

# 2020 Florida Trail ANNUAL REPORT



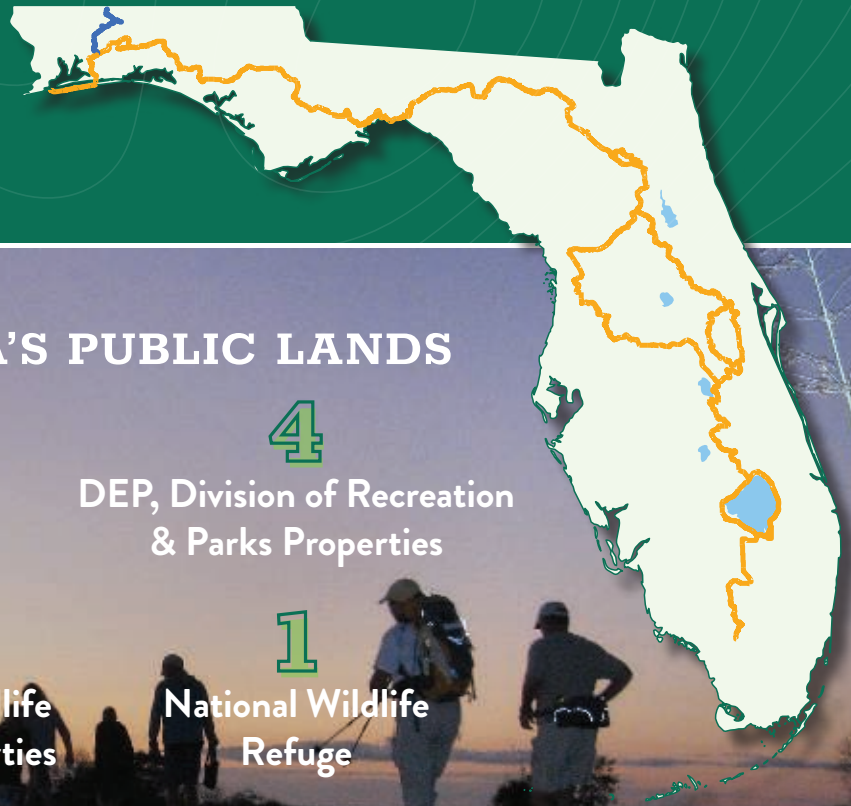
The 90th US Congress passed the National Trail Systems Act in 1968. This Act authorized the creation of a national system of trails “to promote the preservation of, public access to, travel within, and enjoyment and appreciation of the open-air, outdoor areas and historic resources of the Nation.” It 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  
**374,000**  
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.

## 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT A GLANCE:



Volunteer Hours  
Contributed to the  
Florida Trail in 2020:

**16,119**



Value of 2020  
Volunteer Hours:

**\$438,436.80**

Trail Maintained:

**1,143**  
MILES



Trail Built:

**4**  
MILES

Structure Maintained:

**3,933**  
FEET



Structure Built:

**546**  
FEET

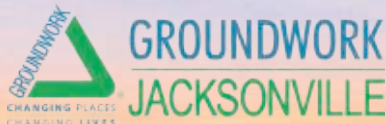
**79%** Protected/  
Designated



Acquisitions or  
Easements are Needed to  
Protect the Remaining

**21%**

### TRAIL MAINTENANCE PARTNER GROUPS:



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