Congressional Report

2020 117th Congress
Florida National Scenic Trail
Reroute in Development
Side Trail
Roadwalk

Public Conservation Lands
- Federal Lands
- State & Local Lands

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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.

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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
    Choctawatchee 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

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.
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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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
  Seabranch 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

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