

2019 Florida Trail ANNUAL REPORT



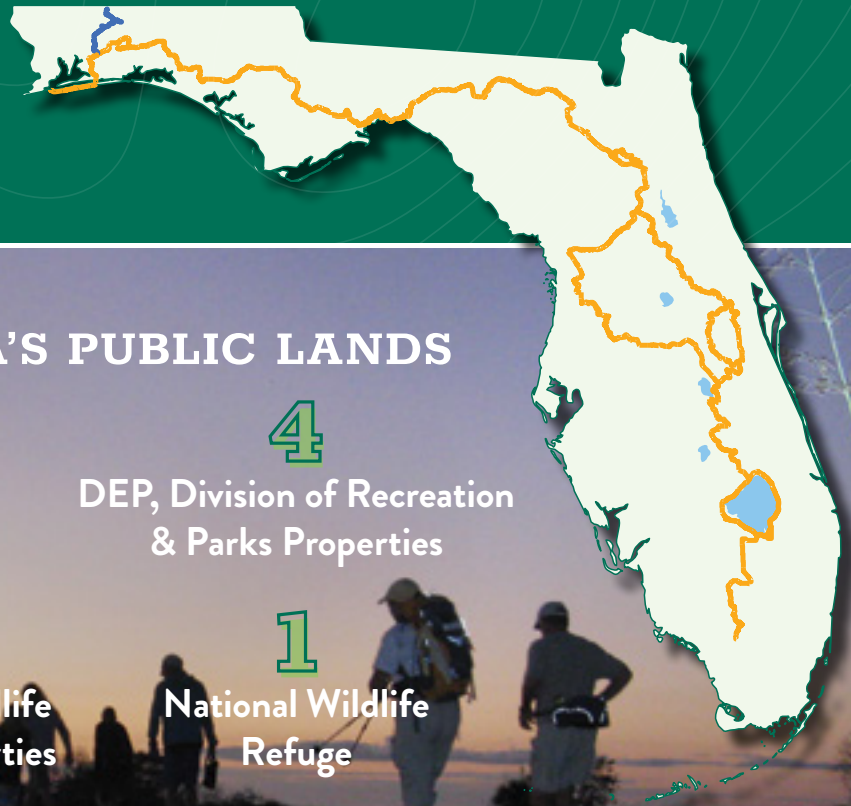
The 90th US Congress passed the National Trail Systems Act in 1968. This Act authorized the creation of a national system of trails “to promote the preservation of, public access to, travel within, and enjoyment and appreciation of the open-air, outdoor areas and historic resources of the Nation.” It initially established the Appalachian Trail and Pacific Crest Trails.

Today the National Trails System designates 11 National Scenic Trails, including the entirely unique Florida Trail. The Florida Trail is a National Scenic Trail spanning 1,500* miles from the Panhandle to the Everglades, offering year-round hiking for residents and visitors. The Florida Trail is more than a path through the woods—it’s an outdoor experience that connects Florida’s unique natural, cultural and historic resources.

The Florida Trail is a product of the successful collaboration between the USDA Forest Service, land-managing partners and dedicated volunteers and staff from the Florida Trail Association, who recognize the need for long-distance hiking opportunities in Florida and come together to manage, promote, and steward the trail.



Approximately
360,000
People Set Foot on the
Florida Trail Every Year



CONNECTING FLORIDA’S PUBLIC LANDS



* Miles calculation is based on all designated trail, official side trail and connecting roadwalks.

2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT A GLANCE:



Volunteer Hours
Contributed to the
Florida Trail in 2019:

23,379

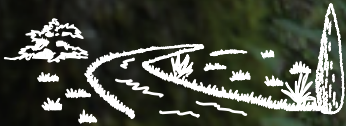


Value of 2019
Volunteer Hours:

\$589,848.85

Trail Maintained:

1,121
MILES



Trail Built:

14
MILES

Structure Maintained:

5,869
FEET



Structure Built:

546
FEET

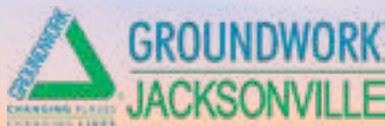
79% Protected/
Designated



Acquisitions or
Easements are Needed to
Protect the Remaining

21%

PARTNER GROUPS WHO HELPED MAINTAIN THE FLORIDA TRAIL IN 2019:



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