CONGRESSIONAL REPORT

THE FLORIDA TRAIL ASSOCIATION

2018 116th Congress
National Scenic Trail System

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The Florida Trail is Open To All

The Florida Trail is a 1,400-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 25,806
Value of Volunteer Hours $637,155
Out of Pocket Contributions $109,299
Trail Maintained 1,255.18 miles
Trail Built 38 miles
Structure Maintained 10,154.1 feet
Structure Built 4,001 feet
Volunteer Miles Driven 193,476 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.

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

District 1 Constituency Engagement in 2018
Hours Donated in 2018 - 5,125 Hrs
Dollars Contributed - $5,818

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

Florida National Scenic Trail
District 2
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 2018
Hours Donated in 2018 - 1,782 Hrs
Dollars Contributed - $1,640

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
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 2018**

Hours Donated in 2018 - **8,536** Hrs  
Dollars Contributed - **$7,097**

**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**
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.

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

District 5 Constituency Engagement in 2018
Hours Donated in 2018 - 1,911 Hrs
Dollars Contributed - $2,232

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
District 6
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 2018
Hours Donated in 2018 - 8,905 Hrs
Dollars Contributed - $7,004

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 2018

Hours Donated in 2018 - 490 Hrs
Dollars Contributed - $393

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 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.

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

District 9 Constituency Engagement in 2018

Hours Donated in 2018 - 4,582 Hrs
Dollars Contributed - $6,011

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 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 2018
Hours Donated in 2018 - 2,260 Hrs
Dollars Contributed - $3,175

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 2018
Hours Donated in 2018 - 1,829 Hrs
Dollars Contributed - $1,487

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
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 2018

Hours Donated in 2018 - 1,693 Hrs
Dollars Contributed - $1,656

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