



Bagdad Mill Site Park Grand Opening

Please join us for the grand opening of the Bagdad Mill Site Park Monday, May 16 at 10 a.m. at the Bagdad Mill Site park. There will be guest speakers, a short performance by period dressed actors and light refreshments provided.

The 21-acre Bagdad Mill Site, located at the union of Pond Creek and Blackwater River in Bagdad, was previously the location of the Bagdad Land and Lumber Company Saw Mill which was in operation from 1835 through 1939. The site was acquired by the State of Florida Board of Trustees in 2000 and was leased to Santa Rosa County for development in 2004 as a passive recreation area. The Bagdad Waterfronts Florida Partnership, Inc., has served as a catalyst for progress following a community visioning and master planning process in 2006.

The program will conclude with an unveiling of a historical marker describing the significance of the Bagdad Lumber Mill and Shipbuilding in Bagdad. The Florida Historical Marker Program recognizes historic resources, persons and events that are significant in the areas of architecture, archaeology, Florida history and traditional culture by promoting the placing of historic markers and plaques at sites of historical and visual interest to visitors. The purpose of the program is to increase public awareness of the rich cultural heritage of the state and to enhance the enjoyment of historic sites in Florida by its citizens and tourists. The marker was donated by the Blackwater Pyrates.

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