

THE FLORIDA TRAIL ASSOCIATION

# Congressional Report



2017



# National Scenic Trail System

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## The Florida Trail is Open To All

The Florida Trail is a 1,300-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 US Forest Service administers the Florida Trail. The USFS partners with the Florida Trail Association—a non-profit organization—to coordinate the development, maintenance, protection and promotion of the trail.

The FTA provides opportunities for the public to enjoy outdoor recreation, participate in environmental education and contribute to meaningful volunteer work.

The FTA Volunteer Program is comprised of 18 volunteer chapters located across the state of Florida. These volunteer chapters execute the vision of the National Trails System Act by working within their communities to develop a culture of conservation and stewardship.

The FTA also supports the US Forest Service in addressing trail protection issues in order to ensure the preservation of the Florida Trail and the land it passes through. Together with the public, we strive to protect many of the scenic, natural, historic and cultural values of Florida’s wildlands.

# Your Constituents Care Deeply About the Florida Trail

This is demonstrated by their donations of time and money.

Volunteers Hours Contributed to the Florida Trail **24,810**

Value of Volunteer Hours **\$756,631**

Out of Pocket Contributions **\$126,308**

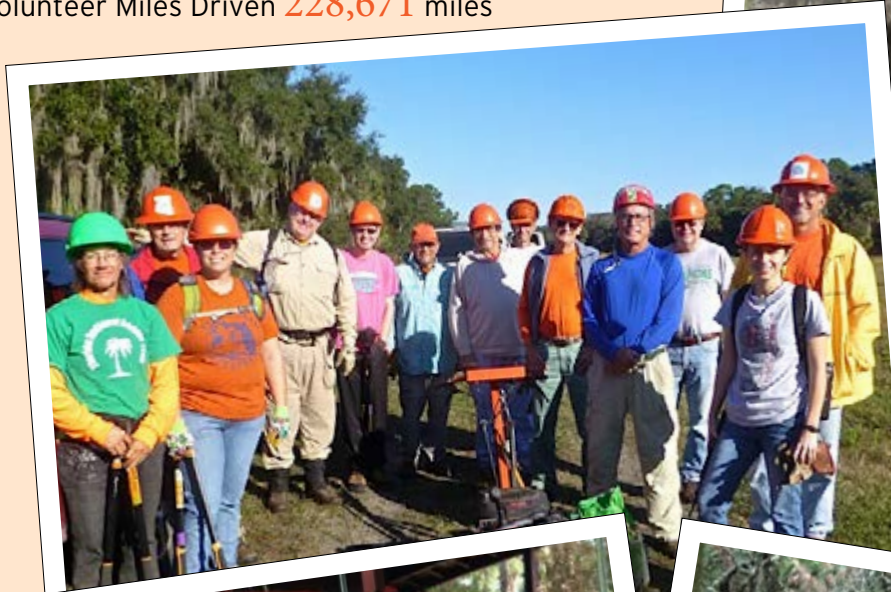
Trail Maintained **1,323.89** miles

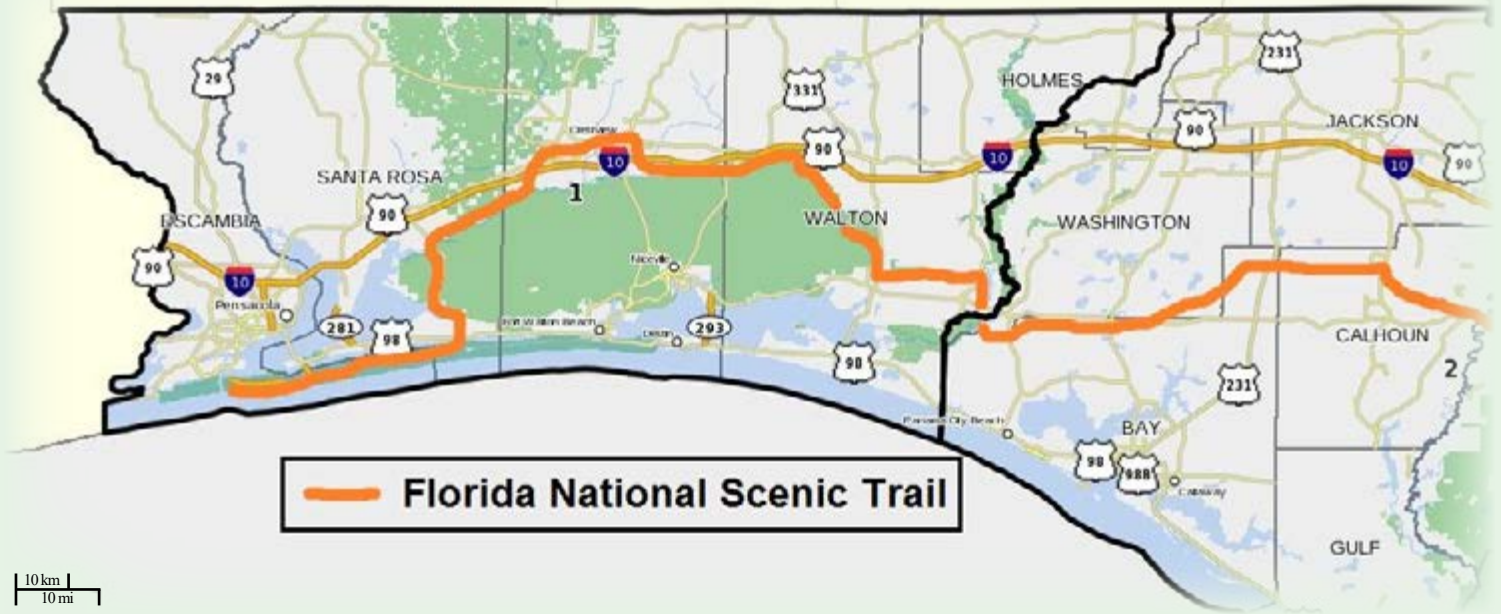
Trail Built **22** miles

Structure Maintained **10,332** feet

Structure Built **535** feet

Volunteer Miles Driven **228,671** miles





# District 1

## 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.

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# District 1 Constituency Engagement in 2017

Hours Donated in 2017 - **5,602 Hrs**

Dollars Contributed - **\$28,762**

**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



# District 2

## The Honorable 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.

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## District 2 Constituency Engagement in 2017

Hours Donated in 2017 - 2,395 Hrs

Dollars Contributed - \$12,012

### 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





## District 3

### The Honorable Ted Yoho

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.

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## District 3 Constituency Engagement in 2017

Hours Donated in 2017 - **3,058** Hrs

Dollars Contributed - **\$7,723.26**

### 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 Service - **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**







# District 5

## 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.

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## District 5 Constituency Engagement in 2016

Hours Donated in 2016 - **3,332 Hrs**

Dollars Contributed - **\$9,192.85**

**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
- Olusee 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**



# District 6

## The Honorable Ron DeSantis

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.

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## District 6 Constituency Engagement in 2016

Hours Donated in 2016 - **7,894** Hrs

Dollars Contributed - **\$25,466.02**

**The Florida Trail in District 6 is hosted by:**

USDA Forest Service - **Federal**

Ocala NF

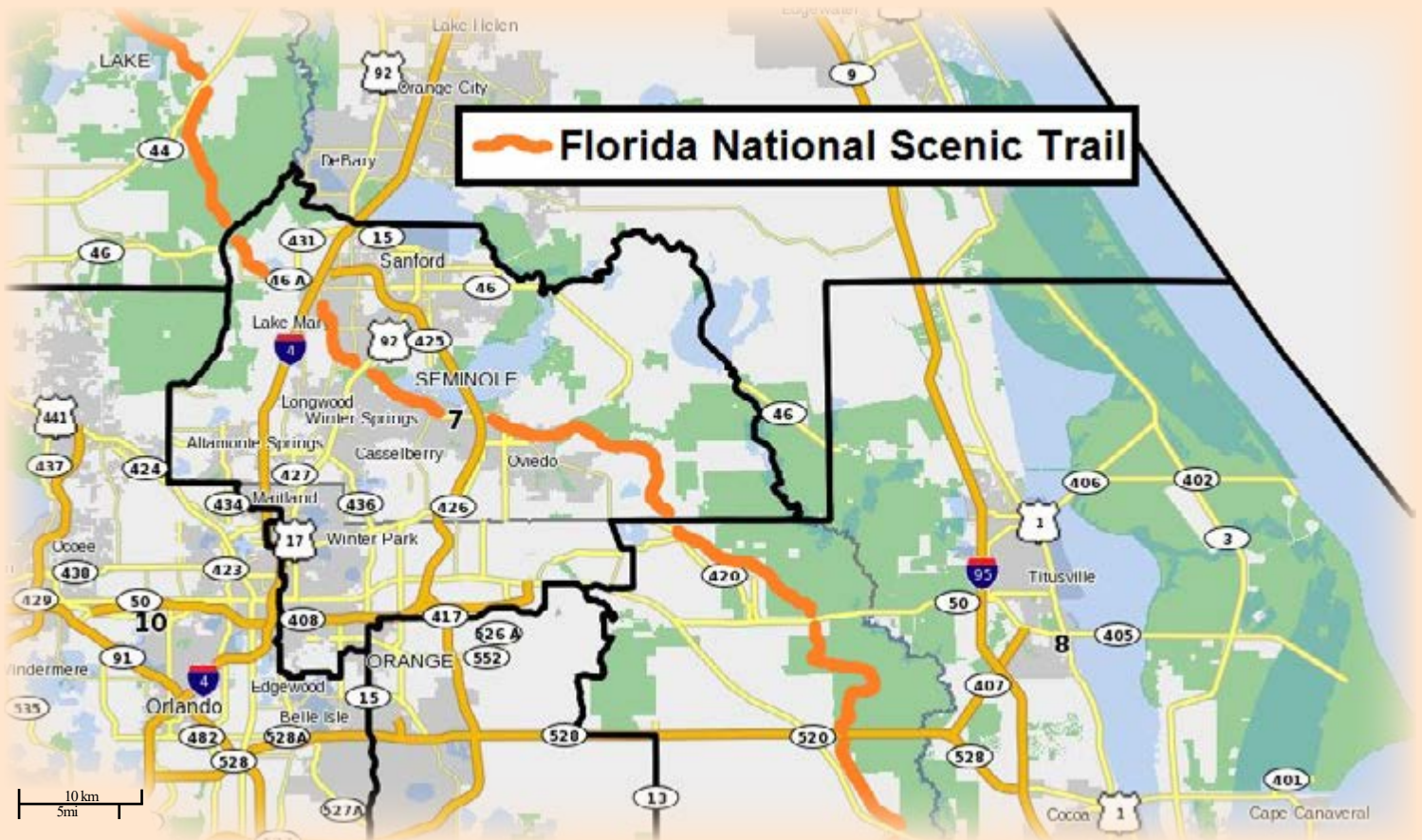
Boy Scouts of America - **Private**

Camp La No Che

Florida Forest Service - **State**

Seminole State Forest





## District 7

# 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 2017

Hours Donated in 2016 - 5,136 Hrs

Dollars Contributed - \$20,804.07

### The Florida Trail in District 7 is hosted by:

Seminole County - **County**

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





## District 8

### The Honorable Bill Posey

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

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## District 8 Constituency Engagement in 2017

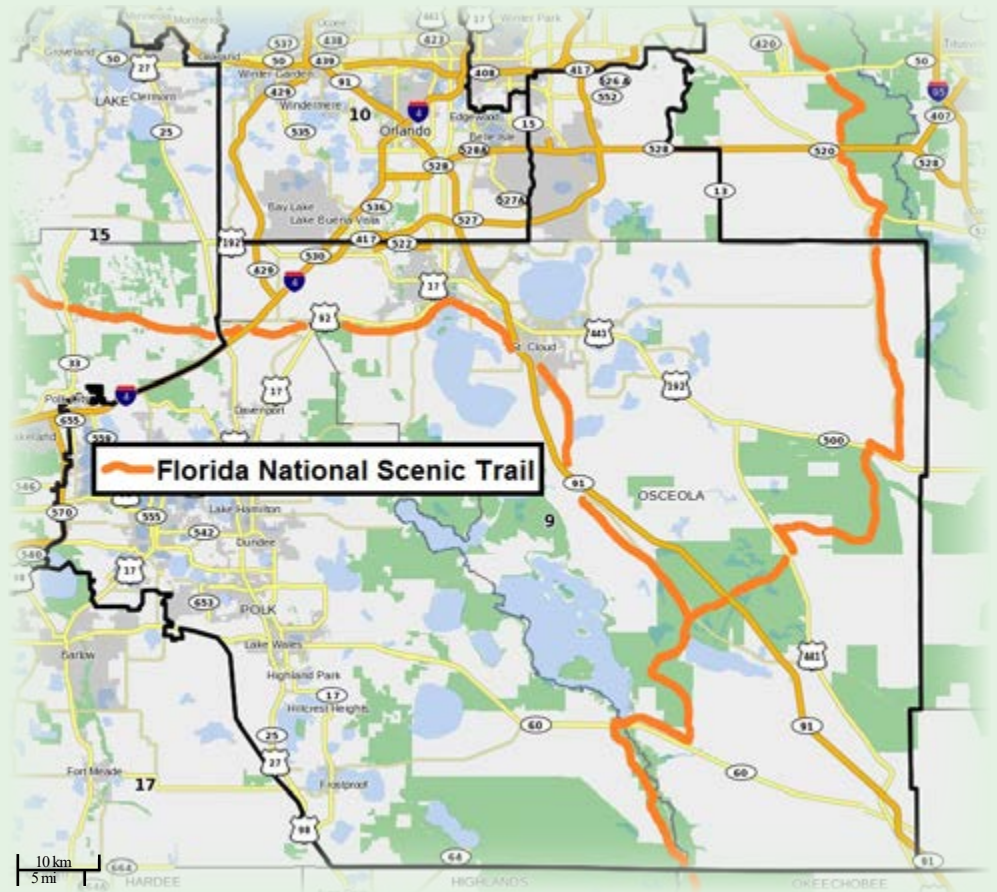
Hours Donated in 2017 - **536 Hrs**

Dollars Contributed - **\$2,636**

### The Florida Trail in District 8 is hosted by:

- Florida Forest Service - **State**
- Charles H. Bronson State Forest
- City of Orlando - **City**
- Orlando Wetlands Park
- St Johns Water Management District - **State**
- Seminole Ranch CA
- Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park
- Canaveral Marshes CA
- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission - **State**
- Tosohatchee WMA





## District 9 The Honorable Darren Soto

The Florida Trail in District 9 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.

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## District 9 Constituency Engagement in 2016

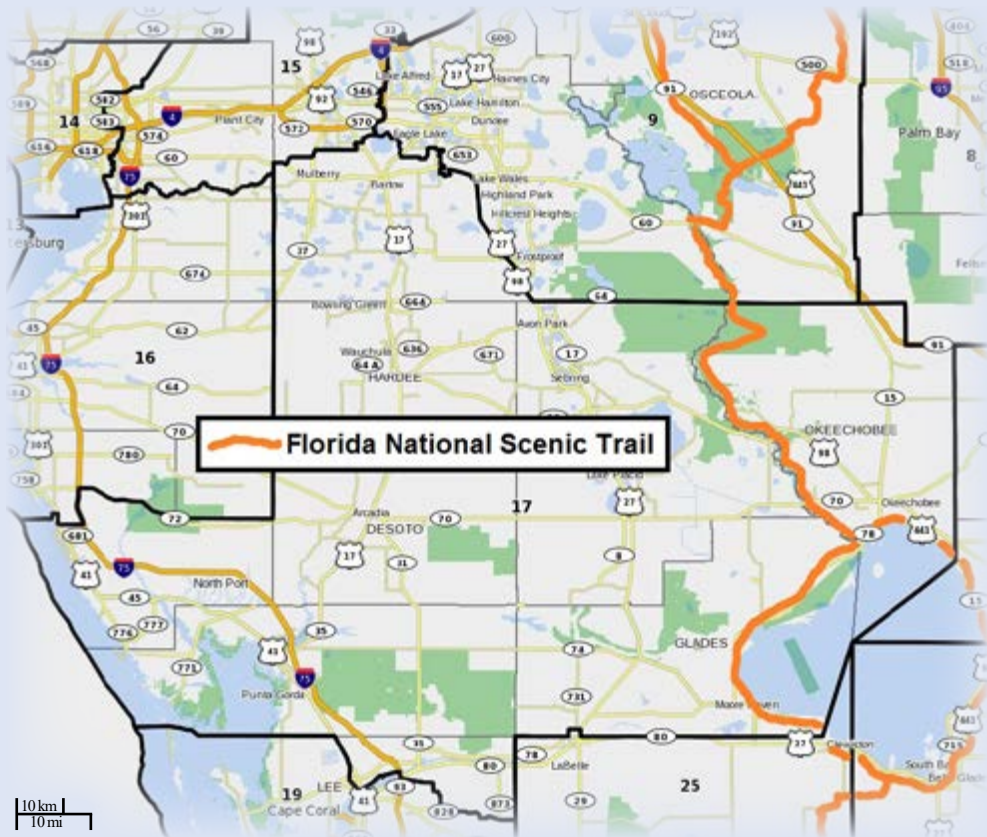
Hours Donated in 2016 - **8,216** Hrs

Dollars Contributed - **\$34,324.97**

### The Florida Trail in District 9 is hosted by:

- Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission - **State**
  - Herky Huffman/Bull Creek WMA
  - Triple N Ranch WMA
  - Three Lakes WMA
- Alan Broussard Conservancy - **Private**
  - Forever Florida
- South Florida Water Management District - **State**
  - Kissimmee River WMA
  - KICCO WMA
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection - **State**
  - Kissimmee Prairie Preserve SP
  - Lake Kissimmee SP
- Florida Forest Service - **State**
  - Lake Wales Ridge SF
- US Department of Defense, Air Force - **Federal**
  - Avon Park Air Force Range
- The Nature Conservancy - **Private**
  - Tiger Creek Preserve





## District 17

### The Honorable Tom Rooney

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 2016

Hours Donated in 2016 - **3,331 Hrs**

Dollars Contributed - **\$12,506.24**

### 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





## District 18 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.**

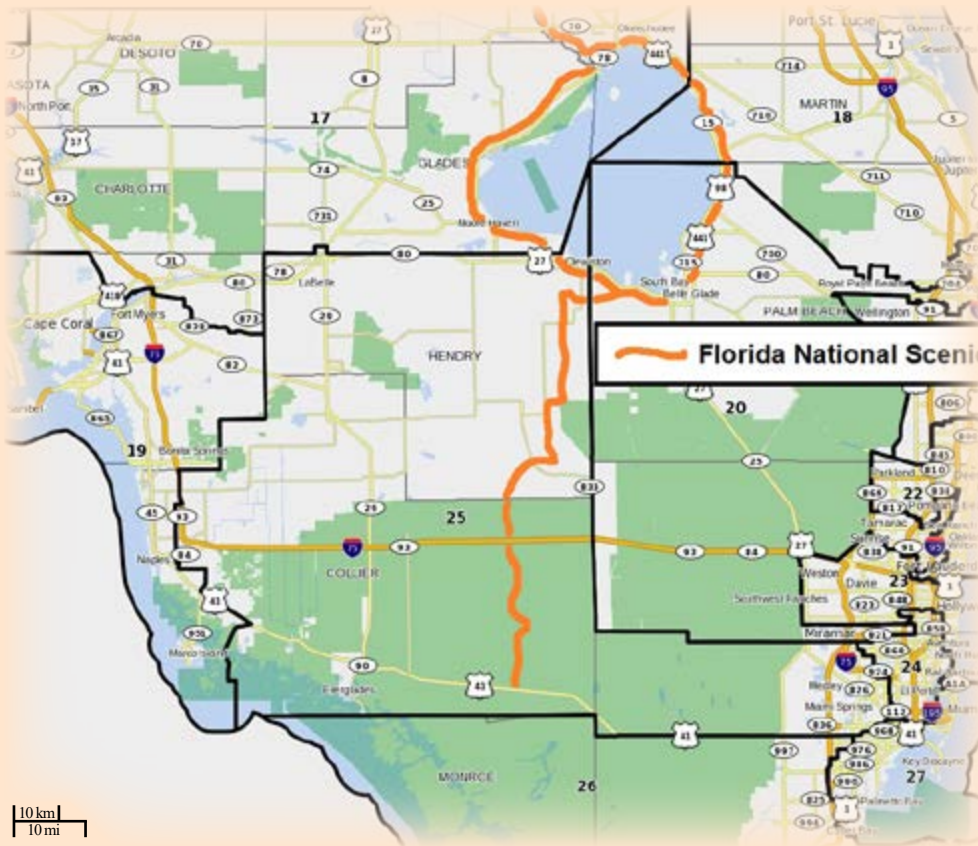
## District 18 Constituency Engagement in 2017

Hours Donated in 2016 - **3,924** Hrs  
Dollars Contributed - **\$15,813.21**

**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





## District 25

### 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 2016

Hours Donated in 2016 - 1,325 Hrs

Dollars Contributed - \$6,404.32

**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

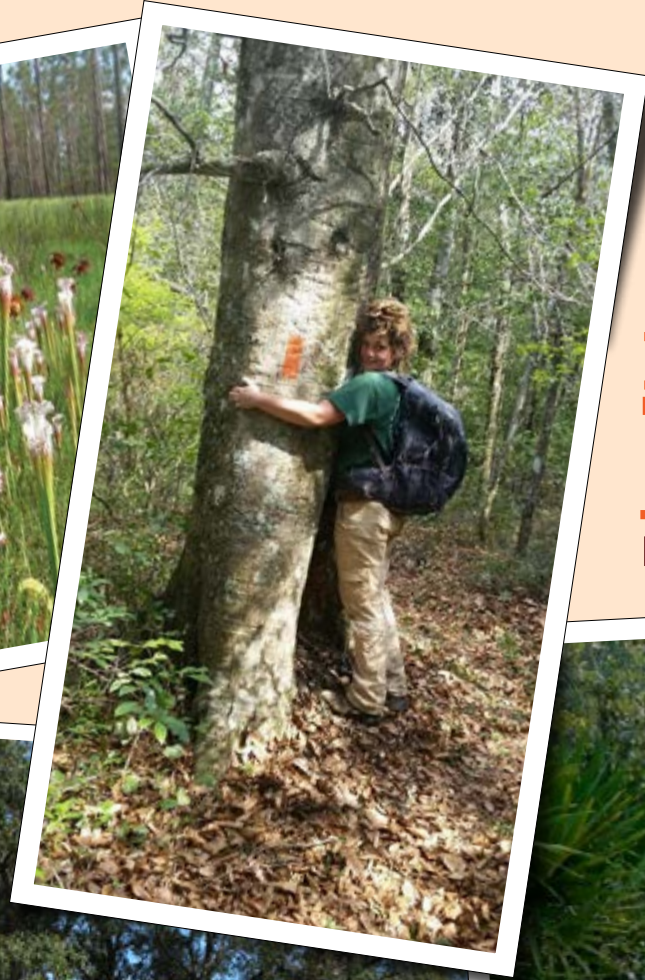






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