The public is invited to enjoy a short hike on a section of the trail located a few miles southeast of Starke on the south side of Sampson Lake on **Saturday, March 21st at 1PM**.

A nation-wide project, the Rails to Trails project connects communities by resurfacing old railroad lines and converting them to bicycling and walking trails.

The planned 2.5 mile woods walk is on an unpaved section of a trail. Hikers, nature lovers and those interested in developing a thriving eco-tourism atmosphere in our county may be interested in taking a hike with us.

**Hikers should:**

- Plan on arriving at the CR 225 Bridge over the Sampson River in Sampson City at 12:45 pm.
- There will be a brief history of Sampson City and an explanation of the lake water control structure before the walk.
- We will hike as a group along the trail towards Lake Butler to a wetland area.
- The guided trail walk will take about 2 hours & will cover up to 2.5 miles roundtrip. Participants may break away from the group to walk further or return to the starting point at any time.
- There will be plenty of opportunities to ask experts about tree identification or about our wonderful Bradford ecosystems and to discuss getting this section of the trail prioritized for paving.
- Bring water and snacks, wear good shoes and dress appropriately.
- **See trail map and directions on next page.**
- Notify the Bradford County Extension Office about your intention to participate at 904-966-6299.
Directions to the Rails To Trails Woods Walk

From SR 100 in Starke to Sampson River Bridge:
- Travel south on US 301 about 3.4 miles.
- Turn right CR 227, drive about 1.3 miles.
- Turn right on CR 225 and go about 3.5 miles.

Hope to see you there!