (FPAN SW) and Cindy Bear (RRC) alongside participants in the RRC's master naturalist program

## **Progress on Strategic Plan Objectives**

- Goal I: Thinking Like a Network By Delivery of Standardized Programs
  - Outreach assistant Victoria Lincoln helped to develop a curriculum for FPAN South's Summer Archaeology Activity Hour
- Goal 2: Increase Protection of Archaeological Resources By Working at the Local Level
  - Rachael Kangas continued work on ACUNE with FGCU, leading an end test user team for the GIS based resource
- Goal 3: Provide for the Long-Term Viability of the Network
  - Kangas completed her recertification process for the National Association of Interpreters (NAI)