The Florida Trail is Open To All

The Florida Trail is a 1,500-mile footpath that extends from Big Cypress National Preserve at the edge of the Everglades in south Florida to Gulf Islands National Seashore on Santa Rosa Island in the Florida panhandle.

Hike our white sand beaches. Travel through dense subtropical forests and vast, open grasslands. Test your physical and mental endurance in Florida’s swamps, marshes and wetlands. Encounter the diverse plant and animal life that flourish along the Florida Trail.

The Florida Trail is non-partisan public resource that needs your support.
Meet the Florida Trail Association

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.
The Honorable Matt Gaetz

The Florida Trail in District 1 highlights the uniquely effective partnership between Federal, State, County and Private landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The Florida Trail in District 1 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.

District 1 Constituency Engagement in 2020

Hours Donated in 2020: 3,141
Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $85,435.20
Residents of Your Congressional District Spend $1.68 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

The Florida Trail in District 1 is hosted by:

- Gulf Islands National Seashore – Federal
- Santa Rosa Island Authority – County
- Eglin Air Force Base – Federal
- North West Florida Water Management District – State
  - Yellow River WMA
  - Lafayette Creek WMA
  - Choctawhatchee River WMA
- Florida Forest Service – State
  - Blackwater River SF
- MC Davis Conservation Easement – Private
  - Nokuse Plantation

Gateway Communities:
- Pensacola Beach

Proposed Gateway Communities:
- Navarre, Holt, Crestview, Defuniak Springs, Freeport, Bruce

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Dr. Neal Dunn

The Florida Trail in District 2 highlights the uniquely effective partnership between Federal and State landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The Florida Trail in District 2 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.

District 2 Constituency Engagement in 2020

Hours Donated in 2020: 752
Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $20,454.40
Residents of Your Congressional District Spend
$1.61 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

The Florida Trail in District 2 is hosted by:

North West Florida Water Management District – State
  Choctawhatchee River WMA
  Econfina Creek WMA
Suwannee River Water Management District – State
  Middle Aucilla WMA
  Suwannee Valley CA
Florida Forest Service – State
  Pine Log SF
USDA Forest Service – Federal
  St. Joe Tract
  Apalachicola National Forest
  Rainbow Tract
  Williams Tract
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service – Federal
  St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – State
  Aucilla WMA

Gateway Communities:
Blountstown, Sopchoppy, St. Marks

Proposed Gateway Communities:
Bristol, Crawfordville, Altha

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The Honorable Kat Cammack

The Florida Trail in District 3 highlights the uniquely effective partnership between Federal, State, and Private landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The Florida Trail in District 3 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.

District 3 Constituency Engagement in 2020

Hours Donated in 2020: 1,174
Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $31,932.80
Residents of Your Congressional District Spend $1.68 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

The Florida Trail in District 3 is hosted by:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – State
   Palatka-Lake Butler Trail
   Mike Roess Gold Head Branch SP
   Marjorie Harris Carr Cross FL Greenway R & CA
US Department of Defense – Federal
   Camp Blanding Military Reservation
USDA Forest Service – Federal
   Ocala NF
Florida Forest Servie – State
   Etoniah Creek State Forest
Meyerhaeuser Timber – Private
   Plum Creek Tract
St Johns River Water Management District – State
   Rice Creek CA
Less-Than-Fee Access Easements – Private

Gateway Communities:
   Keystone Heights, Lake Butler
Proposed Gateway Communities:
   Palatka

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The Honorable Al Lawson

The Florida Trail in District 5 highlights the uniquely effective partnership between **Federal**, **State**, **Local** and **Private** landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

**The Florida Trail in District 5 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.**

**District 5 Constituency Engagement in 2020**

Hours Donated in 2020: 2,573.7

Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $70,005.55

Residents of Your Congressional District Spend

$1.36 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

**The Florida Trail in District 5 is hosted by:**

Florida Forest Service – **State**
- Twin Rivers SF

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – **State**
- Suwannee River State Park
- Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center SP
- Big Shoals State Park
- Olustee Battlefield Historic SP

USDA Forest Service – **Federal**
- Goolsby, Donaldson, Richards, Latus Tracts
- Suwannee River Farms MA
- Osceola NF

Suwannee River Water Management District – **State**
- Lower Alapaha, Holton Creek, Camp Branch CAs
- Swift Creek CA
- Deep Creek CA

Less-Than-Fee Access Easements – **Private**

Town of White Springs – **Township**

**Gateway Communities:**
- White Springs

**Proposed Gateway Communities:**
- Hosford

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The Honorable Michael Waltz

The Florida Trail in District 6 highlights the uniquely effective partnership between Federal, State, and Private landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The Florida Trail in District 6 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.

District 6 Constituency Engagement in 2020

Hours Donated in 2020: 7,418
Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $201,788
Residents of Your Congressional District Spend $1.76 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

The Florida Trail in District 6 is hosted by:

USDA Forest Service – Federal
Ocala NF
Orianne Center for Indigo Conservation – Private
Boy Scouts of America – Private
Camp La No Che
Florida Forest Service – State
Seminole State Forest

Proposed Gateway Communities:
Paisley

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PAISLEY, FLORIDA-JULY 26, 2017: At Clearwater Lake Recreation Area in Ocala National Forest, a marker denotes the birth of the Florida Trail, designated the Florida National Scenic Trail in 1983.
The Honorable Stephanie Murphy

The Florida Trail in District 7 highlights the uniquely effective partnership between Federal, State, County and City landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The Florida Trail in District 7 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.

District 7 Constituency Engagement in 2018

Hours Donated in 2020: 1,337
Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $36,365
Residents of Your Congressional District Spend $1.73 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

The Florida Trail in District 7 is hosted by:

Seminole County – County
  Chuluota Wilderness
  Lucas Tract
  Wekiva Trail
  Cross Seminole Trail
  Spring Hammock Preserve
  Black Hammock Trail Head
Florida Department of Environmental Protection – State
  Lower Wekiva River Preserve SP
City of Oviedo – City
Florida Forest Service – State
  Little Big Econ State Forest
USDA Forest Service – Federal
  Mills Creek Woodlands

Gateway Communities:
  Winter Springs, Oviedo

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The Honorable Bill Posey
The Florida Trail in District 8 highlights the uniquely effective partnership between State, County and City landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The Florida Trail in District 8 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.

District 8 Constituency Engagement in 2020
Hours Donated in 2020: 2,746
Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $74,691.20
Residents of Your Congressional District Spend
$1.68 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

The Florida Trail in District 8 is hosted by:
Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission – State
- Seminole Ranch WMA
- Tosohatchee WMA
Saint John’s River Water Management District – State
- Hal Scott Regional Preserve
Orange County – County
- Savage/Christmas Creek Preserve
- Pine Lily Preserve
Florida Forest Service – State
- Bronson State Forest
City of Orlando – City
- Orlando Wetlands Park

Proposed Gateway Communities:
Christmas

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The Honorable Darren Soto

The Florida Trail in District 9 highlights the uniquely effective partnership between State, County and Private landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The Florida Trail in District 9 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.

District 9 Constituency Engagement in 2020

Hours Donated in 2020: 1,655
Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $45,016
Residents of Your Congressional District Spend
$1.48 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – State
Herky Huffman/Bull Creek WMA
KICCO WMA
Triple N Ranch WMA
Three Lakes WMA

Alan Broussard Conservancy – Private
Forever Florida

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – State
Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP

Osceola County - County
Lake Lizzie Preserve

Orange County - County
Split Oak Forest
Moss Park
Crosby Island Marsh

Proposed Gateway Communities:
Kissimmee, St. Cloud

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The Honorable Daniel Webster

The Florida Trail in District 11 highlights the uniquely effective partnership between State landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The Florida Trail in District 11 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.

**District 11 Constituency Engagement in 2020**

- **Hours Donated in 2020:** 915
- **Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020:** $24,895.86
- **Residents of Your Congressional District Spend**
  - $1.67 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

**The Florida Trail in District 11 is hosted by:**

- **Florida Forest Service – State**
  - Withlacoochee State Forest

**Gateway Communities:**

- Inverness

**Proposed Gateway Communities:**

- Dunnellon

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*Croom River Trail, Withlacoochee State Forest*

*Photo by Barbara Bowen*
The Honorable Gus Bilirakis
The Florida Trail in District 12 highlights the uniquely effective partnership between State landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The Florida Trail in District 12 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.

District 12 Constituency Engagement in 2020
Hours Donated in 2020: 1,459
Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $39,684.80
Residents of Your Congressional District Spend $1.73 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

The Florida Trail in District 12 is hosted by:
Southwest Florida Water Management District – State
Green Swamp WMA
The Honorable Greg Steube

The Florida Trail in District 17 highlights the uniquely effective partnership between Federal and State landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The Florida Trail in District 17 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.

District 17 Constituency Engagement in 2020

Hours Donated in 2020: 1,934
Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $52,604.80
Residents of Your Congressional District Spend $1.66 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

The Florida Trail in District 17 is hosted by:

Florida Department of Environmental Protection – State
Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP

South Florida Water Management District – State
Kissimmee River WMA
Starvation Slough WMA
Yates Marsh WMA
Chandler Slough WMA

US Army Corps of Engineers – Federal
Okeechobee North
Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail

Gateway Communities:
Okeechobee, Moore Haven

Proposed Gateway Communities:
Lakeport

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The Honorable Brian Mast

The Florida Trail and Ocean to Lake Trail in District 18 highlight the uniquely effective partnership between Federal, State and County landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service and the Florida Trail Association to host the Florida National Scenic Trail and the Ocean to Lake Trail.

The Florida Trail and the Ocean to Lake Trail in District 18 are Non-Partisan Public Resources that needs your support.

District 18 Constituency Engagement in 2020

Hours Donated in 2020: 54
Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $1,468.80
Residents of Your Congressional District Spend $1.72 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

The Florida Trail and Ocean to Lake Trail in District 18 is hosted by:

US Army Corps of Engineers – Federal
   Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail
South Florida Water Management District – State
   Dupuis Reserve WMA
   Cypress Creek and Loxahatchee River MA
Martin County – County
   South Fork Addition
Palm Beach County – County
   Hungryland Slough Natural Area
   Loxahatchee Slough Natural Area
   River Bend Park
Florida Department of Environmental Protection – State
   Seabranche Preserve SP
   Jonathan Dickinson SP
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission – State
   J. W. Corbett WMA
The Honorable Mario Diaz-Balart

The Florida Trail in District 25 highlight the uniquely effective partnership between Federal, State and Private landowners currently under agreement with the USDA Forest Service to host the Florida National Scenic Trail.

The Florida Trail in District 25 is a Non-Partisan Public Resource that needs your support.

District 25 Constituency Engagement in 2020

Hours Donated in 2020: 979
Dollar Value of Hours Donated in 2020: $26,628.80
Residents of Your Congressional District Spend $1.23 Billion on Outdoor Recreation Each Year

The Florida Trail in District 25 is hosted by:

US Army Corps of Engineers – Federal
Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail
South Florida Water Management District – State
L1E Canal Levee
L2 Canal Levee
Seminole Tribe of Florida – Private
Big Cypress Reservation
USDI National Park Service – Federal
Big Cypress National Preserve

Proposed Gateway Communities:
Ochopee

A Gateway Community is a designated town in close proximity to the Florida Trail that offers resources for hikers such as accommodations, restaurants, grocery stores or laundry. For the community, it provides publicity, tourism, and economic growth.

The Ochopee Post Office is the smallest post office building in the United States.