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# I. Introduction

## Overview of the Trail and Mileage

The Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) has come a long way since its designation as a National Scenic Trail in 1983. The Florida Trail Association (FTA) began developing what is now the FNST in the Ocala National Forest in the 1960s. In the mid 1970s the FTA, through the Florida Congressional Delegation, initiated the Florida National Scenic Trail legislation. Following completion of an Environmental Assessment, the FNST was designated in 1983. By legislation, the FNST is administered by the United States Forest Service (USFS), specifically, the National Forests in Florida. The US Forest Service continues to partner with the Florida Trail Association and its volunteers to manage and maintain this unique public asset. To engage a broader and more representative group of partners to guide the management of the Trail and serve a broader base of recreationists, the Forest Supervisor of the National Forests in Florida developed the FNST Coalition in 2010. The Coalition is composed primarily of agency, district or company leaders who own or manage the land through which the FNST passes. Engaging a greater diversity of FNST stakeholders through the FNST Coalition will continue to make the Trail a high quality, recreational resource. In 2012 the Coalition released a 5-year strategic plan for the FNST which sets goals for trail completion, standards, partnership expansion, and FNST promotion.

The FNST is one of eleven congressionally designated national scenic trails in the country, and of those, one of only three that is contained entirely in a single state. A cooperative resource management approach is necessary for the FNST because portions of the Trail lie on federal, state, local government, and private lands. Today the Trail stretches approximately 1,000 miles from Gulf Islands National Seashore to Big Cypress National Preserve. It crosses remote areas of Florida wilderness, heavily populated urban areas, forests, rail trails, and is the only national scenic trail to include a beach walk. The Trail allows users to explore Florida's semi-tropical ecosystems in a variety of settings, from coast and marsh to upland forest. While portions of the Trail are open to other activities, including bicycling and horseback riding, the majority of the FNST is designated for foot travel. Most Floridians live within an hour's drive of a portion of the FNST. The Trail is used by an estimated 350,000 recreationists per year. Through partnerships with numerous agencies, land owners and managers, and volunteers the USFS will continue to manage and maintain the FNST as a celebrated natural resource.

With over 25 distinct agency and private partners having a management interest in the FNST, communication and dissemination of up-to-date information is central to its effective management. The USFS will use State of the Trail reports to provide a "snap shot" of the current conditions and available resources of each segment of the FNST. These snap shots provide a current inventory of Trail mileage, infrastructure, facilities, and insight into which areas should be targeted for improvement and additional resources. Each FNST segment page contains a description and photo typical

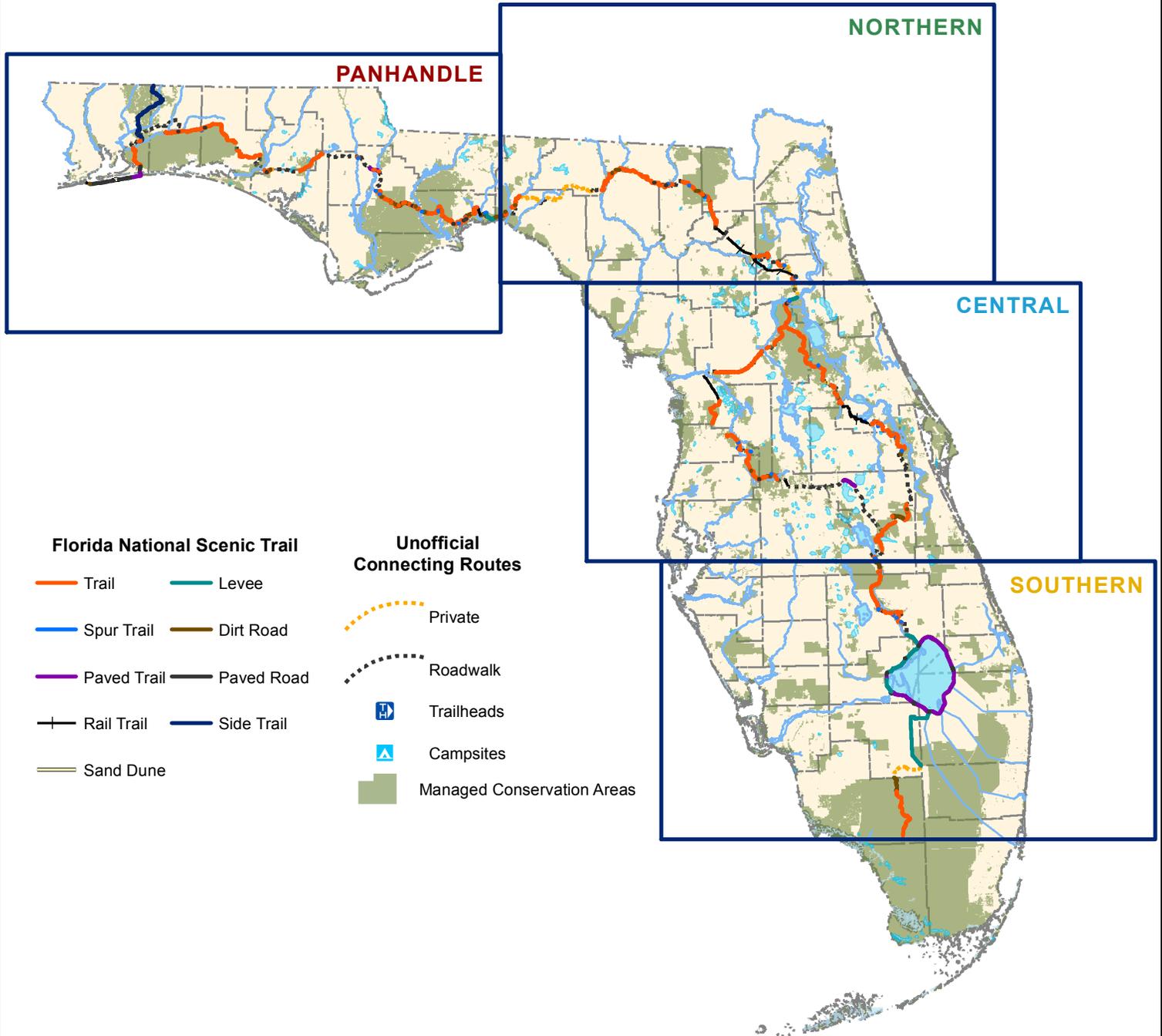
of that portion of the Trail as well as information regarding the segment's ownership, mileage, volunteer support, trail class, designed use, infrastructure, and management priorities. Each year, the USFS will update the State of the Trail report by soliciting information regarding trail management priorities, trail condition, and trail plans for the upcoming year from land managers. This information is needed to identify the status of each segment and provide managers with the information necessary to set trail maintenance and improvement goals and identify resource needs.

## Trail Overview and Mileage

<b>Total Certified FNST</b>	<b>974.5</b>
Southern Region.....	254.3
Central Region.....	192.2
Northern Region.....	141.4
Panhandle Region.....	252.8
Western Corridor.....	134.1
<b>Blackwater Side Trail</b>	<b>47.3</b>
<b>Current Gaps</b>	<b>336</b>
<b>Planned 2014 Trail Location Reviews</b>	<b>59</b>



# Florida National Scenic Trail Regions



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL REGIONS

## Southern Region

- ◆ *Big Cypress National Preserve*
- ◆ *Miami Canal Levee, L1, L2 & L3*
- ◆ *Lake Okeechobee and Okeechobee North*
- ◆ *Kissimmee River Lands*
- ◆ *Avon Park Air Force Range*
- ◆ *KICCO Wildlife Management Area*

## Central Region

- ◆ *Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area*
- ◆ *Forever Florida*
- ◆ *Herky Huffman/Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area*
- ◆ *Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area*
- ◆ *Seminole Ranch Conservation Area*
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- ◆ *Cross Seminole Trail & Seminole-Wekiva Trail*
- ◆ *Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park*
- ◆ *Seminole State Forest*
- ◆ *Ocala National Forest*
- ◆ *Cross Florida Greenway North*

## Northern Region

- ◆ *Rice Creek Conservation Area*
- ◆ *Etoniah Creek State Forest & Palatka-Lake Butler State Trail*
- ◆ *Plum Creek*
- ◆ *Osceola National Forest & Olustee Battlefield*
- ◆ *Fall Creek, Little Shoals, & Gar Pond Tracts*
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- ◆ *Suwannee River State Park*
- ◆ *Twin Rivers State Forest*
- ◆ *Aucilla River*

## Panhandle Region

- ◆ *St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge & St. Marks Rail Trail*
- ◆ *Apalachicola National Forest*
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- ◆ *Nokuse Plantation & Choctawhatchee River Water Management Area*
- ◆ *Eglin Air Force Base*
- ◆ *Yellow River Water Management Area*
- ◆ *Gulf Islands (Gulf Islands National Seashore, Santa Rosa County, Navarre Beach, Pensacola Beach)*

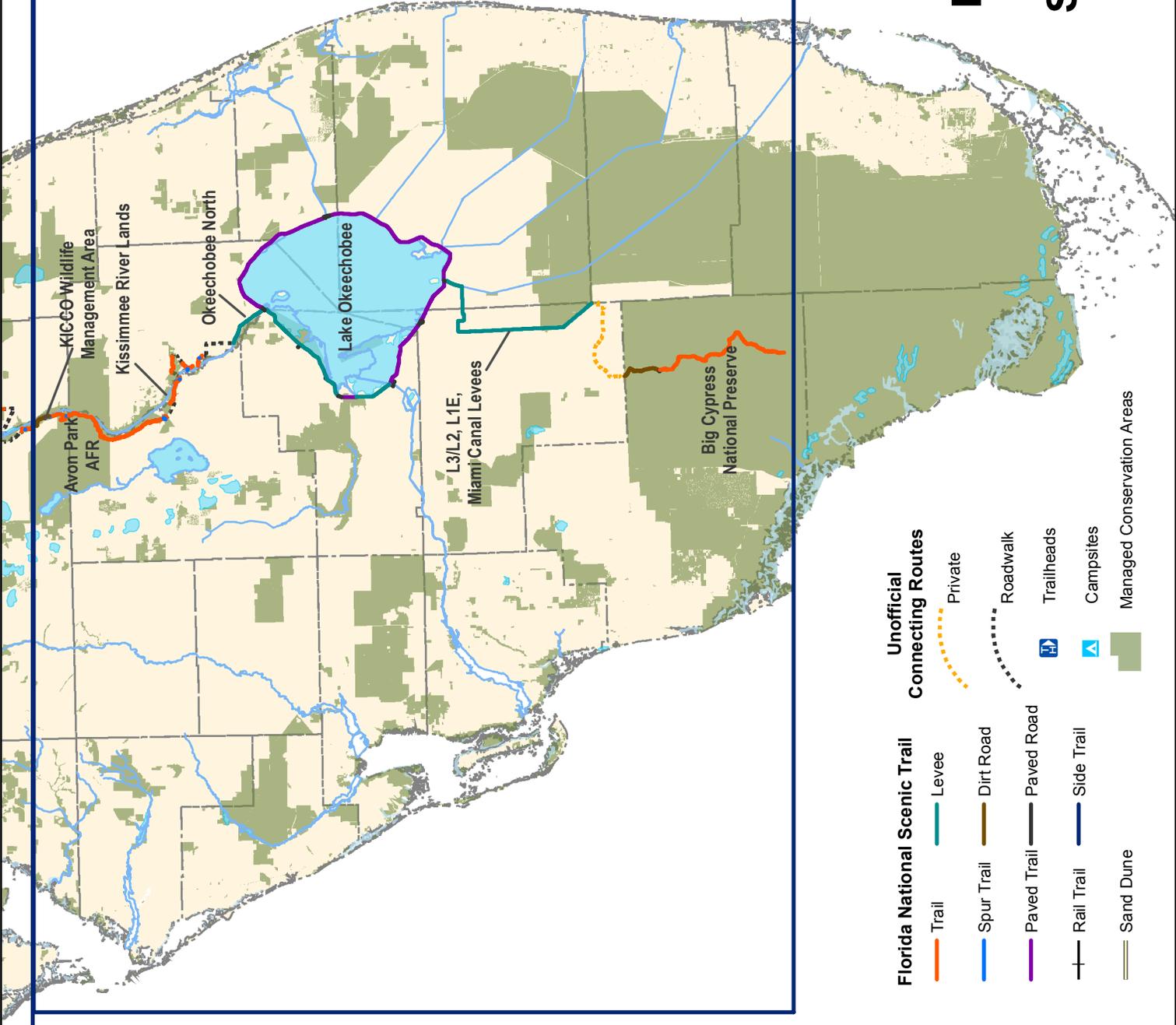
## Additional Trails

- ◆ *Western Corridor*
- ◆ *Blackwater River State Forest & Blackwater River State Park*

## II. Southern Region

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- ◆ *Miami Canal Levee, L1, L2. & L3*
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- ◆ *Avon Park Air Force Range*
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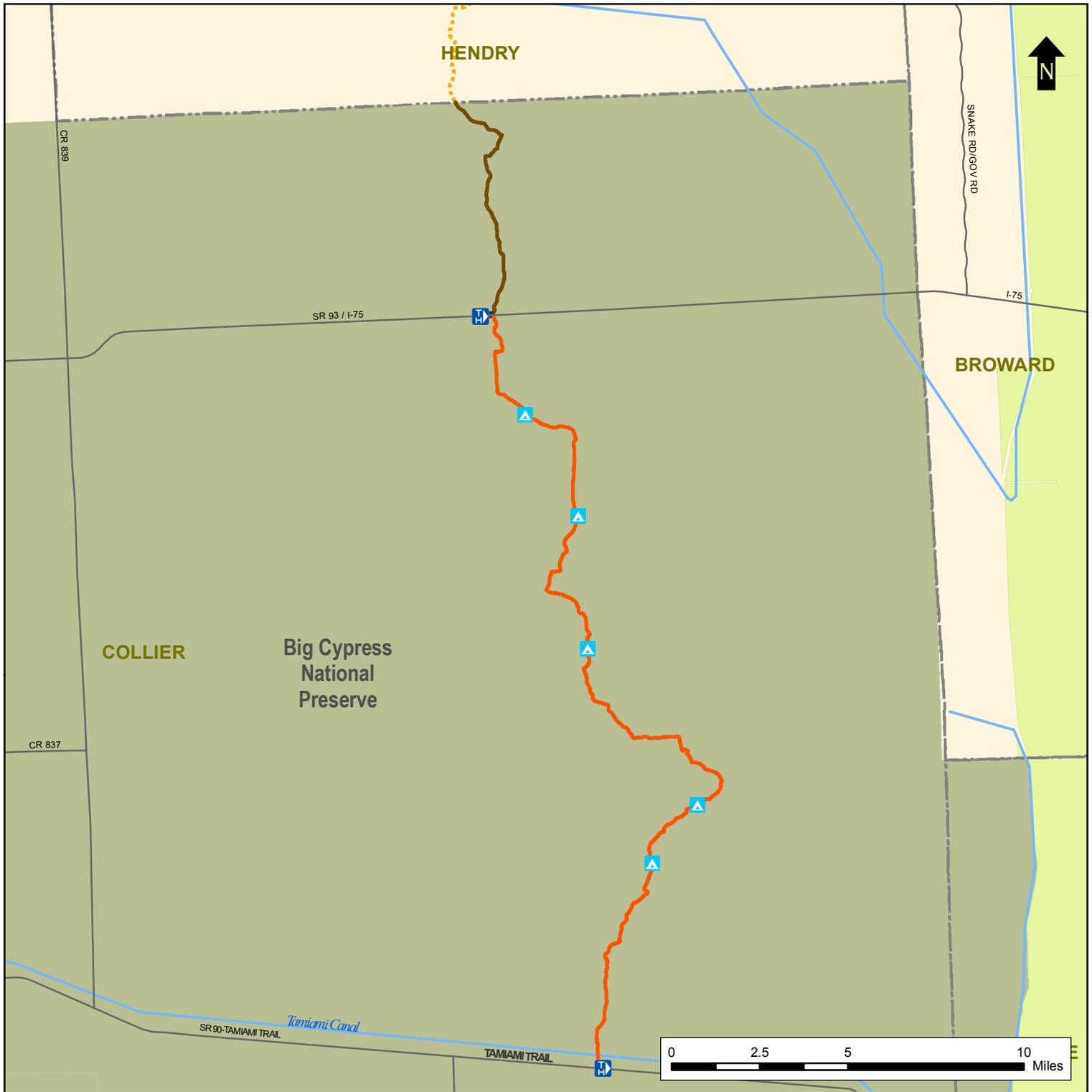
# SOUTHERN



- | Florida National Scenic Trail |            | Unofficial Connecting Routes |           |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| Trail                         | Levee      | Private                      | Roadwalk  |
| Spur Trail                    | Dirt Road  | Trailheads                   | Campsites |
| Paved Trail                   | Paved Road | Managed Conservation Areas   |           |
| Rail Trail                    | Side Trail |                              |           |
| Sand Dune                     |            |                              |           |

# Florida National Scenic Trail Southern Region





# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Big Cypress National Preserve

*Southern Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- = Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- ⋯ Private
- ⋯ Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# National Park Service

## Big Cypress National Preserve

**Trail Length: 38.4 miles**

Covering the west half of the Everglades, Big Cypress National Preserve is a maze of swamplands and pine flatwoods, which are home to panthers, Florida black bears, and bird rookeries. Protecting over 729,000 acres of this vast swamp, Big Cypress National Preserve contains a mixture of tropical and temperate plant communities that house a diversity of wildlife. This segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail offers some of the most remote trail in the state and passes through all types of terrain including cypress swamp, pine islands, hammocks, and prairies with cabbage palm and saw palmetto. Users should be prepared to wade along certain areas of the Trail at almost any time of the year, though January to April is normally driest.

**Notice: The trailhead and rest area at I-75 are closed for reconstruction.**



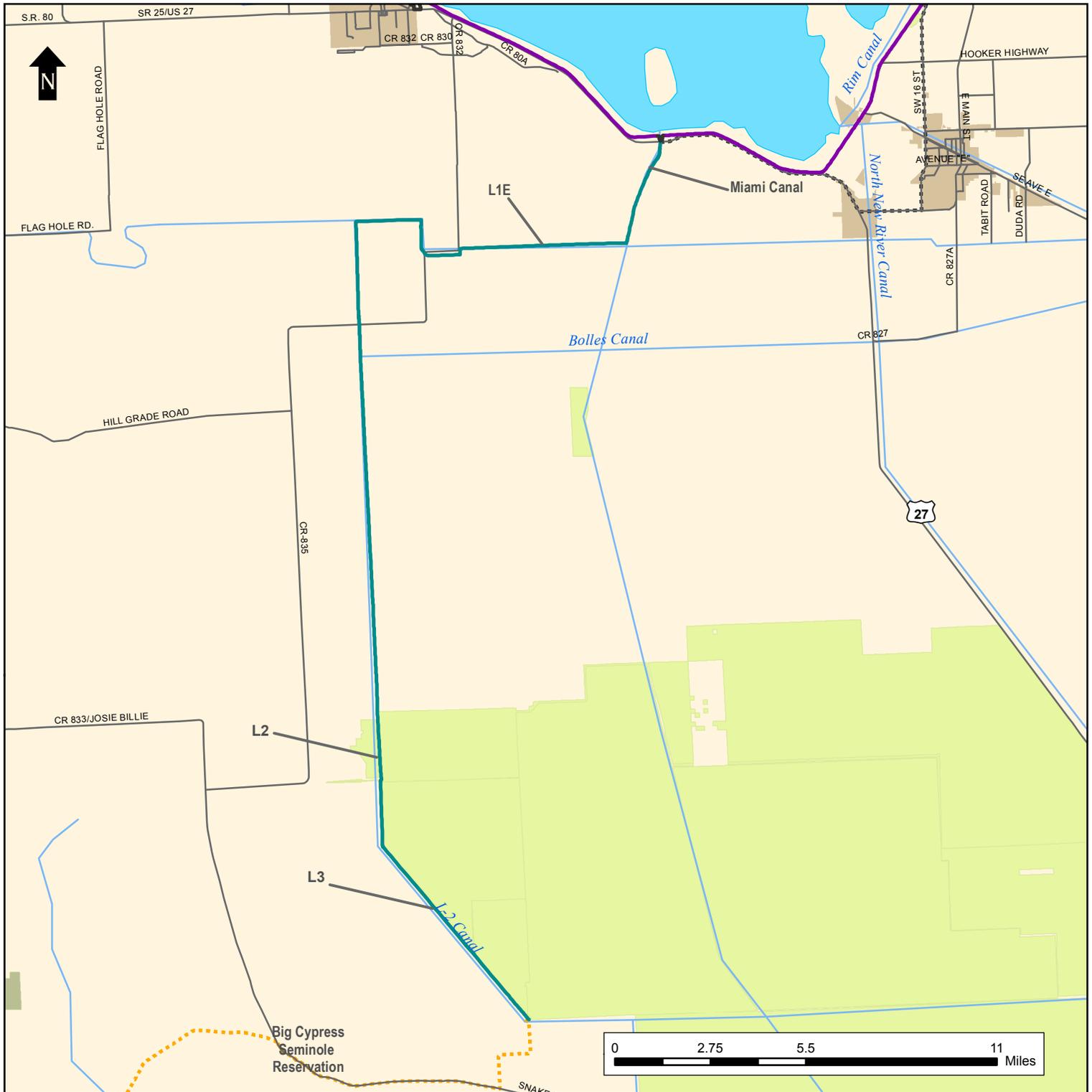
Trail sign at Big Cypress National Preserve, credit: *Jim Schmid*

Florida Panther, credit: *David Robinson*



Air Plants at Big Cypress, credit: *Peter Nolan, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Big Cypress, Happy Hoofers, and Alligator Amblers chapters ( <b><i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i></b> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <b><i>Types of recreation</i></b> )
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads (I-75 trailhead/rest area closed for reconstruction), 5 campsites ( <b><i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i></b> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	None ( <b><i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i></b> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <b><i>Select one:</i></b> 1. <i>Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</i> 2. <i>Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</i> 3. <i>In need of additional resources to meet user needs</i> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Construction of southern terminus monument and kiosk at Oasis Visitor Center. - Begin analysis of proposed re-route which would eliminate Seminole Reservation gap. ( <b><i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i></b> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## L3/L2, L1E, & Miami Canal Levees

*Southern Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- + Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# South Florida Water Management District

## L3/L2, L1E, & Miami Canal Levees

Trail Length: 36.6 miles

This segment of the FNST begins at Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 6. Heading north toward Lake Okeechobee, the Trail follows a series of canals past the Everglades Agricultural Area and STA-5. Canals with levees were used to drain and redirect water from what was once the unbroken sawgrass of the Everglades for agricultural use. Visitors will see active ranching and sugar cane harvesting as they travel along the levees. The Trail here follows levees managed by the South Florida Water Management District, paralleling the canals and offering little vegetation for shade. Blazing along the levees is sporadic.

Miami Canal, credit: Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association

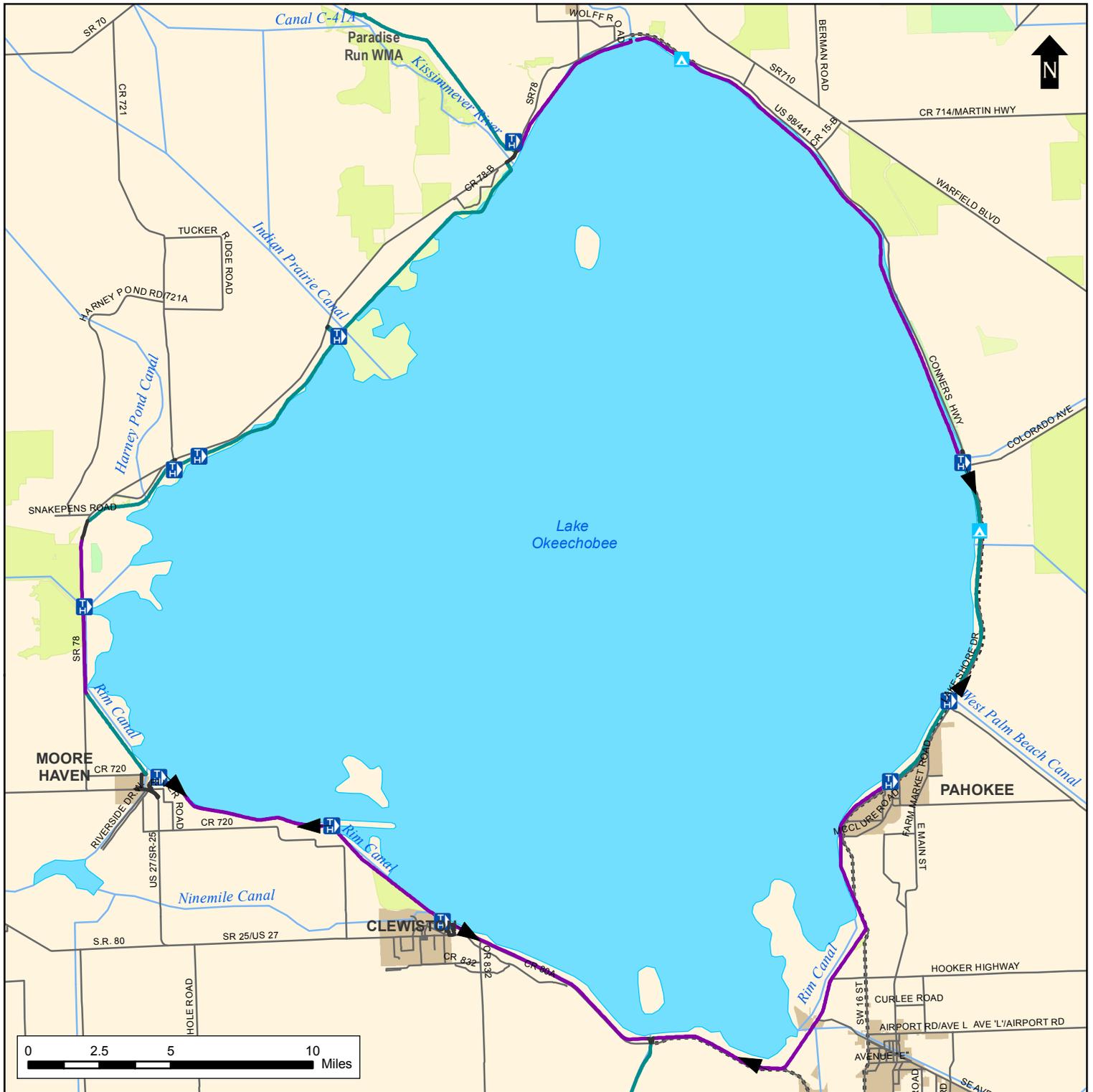


FNST sign next to a levee, credit: Jim Schmid



Sugarcane Fields, credit: Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Loxahatchee chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian, bicycle ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	None ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	None ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	L3 closed for reconstruction ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Lake Okeechobee

*Southern Region*

- Florida National Scenic Trail**
- Trail
  - Spur Trail
  - Paved Trail
  - Rail Trail
  - Sand Dune
  - Levee
  - Dirt Road
  - Paved Road
  - Side Trail
- ▶ Trail Closures ◀

- Unofficial Connecting Routes**
- - - Private
  - - - Roadwalk
  - H Trailheads
  - ▲ Campsites

- Managed Cons. Lands**
- Federal
  - State
  - Local
  - Private

# US Army Corps of Engineers

## Lake Okeechobee & Okeechobee North

Trail Length: 124.6 miles

Following the Herbert Hoover Dike, the eastern side of the FNST at Lake Okeechobee is a primarily paved segment which offers sweeping views of America's second largest Lake. The FNST at Lake Okeechobee is known locally as the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (LOST). It is one of the more urbanized segments of the entire FNST, making it easy to follow and offering visitors many trail towns for amenities. The western side of Lake Okeechobee is mostly unpaved trail and passes several navigational locks and pumping stations, features of the flood control which protects the lands surrounding the lake. The eastern side of the trail is paved, except between Pahokee and Port Mayaca. Users have the opportunity to see a wide variety of birds and other wildlife while traveling along Lake Okeechobee.

**Notice: Construction continues along southern and eastern portions of the dike. The western side of Lake Okeechobee is open for use.**



FNST sign on a gate on the east side of Lake Okeechobee, credit: Jim Schmid



Sunrise at the Lake, credit: Moore Haven, Florida Trail Association

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Tropical Trekkers, Loxahatchee, Happy Hoofers chapters ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian, bicycle ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	12 trailheads, 11 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	None ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Kissimmee River Lands Southern Region

- Florida National Scenic Trail**
- Trail
  - Spur Trail
  - Paved Trail
  - Rail Trail
  - Sand Dune
  - Levee
  - Dirt Road
  - Paved Road
  - Side Trail

- Unofficial Connecting Routes**
- ⋯ Private
  - ⋯ Roadwalk
  - H Trailheads
  - A Campsites

- Managed Cons. Lands**
- Federal
  - State
  - Local
  - Private

# South Florida Water Management District

## Kissimmee River Lands

Trail Length: 29.0 miles

Paralleling the Kissimmee River, the FNST crosses the Yates Marsh unit of Kissimmee River Public Use Area (PUA), an open prairie with tall longleaf pines and a lush hammock. Chandler Slough is a significant natural feature in the middle of the Okeechobee prairies where water pools and flows towards the Kissimmee River. The Trail through this area encompasses wetlands, oak hammocks, cypress domes, and cow pastures. West of Chandler Slough, the Trail continues through the Hickory Hammock, Bluff Hammock, and Boney Marsh management areas. Boney Marsh is the final South Florida Water Management District unit along this segment of the Trail before it enters Avon Park Air Force Range.



Cow Pasture at Kissimmee River Lands, credit: Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association

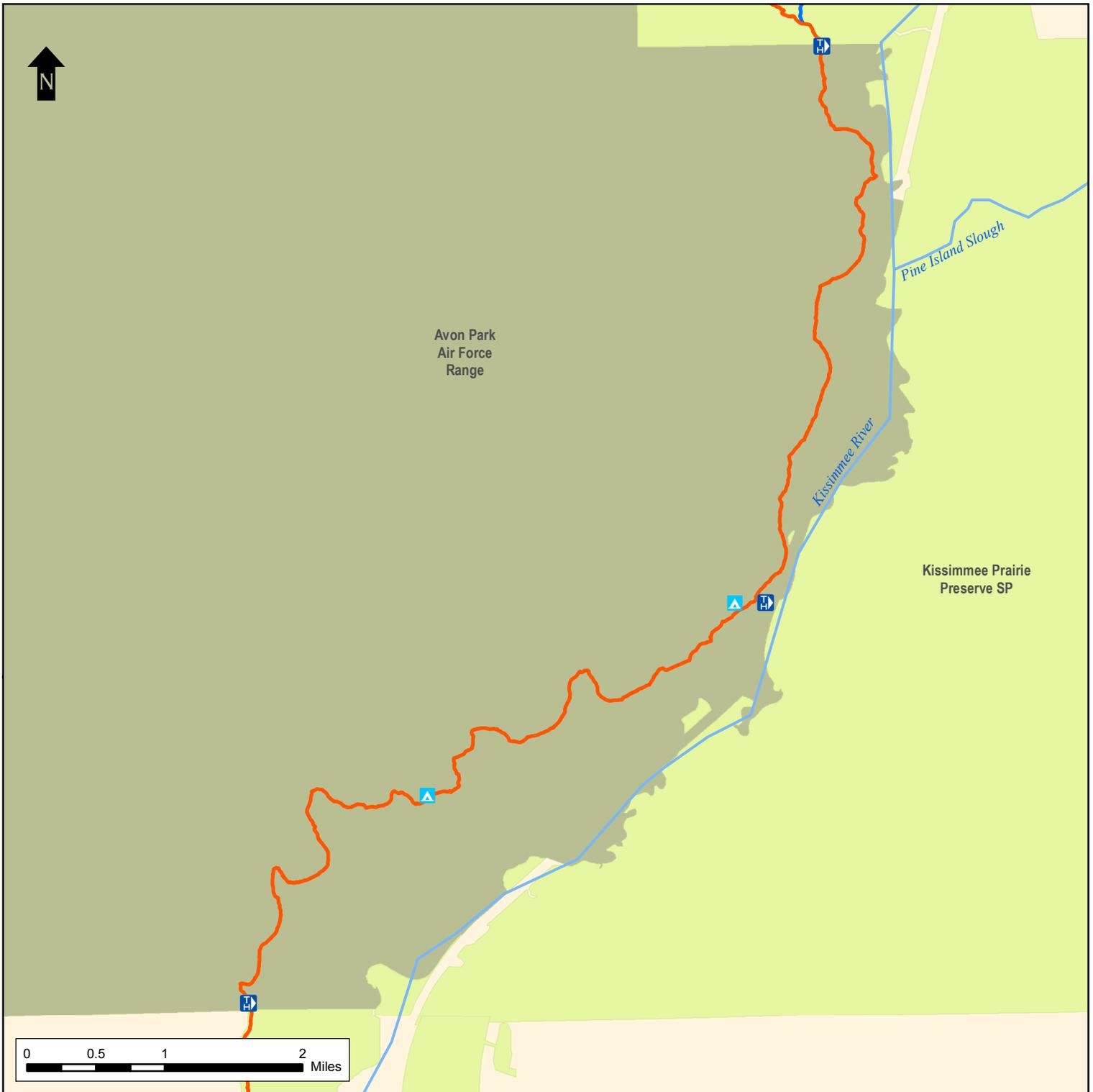


Airplants and a trail blaze, credit: Sandra Friend, Florida Trail Association



Stile at Hickory Hammock WMA, credit: Jim Schmid

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Heartland and Tropical Trekkers chapters <b>(Who helps maintain your section of trail?)</b>
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian <b>(Types of recreation )</b>
<b>Facilities</b>	7 trailheads, 6 campsites <b>(Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate)</b>
<b>Infrastructure</b>	5 bridge, 12 boardwalks <b>(Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate)</b>
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	<b>(Select one: 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)</b>
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Complete Trail Location Review for Kissimmee River area. - Infrastructure maintenance in Boney Marsh. <b>(What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?)</b>



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Avon Park Air Force Range Southern Region

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# US Air Force

## Avon Park Air Force Range

**Trail Length: 11.9 miles**

Avon Park Air Force Range (APAFR) provides roughly 82,000 acres of land for public use. The remaining base lands are used as a Department of Defense air-to-ground training facility for all branches of the military. Avon Park contains floodplain forest, floodplain swamp, floodplain marsh, depression marsh, basin swamp, scrub, mesic flatwoods, wet prairie, and wet flatwoods. The area supports a large array of rare plants and animals. The FNST at Avon Park generally follows the western edge of the Kissimmee River floodplain and is oriented in a north-south direction. In addition to natural attractions, the Trail here provides visitors with a glimpse into the recent past of central Florida. Visitors can stop by Fort Kissimmee Cemetery or see a concrete cattle dipping vat north of Fort Kissimmee. Up until the 1940s, much of central Florida was open rangeland. Parts of APAFR are still leased for cattle grazing so users may see herds near the Trail.

**Notice: Sections of this trail are occasionally blocked to the public for 2—4 hour time periods due to military activity, this information is posted at the trailheads and on the APAFR website weekly.**

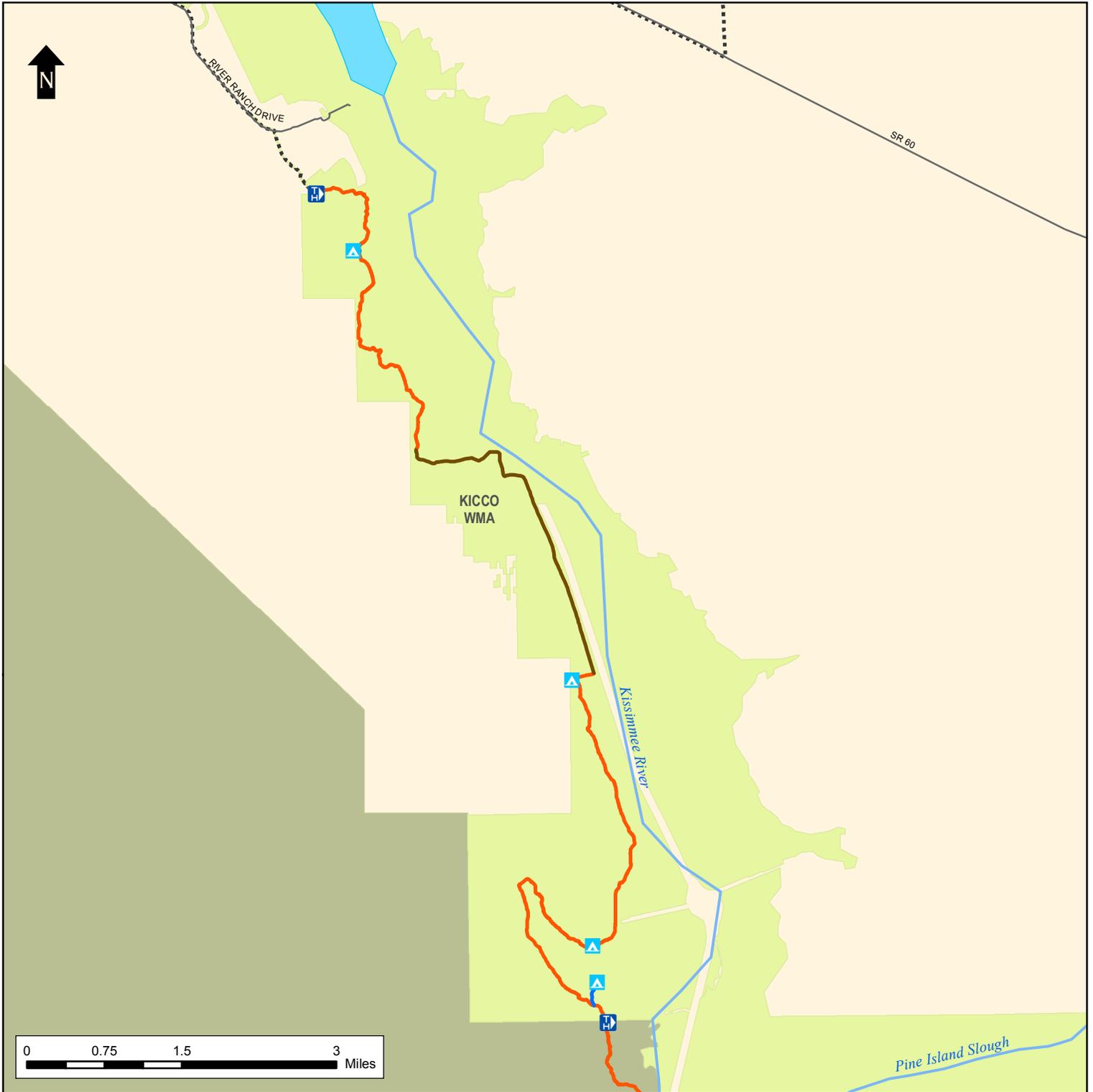


Kiosk at Avon Park, credit: *Jim Schmid*



Flatwoods Pond, credit: *Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Heartland chapter ( <b><i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i></b> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <b><i>Types of recreation</i></b> )
<b>Facilities</b>	3 trailheads, 2 campsites ( <b><i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i></b> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	9 bridges, 3 boardwalks ( <b><i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i></b> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <b><i>Select one:</i></b> <b><i>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</i></b> <b><i>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</i></b> <b><i>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</i></b> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Participate in Kissimmee River Area Trail Location Review. <b><i>(What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?)</i></b>



**FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL**  
**KICCO Wildlife Management Area**  
*Southern Region*

- Florida National Scenic Trail**
- Trail
  - Spur Trail
  - Paved Trail
  - Rail Trail
  - = Sand Dune
  - Levee
  - Dirt Road
  - Paved Road
  - Side Trail

- Unofficial Connecting Routes**
- - - Private
  - - - Roadwalk
  - H Trailheads
  - ▲ Campsites

- Managed Cons. Lands**
- Federal
  - State
  - Local
  - Private

# South Florida Water Management District

## KICCO Management Area

**Trail Length: 13.8 miles**

The KICCO Management Area (KICCO MA) consists of more than 7,000 acres along the channelized Kissimmee River in Polk County south of SR 60. The area is managed in cooperation by the South Florida Water Management District and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. KICCO takes its name from the Kissimmee Island Cattle Company that operated in the area from 1915 through the late 1920s. KICCO contributed to the development of central Florida towns that depended on beef production and river trade. The KICCO WMA is part of the world's largest river restoration project to restore the Kissimmee River from its channelized condition to its traditional floodplain. The FNST at KICCO MA traverses through oak hammock, scrub, cypress strand, and pine-palmetto flatwoods.



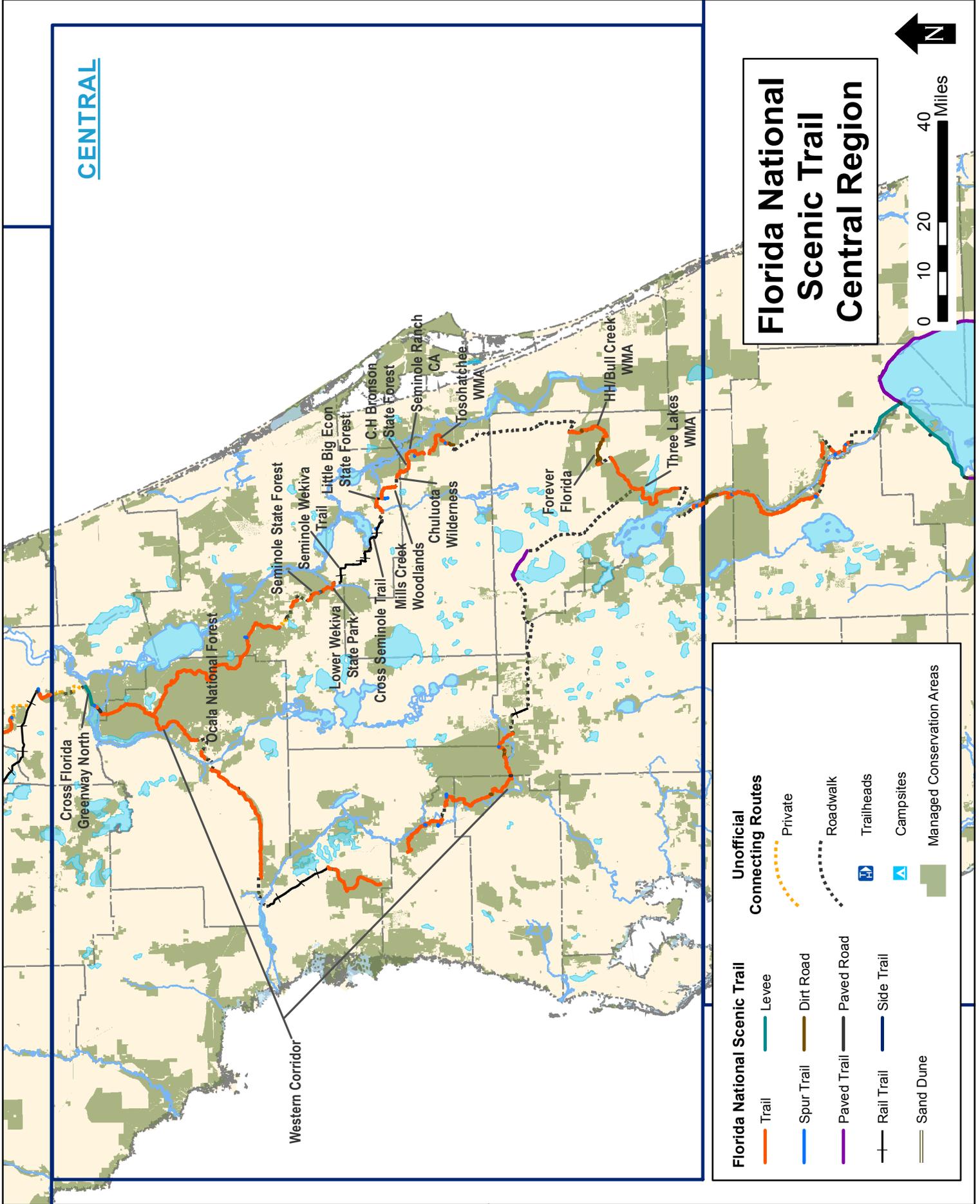
Entry sign at KICCO Management Area, credit: *Jim Schmid*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Heartland chapter ( <b><i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i></b> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <b><i>Types of recreation</i></b> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 trailhead, 4 campsites ( <b><i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i></b> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	8 bridges ( <b><i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i></b> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <b><i>Select one:</i></b> <b><i>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</i></b> <b><i>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</i></b> <b><i>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</i></b> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Complete Kissimmee River Area Trail Location Review. ( <b><i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i></b> )

### III. Central Region

- ◆ *Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area*
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- ◆ *Ocala National Forest*
- ◆ *Cross Florida Greenway North*

# CENTRAL



# Florida National Scenic Trail Central Region

Florida National Scenic Trail		Unofficial Connecting Routes	
	Trail		Private
	Spur Trail		Roadwalk
	Paved Trail		Trailheads
	Rail Trail		Campsites
	Side Trail		Managed Conservation Areas
	Sand Dune		
	Levee		
	Dirt Road		





# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area

*Central Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- +— Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

## Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area

**Trail Length: 25.3 miles**

The Kissimmee Prairie is one of the largest remaining expanses of dry prairie in the United States. A significant portion of the Kissimmee Prairie has been preserved within the Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area. The area was named for the three lakes that border it: Lake Kissimmee, Lake Jackson, and Lake Marian. The Trail here passes through palmetto prairies and pine flatwoods, open scrub, and prairies. The Florida Trail Association maintains several loop trails at Three Lakes Wildlife MA. The thru-trail follows the west side of the South Loop and the east side of the North Loop. Though the Trail is fairly level, in the rainy season users may have to wade through some areas. Three Lakes WMA offers recreationists ample opportunities for hunting, fishing, birding, nature study, hiking, horseback riding, and bicycling.



Entry to trail at Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area, credit: *Jim Schmid*



Hiking through a palmetto prairie, credit: *Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association*

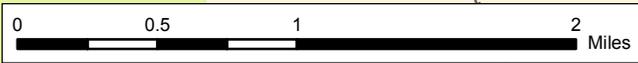
<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Indian River chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian, bicycle, equestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads, 1 campsite ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	9 bridges ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> <b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b> <b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b> <b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- General trail maintenance, including fallen tree removal and re-blazing. - Review re-route/infrastructure needs in areas of standing water and current road walk. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



Triple N Ranch  
Wildlife Management Area

Broussard Conservation  
Easement

Forever  
Florida



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Forever Florida

*Central Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- Private
- Roadwalk
- Trailheads
- Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Forever Florida

## Forever Florida

### Trail Length: 6.8 miles

The FNST on the Forever Florida property starts east of State Road 15 and follows ranch roads through pine/palmetto prairies and cypress sloughs. This 4,700-acre eco-ranch and wildlife conservation area is home to Forever Florida's eco-tours. The land was purchased by Dr. and Mrs. Broussard through the Allen Broussard Conservancy to keep it as a wildlife preserve. Visitors to the area have the opportunity to see Sandhill Cranes and wood storks, as well as cattle.



Palmetto and pine prairie at Florida Forever, credit: *Sandra Friend, Florida Trail Association*



The FNST at Forever Florida, credit: *Jim Schmid*



Deer at Forever Florida, credit: *M. Timothy O'Keefe, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Central Florida chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 campsite ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	None ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Herky Huffman/Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area

*Central Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

## Herky Huffman/ Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area

Trail Length: 14.2 miles

Herky Huffman/Bull Creek Wildlife Management Area was acquired by the St. Johns River Water Management District for flood control in storm events and for public recreation. The WMA is cooperatively managed with FWC. The WMA contains mesic and wet flatwoods, depression marshes, and floodplain forests intersected by numerous streams. Bull Creek is the dominant water feature in the WMA. Higher areas support oak scrub, scrubby flatwoods, and xeric hammocks. Wildlife sightings include white-tailed deer, feral hogs, wild turkey, river otter, bobwhite quail, American alligator, gopher tortoise, and many songbirds. The trail here follows the western border of Bull Creek before exiting the WMA at Highway 192.



Crossing Crabgrass Creek, credit: *Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association*



Bull Creek, credit: *Deb Blick, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Indian River chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian, bicycle, equestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 trailhead, 2 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	11 bridges, 5 boardwalks/puncheons ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> <b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b> <b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b> <b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Review re-route/infrastructure needs in areas of standing water and extensive hog damage. - Remove infrastructure identified in 2013 assessment and consider replacement/ re-routes. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area

*Central Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- ▢ Trailheads
- ▴ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

## Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area

**Trail Length: 11.8 miles**

Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area covers 30,701 acres along 19 miles of the St. Johns River in eastern Orange County. Creeks, lush cabbage palm hammocks, slash pine flatwoods, cypress swamps, and freshwater marshes form an integral part of the 3,600-square-mile St. Johns River watershed. These habitats, and those of adjacent public lands, are essential to clean and store the St. John's River water supply. Heading north, the Trail at Tosohatchee WMA passes Tiger Branch Backcountry Camp and curves east before heading northwest to Seminole Ranch Conservation Area.



Cypress swamps at Tosohatchee Wildlife Management Area, credit: *Bart Smith, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Indian River chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 trailhead, 1 campsite ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	5 bridges ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> <b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b> <b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b> <b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Review re-route/infrastructure needs in areas of standing water and extensive hog damage. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



**FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL**  
**Seminole Ranch Conservation Area**  
*Central Region*

- Florida National Scenic Trail**
- Trail
  - Spur Trail
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- Unofficial Connecting Routes**
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  - ⋯ Roadwalk
  -  Trailheads
  -  Campsites

- Managed Cons. Lands**
-  Federal
  -  State
  -  Local
  -  Private

# St. Johns River WMD & FWC

## Seminole Ranch Conservation Area

**Trail Length: 4.8 miles**

The 29,145-acre Seminole Ranch Conservation Area was the State’s first acquisition using Save Our Rivers funds. The southwestern 6,000 acres of this conservation area comprise the Seminole Ranch Wildlife Management Area, managed in cooperation with FWC. Ninety-six percent of the area is part of the St. Johns River floodplain. Seminole Ranch Conservation Area supports a unique plant community because of the naturally salty water which flows from nearby springs. The salinity of small lakes in the Management Area approaches one-third that of seawater. At Seminole Ranch, the Trail follows a string of hydric hammocks in the St. Johns River floodplain.



Seminole Ranch, credit: *Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association*



Campsite at Seminole Ranch, credit: *Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA’s Indian River chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 trailhead, 1 campsite ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	12 bridges ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> <b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b> <b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b> <b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Review potential re-route through Orlando Wetlands Area. - Remove infrastructure identified in 2013 Assessment and consider replacement/re-routes. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## C.H. Bronson State Forest & Chuluota Wilderness Area

*Central Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

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- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
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- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Florida Forest Service & Seminole County

## C.H. Bronson State Forest and Chuluota Wilderness Area

**Trail Length: 7.2 miles (FFS), 2.0 miles (Seminole County)**

Charles H. Bronson State Forest, one of Florida's newest state forests, is comprised of approximately 10,945 acres located along the St. Johns River in southeastern Seminole County and northeastern Orange County. Here, the FNST follows the east side of the Orlando metro area. Along the St. Johns River and its tributaries, the Trail passes through an array of habitats including bayhead swamps, pine savannas, sandhills, and scrub. The Chuluota Wilderness Area is a 625-acre natural area managed by Seminole County. It contains a variety of natural systems such as mesic hammocks, pond pine flatwoods, and hardwood swamp. Trail users can experience changes in soils, temperature, flora, and fauna as they travel upslope from the Eastern Valley into the hills of Chuluota. Interesting observations along this section of Trail include Red Widow spider and Florida Pine snake. This section of the FNST provides an ideal opportunity for users to witness firsthand the methods and results of ecological land management.

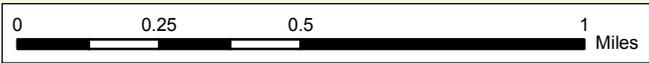
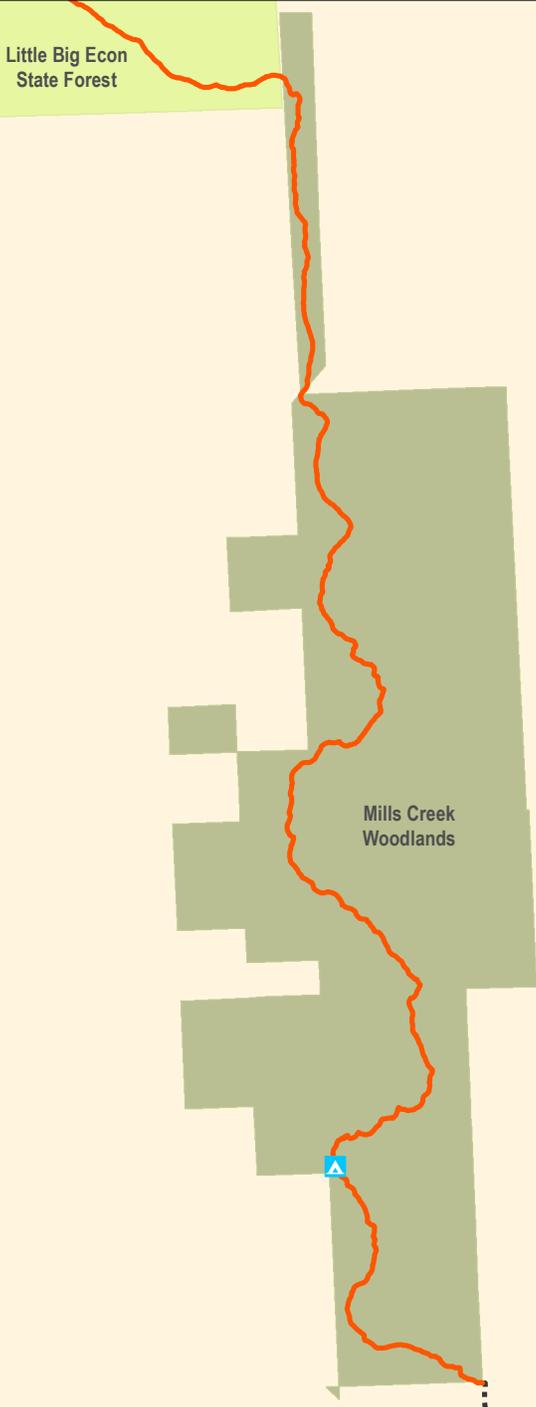


Sunset over hammocks, credit: *Claudine Laabs, Florida Trail Association*



Bee on a thistle, credit: *Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Central Florida chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads, 2 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	1 bridge, 6 puncheons ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> <b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b> <b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b> <b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Complete Trail Assessment as part of Florida Forest Service's statewide inventory and assessment. <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?)</i>



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Mills Creek Woodlands

*Central Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
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- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

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- Trailheads
- Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

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# US Forest Service

## Mills Creek Woodlands

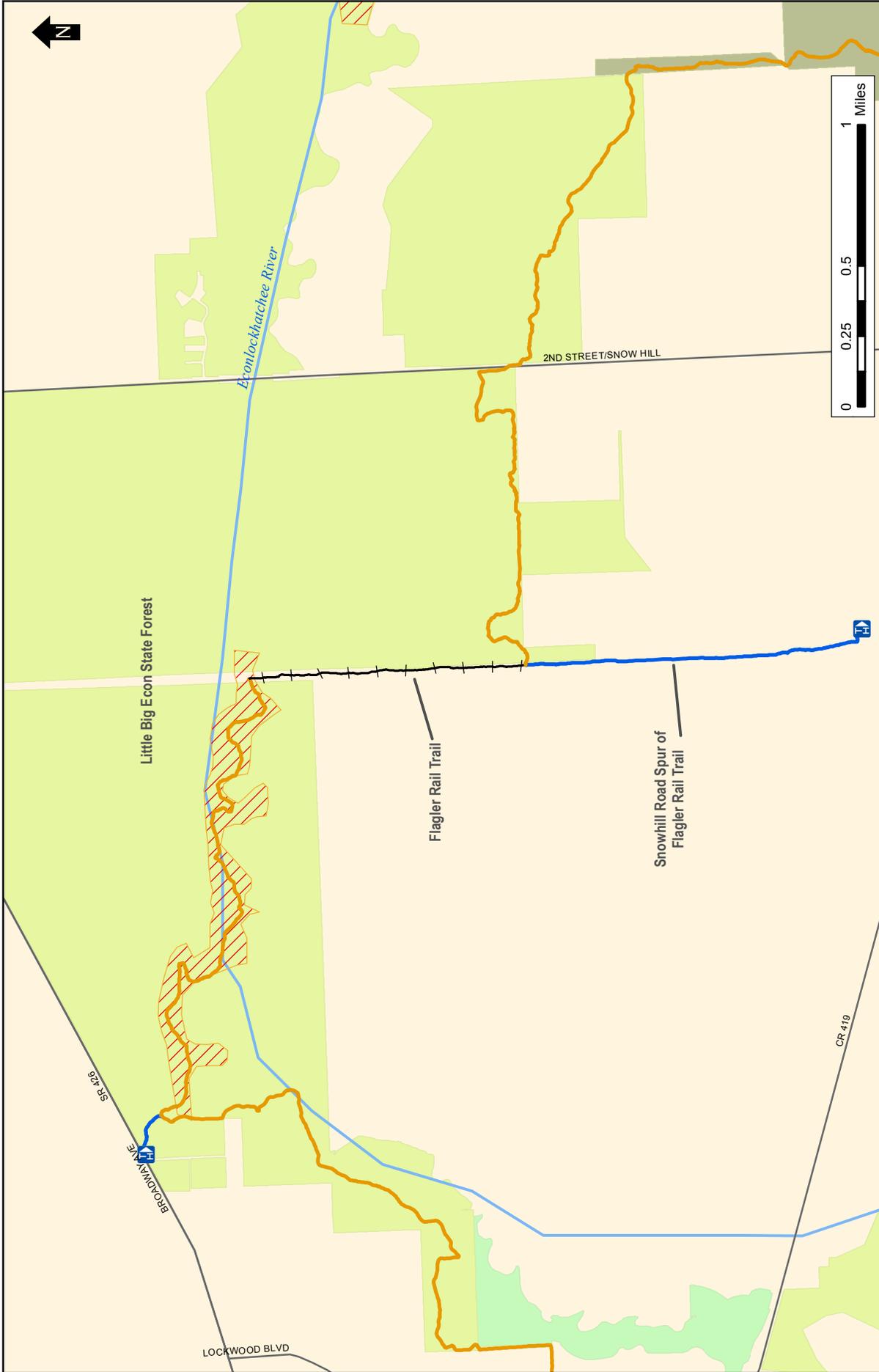
**Trail Length: 3.1 miles**

Mills Creek Woodlands is a 470-acre wooded area located in east Seminole County near Chuluota. It features a small creek and a variety of wildlife habitats including oak hammocks, hardwood swamps, open pastures, and dry scrub. The FNST here follows the curve of the Mills Creek drainage basin from Lake Mills into marshlands. The Trail leads users through an array of habitats including oak hammocks, bayhead swamps, and hardwoods which provide deep shade for Trail users.



Hammock, credit: Florida Trail Association

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Central Florida chapter ( <b>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</b> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <b>Types of recreation</b> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 campsite ( <b>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</b> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	2 bridges ( <b>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</b> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <b>Select one:</b> <b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b> <b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b> <b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Work with partners to identify best management lead for this property and route of FNST to eliminate current road walk.



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Little Big Econ State Forest & Flagler Rail Trail

*Central Region*

<b>Florida National Scenic Trail</b>	<b>Unofficial Connecting Routes</b>	<b>Managed Conservation Lands</b>
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# Florida Forest Service & Seminole County

## Little Big Econ State Forest & Flagler Rail Trail

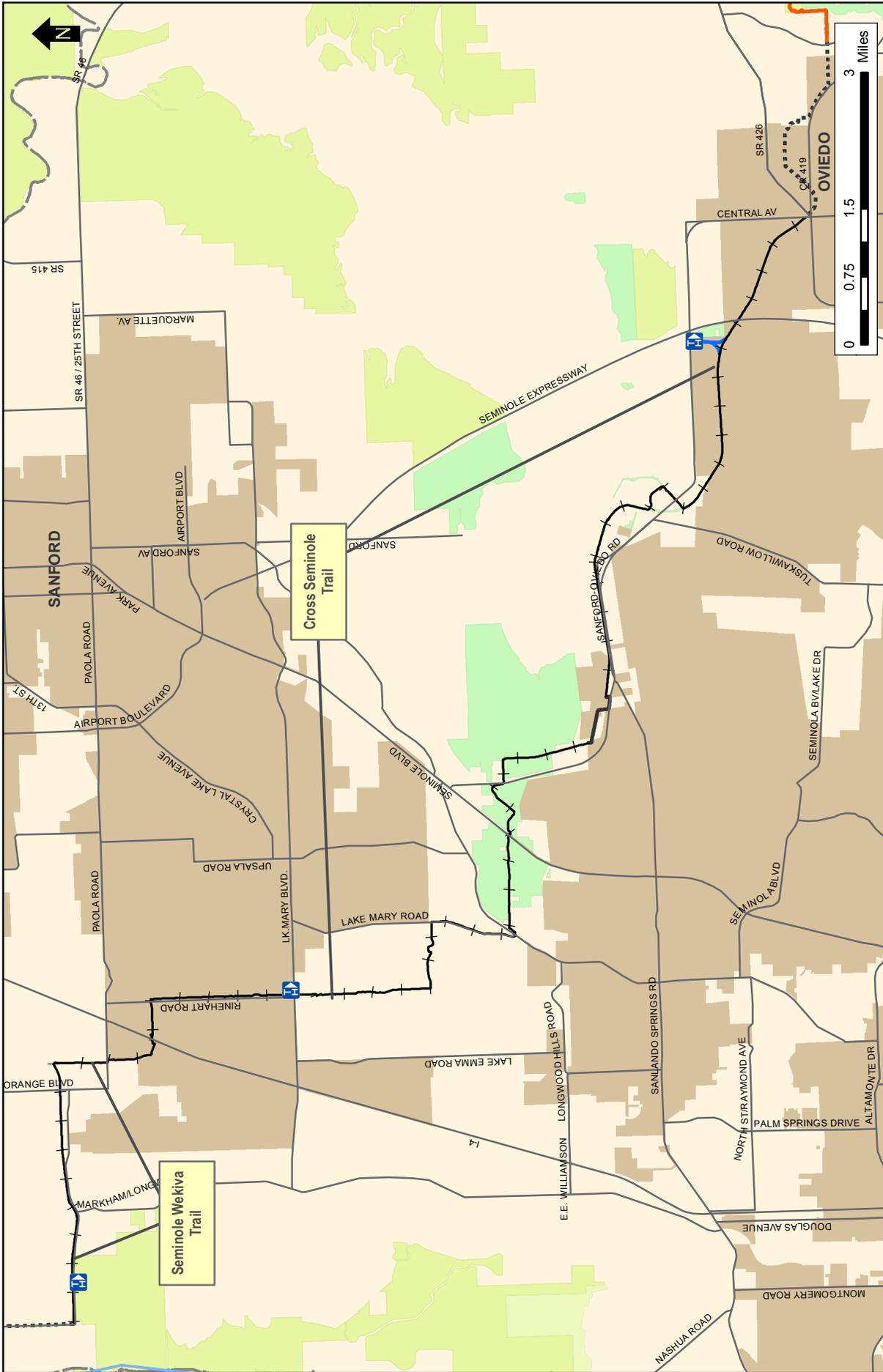
**Trail Length: 8.0 miles (FFS), 2.2 miles (Seminole County)**

The FNST makes its way around the suburbs east of Orlando by paralleling the course of the Econlockhatchee or “Econ” River for several miles in Little Big Econ State Forest (LBE). The 10,279-acre forest provides a wildlife corridor connecting the southern part of the Econlockhatchee River Basin to Tosohatchee State Preserve and St. Johns Water Management District lands. The Trail here is shaded by old oaks and magnolias atop the river bluffs, and also meanders through stands of cabbage palms. The Flagler Rail Trail is located along an abandoned railroad known as the Okeechobee Branch of the Florida East Coast Railway, later known as State Road 13. The corridor was never used as a road, however, and today is used as a trail for various activities. The FNST follows Flagler Rail Trail for approximately one mile before continuing west in Little Big Econ State Forest. South of the FNST-designated portion of the Flagler Rail Trail, the trail continues with a 1.2-mile spur to Snowhill Road.



Little Big Econ, credit: Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA’s Central Florida chapter <b>(Who helps maintain your section of trail?)</b>
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian <b>(Types of recreation )</b>
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads, 1 camp area (camping permit required call 407-971-3500) <b>(Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate)</b>
<b>Infrastructure</b>	8 bridges, 1 elevated puncheon <b>(Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate)</b>
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	<b>(Select one: 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)</b>
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Complete Trail Assessment as part of the Florida Forest Service statewide assessment. <b>(What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?)</b>



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Cross Seminole & Seminole-Wekiva Trails

*Central Region*

<p><b>Florida National Scenic Trail</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Trail</li> <li> Spur Trail</li> <li> Paved Trail</li> <li> Rail Trail</li> <li> Sand Dune</li> <li> Levee</li> <li> Dirt Road</li> <li> Paved Road</li> <li> Side Trail</li> </ul>	<p><b>Unofficial Connecting Routes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Private</li> <li> Roadwalk</li> <li> Trailheads</li> <li> Campsites</li> </ul>	<p><b>Managed Conservation Lands</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Federal</li> <li> State</li> <li> Local</li> <li> Private</li> </ul>	<p><b>Other Features</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Wilderness Area</li> <li> Water</li> <li> City Limits</li> <li> County</li> </ul>
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# Seminole County

## Cross Seminole and Seminole Wekiva Trails

**Trail Length: 20.4 miles**

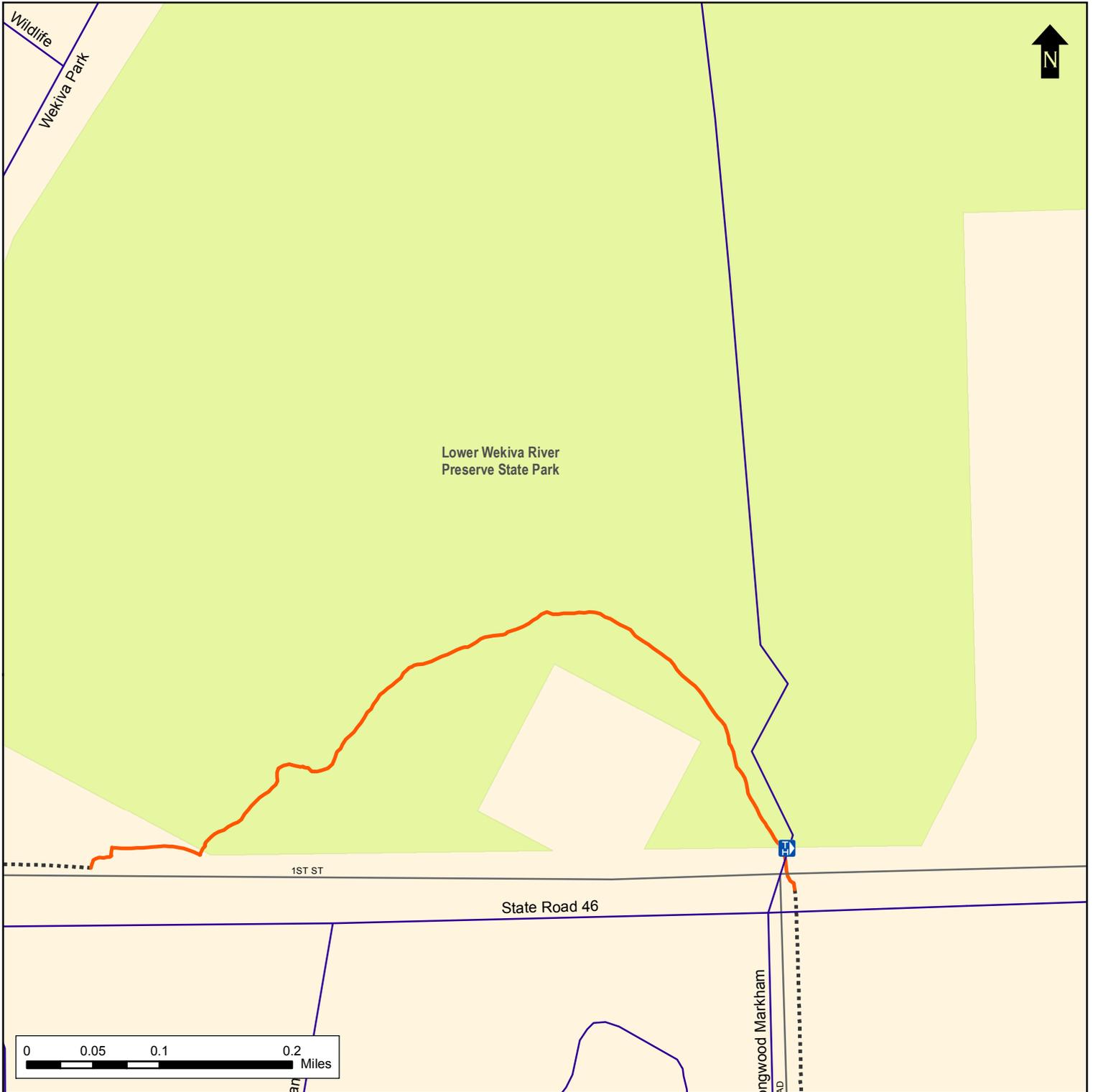
The Cross Seminole Trail (CST) is a 14-foot wide multi-use paved trail which traverses through Oviedo, Winter Springs, Longwood, and Lake Mary in Seminole County. The trail corridor is approximately 25 miles in length, of which 11.3 miles are owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund in two segments (2.7 and 8.5 miles). The Florida Department of Transportation owns 1.8 miles. The remaining 11.8 miles are owned by or otherwise in the control of the County. Development of the Trail has occurred in phases, with 22.8 of the approximate 25 miles constructed and opened to public use. The CST runs east-west and connects via a bridge over I-4 to the Seminole Wekiva Trail, which stretches north-south from Altamonte Springs to Sanford. The Seminole Wekiva Trail is also a 14-foot wide multi-use paved trail. A portion of both of these trails is co-located with the Florida National Scenic Trail for approximately 20 miles.



Bridge over Interstate 4, credit: *Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association*

Howell Branch at Cross Seminole, credit: *Deb Blick, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Central Florida chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	3 trailheads ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	2 bridges; both trails have benches and trash receptacles ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b></li> <li><b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b></li> <li><b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b></li> </ul>
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	Complete current gaps: An approximate 0.3 mile section between SR 434 and Oviedo Boulevard with a crossing to the Oviedo Trailhead is currently in design, and should be under construction in 2013; Development of 1.0 mile link is tied to the City of Winter Springs and Bart Phillips Land Exchanges. It is currently under design with construction slated for 2013.; A route for the final 0.2 miles between CR 419 and CR 426 in Oviedo has yet to be identified. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park

*Central Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- = Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# FDEP–Div. of Recreation & Parks

## Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park

**Trail Length: 0.7 miles**

Known for its pristine blackwater streams and associated wetlands, the Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park borders portions of the Wekiva and Blackwater Rivers and St. Johns Creek. The system of blackwater streams and wetlands in Lower Wekiva provides habitat for black bears, river otters, alligators, wood storks, and Sandhill cranes. The Trail begins at the 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Paola Road trailhead and travels west across Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park. This section of the FNST provides a small link between gaps at Cross Seminole Trail and Seminole State Forest.



Lower Wekiva, credit: *Deb Blick, Florida Trail Association*



Sandhill Cranes, credit: *Bart Smith, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA’s Central Florida chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 trailhead ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	None ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Seminole State Forest

*Central Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

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### Unofficial Connecting Routes

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### Managed Cons. Lands

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- State
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# Florida Forest

## Seminole State Forest

**Trail Length: 11.1 miles**

Approximately eleven miles of the Florida National Scenic Trail meander through numerous biological communities including pine flatwoods, sand pine scrub, oak and pine forests, and freshwater stream bottoms in Seminole State Forest. The Wekiva River, designated as an Outstanding Florida Water, creates the Forest's eastern boundary. Numerous small streams and springs wander throughout Seminole State Forest before joining Blackwater Creek. The Trail at Seminole State Forest begins at the Bear Pond trailhead and travels northwest across the forest to the Cassia trailhead.



Along the trail through Seminole State Forest, credit: *M. Timothy O'Keefe, Florida Trail Association*

Blackwater Creek at Seminole State Forest, credit: *M. Timothy O'Keefe, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Highlanders chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads, 3 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	1 bridge, 3 boardwalks ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> ) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b></li> <li><b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b></li> <li><b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b></li> </ol>
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Complete Trail Assessment as part of the Florida Forest Service statewide assessment. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Ocala National Forest

*Central Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
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- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- ⋯ Private
- ⋯ Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# US Forest Service

## Ocala National Forest

### Trail Length: 67.6 miles (Western Corridor)

The 360,000-acre Ocala National Forest was the first designated national forest east of the Mississippi River. The majority of the Ocala National Forest is comprised of the largest contiguous stand of sand pine (*Pinus clausa*) in the world. This vegetative community inhabits relic sand dunes from ancient times. The southern part of Ocala National Forest is composed mostly of longleaf yellow pine islands scattered among sand pine and other short leaf pines. The Trail skirts many prairies, which are good places to observe wildlife. In the northern portion of the Forest, the Trail is mostly level and dry through pine islands, hardwood forest, and along the edges of prairies and ponds. Entering the Forest and heading north, the Trail passes Alexander Springs, a camping area that provides a more developed forest experience. The Trail then heads past Juniper Springs through Juniper Prairie Wilderness, continuing northwest past Lake Kerr and leaving the Ocala National Forest at Rodman Dam.

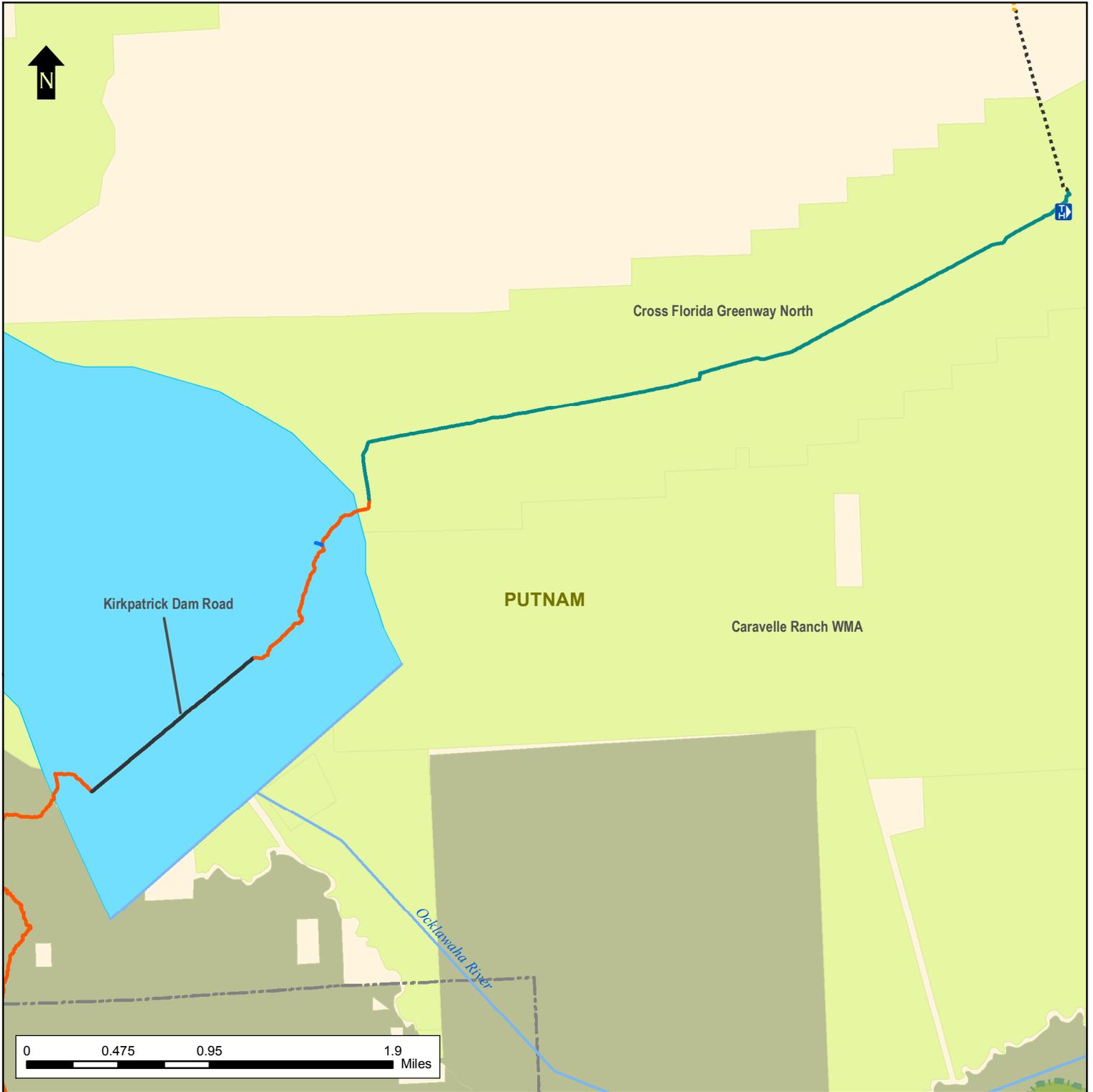


Fawn at Hopkins Prairie, credit: *Janette Davison, Florida Trail Association*



Bird watching in the Ocala National Forest, credit: *Bart Smith, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Halifax-St. Johns and Highlanders chapters ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	4 trailheads, 10 campsites (Western Corridor) ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	3 bridges, 5 boardwalks (Western Corridor) ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b></li> <li><b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b></li> <li><b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b></li> </ul>
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Complete re-route around bombing range expansion. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Cross Florida Greenway North

*Central Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Levee
- Spur Trail
- Dirt Road
- Paved Trail
- Paved Road
- Rail Trail
- Side Trail
- Sand Dune

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- Trailheads
- Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# FDEP– Div. of Recreation & Parks

## Cross Florida Greenway North

**Trail Length: 7.0 miles**

The northern section of the Cross Florida Greenway is bounded by Buckman Lock, State Road 19, and the Kirkpatrick Dam. Cross Florida Greenway lands were originally intended to be the site of the Cross Florida Ship/Barge Canal, a canal stretching from the St. Johns River to the Gulf of Mexico. Construction began in the 1930s and continued into the 1960s. After de-authorization in 1990, this 110-mile corridor was designated for wildlife conservation and recreational use. The Trail here follows the Cross Florida Greenway through Rodman Campground along the banks of the Cross Florida Barge Canal. Remnants of the canal project can be seen in this segment of Trail as it crosses the 7,000-foot dam, as it follows along the canal spoil berms, and as the Trail crosses the Buckman Lock gate. The Trail here is open to horseback riding and bicycling, as well as foot travel.



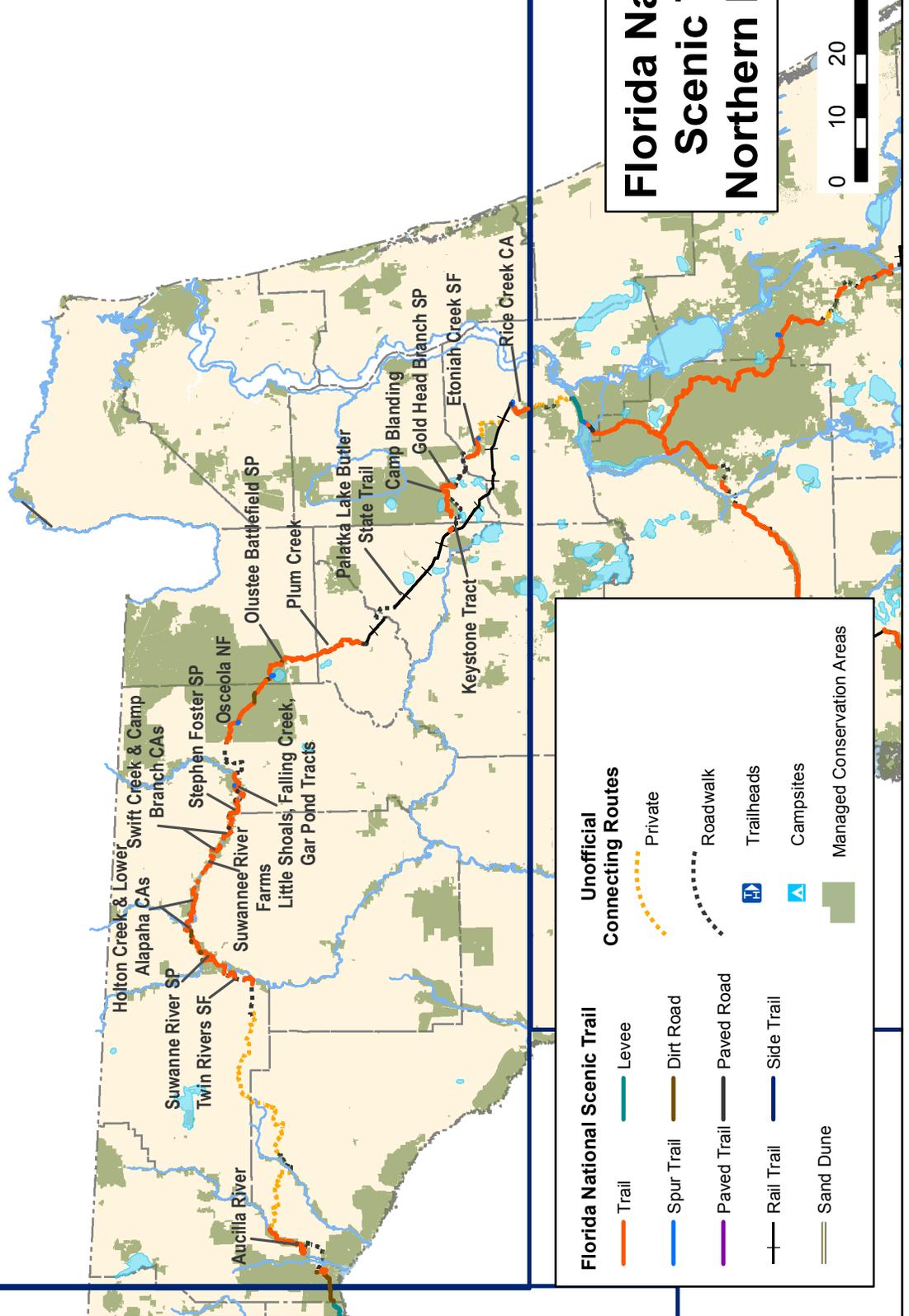
Manmade dunes in the canal diggings, credit: *Diane Dammiller, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA’s Florida Crackers chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian, bicycle ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	1 bridge ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	Continue maintenance through mowing ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )

## IV. Northern Region

- ◆ *Rice Creek Conservation Area*
- ◆ *Etoniah Creek State Forest & Palatka-Lake Butler State Trail*
- ◆ *Plum Creek*
- ◆ *Osceola National Forest & Olustee Battlefield*
- ◆ *Fall Creek, Little Shoals, & Gar Pond Tracts*
- ◆ *Forest Service Tracts & Stephen Foster Culture Center State Park*
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- ◆ *Suwannee River Farms Management Areas*
- ◆ *Holton Creek & Lower Alapaha Conservation Areas*
- ◆ *Suwannee River State Park*
- ◆ *Twin Rivers State Forest*
- ◆ *Aucilla River*

# NORTHERN



## Florida National Scenic Trail Northern Region





# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Rice Creek Conservation Area

*Northern Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# St. Johns River Water Management District

## Rice Creek Conservation Area

**Trail Length: 5.1 miles**

Located three miles west of Palatka, Rice Creek Conservation Area contains a lush segment of the FNST. Rice Creek Swamp covers approximately 70 percent of Rice Creek Conservation Area. The area was an indigo and rice plantation during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Most of the uplands were managed as commercial pine plantations before the St. Johns River Water Management District took over the property in 2002. Rice Creek Conservation Area is a key parcel and wildlife corridor for connecting Etoniah Creek State Forest and the Cross Florida Greenway. The Trail at Rice Creek travels north through Rice Creek Swamp and contains the most boardwalk of any FNST section, including 1,800 feet of elevated puncheon.



Rice Creek, credit: *Sandra Friend, Florida Trail Association*



The FNST through Rice Creek Conservation Area, credit: *Sandra Friend, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	Halifax/ St. Johns' Chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 trailhead, 1 campsite ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	28 bridges, 3 puncheons ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> <b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b> <b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b> <b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Etoniah Creek State Forest to Palatka Lake Butler State Trail

*Northern Region*

<b>Florida National Scenic Trail</b>	<b>Unofficial Connecting Routes</b>	<b>Managed Conservation Lands</b>	<b>Other Features</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail</li> <li>Spur Trail</li> <li>Paved Trail</li> <li>Rail Trail</li> <li>Sand Dune</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Levee</li> <li>Dirt Road</li> <li>Paved Road</li> <li>Side Trail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal</li> <li>State</li> <li>Local</li> <li>Private</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wilderness Area</li> <li>Water</li> <li>City Limits</li> <li>County</li> </ul>
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## Etoniah Creek State Forest to Palatka Lake Butler State Trail

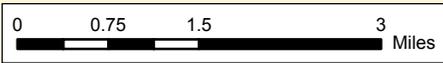
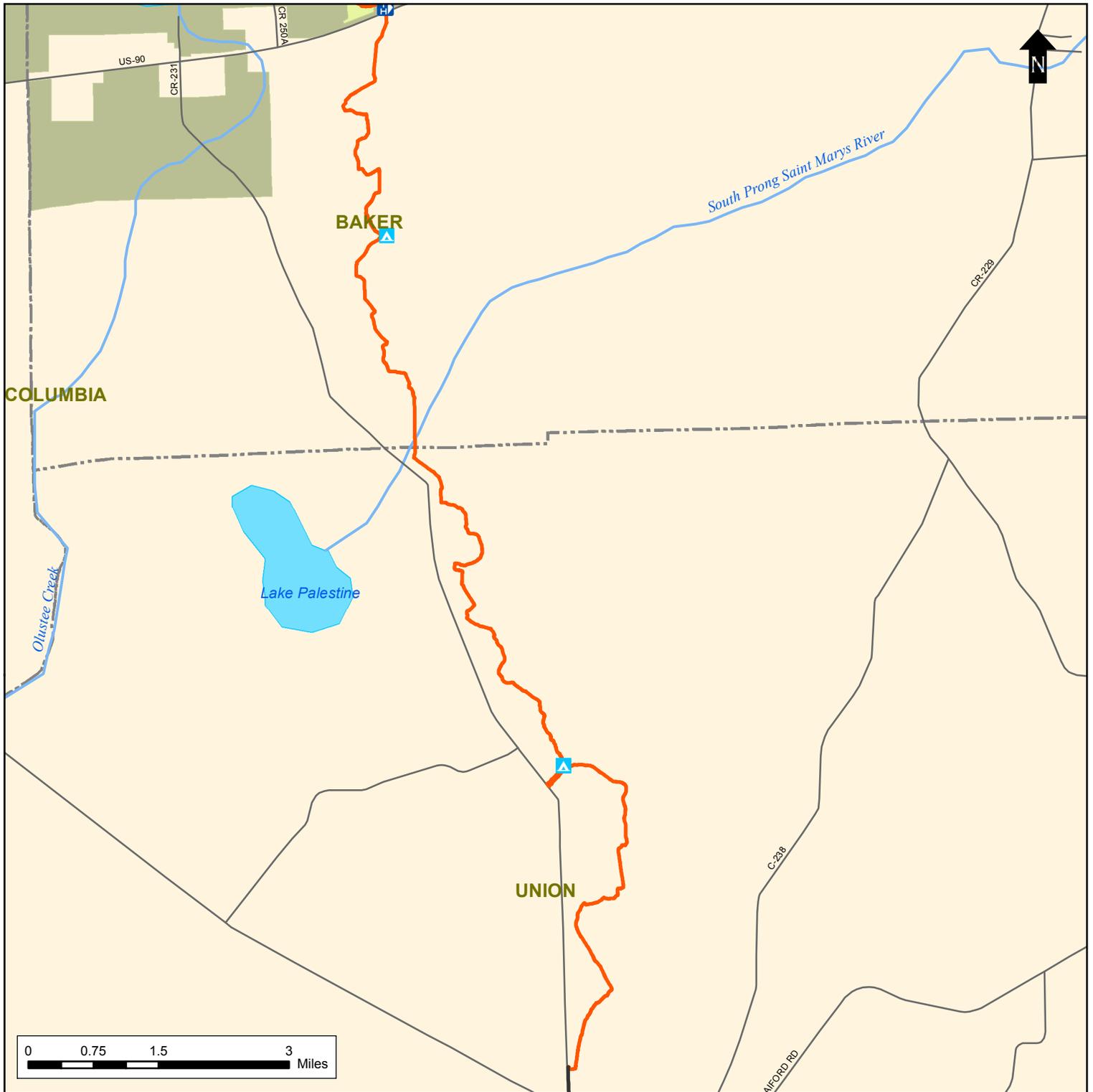
**Trail Length: 5.1 miles (FFS), 24.2 miles (FDEP State Parks), 4.2 miles (FDMA), 0.8 miles (USFS)**

The FNST at Etoniah Creek State Forest follows the north edge of the Forest and crosses Etoniah Creek on a long bridge. Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park was developed as a Civilian Conservation Corps project in 1939. The FNST at Gold Head passes the parks namesake, Gold Head Branch, a steephead ravine. Leaving Gold Head SP, the Trail enters Camp Blanding Military Reservation. Trail closures due to military exercises are posted on a sign at the entrance. There is currently no trail or roadwalk connection to the USFS Keystone Tract due to the Trail closure at Keystone Airpark; therefore, visitors to Camp Blanding are required to make a one-way trip. The Palatka-Lake Butler (PLB) State Trail is a rail trail located along the former Norfolk-Southern Railroad right-of-way. The trail corridor is being constructed on the existing, abandoned railroad bed through Putnam, Union, Clay, and Bradford counties. This portion of the FNST crosses flatwoods, sandhills, and wetlands, and passes through several small towns. The majority of the PLB State Trail is mowed grass, with a small portion of paved trail.



Bridge through Etoniah Creek State Forest, credit: *M. Timothy O'Keefe, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's North Florida Trailblazers chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	3 trailheads, 2 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	None ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	Move the Trail to PLB State Trail in 2013 and build a bridge at the New River  ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Plum Creek

*Northern Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- Trailheads
- Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

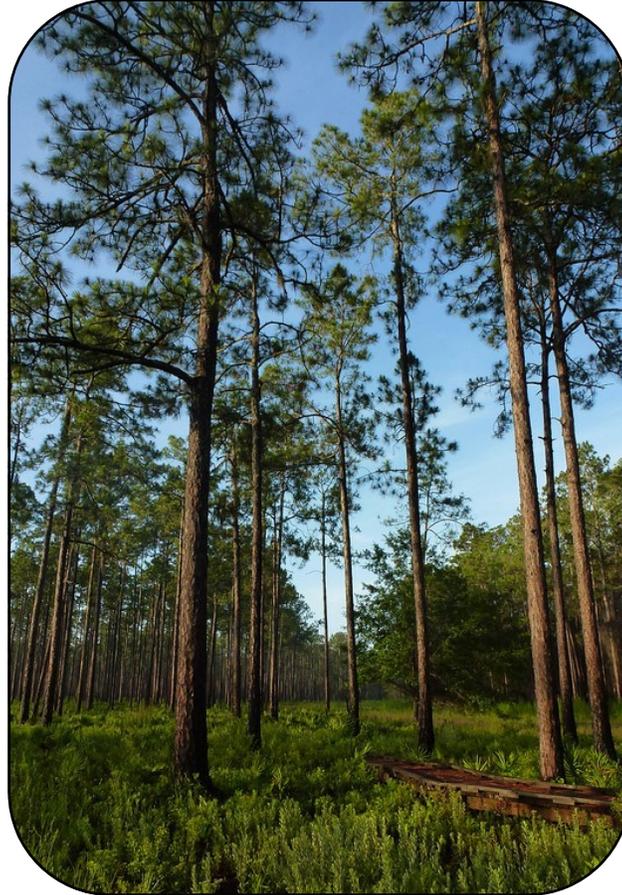
- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Plum Creek Timber Company

## Plum Creek

Trail Length: 17.5 miles

Leaving the Palatka-Lake Butler State Trail and heading north, the FNST enters Lake Butler Forest, owned by the Plum Creek Timber Company and managed primarily for silviculture and game hunting. The majority of the forest is planted pines, with a few hardwood areas along the banks of the Swift Creek and the St. Mary's River. The Trail here is on forest roads and frequently travels through clear-cut areas.



Pine Forest, credit: Madeline Pinaire

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's North Florida Trailblazers chapter ( <b>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</b> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <b>Types of recreation</b> )
<b>Facilities</b>	2 campsites ( <b>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</b> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	( <b>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</b> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <b>Select one:</b> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	Reroute the FNST onto a new easement at the western border of the Plum Creek's property. ( <b>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</b> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Osceola National Forest & Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park

*Northern Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- ⋯ Private
- ⋯ Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# US Forest Service & FDEP-Div. Of Rec. & Parks

## Osceola National Forest & Olustee Battlefield

Trail Length: 21.0 miles (USFS), 0.9 miles (FDEP Rec & Parks)

The Florida National Scenic Trail enters this segment at Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park. Olustee Battlefield is Florida's most significant Civil War historic site. On February 20, 1864, Union and Confederate armies fought a battle here that took the lives of 2,000 soldiers. Visitors can stop at the interpretive center to learn more about the battlefield and Florida's role in the Civil War. Osceola National Forest is Florida's smallest national forest, covering approximately 200,000 acres and named in honor of the Seminole Indian warrior, Chief Osceola. The Trail here is mainly flat, leading through pine and hardwood forest and across many streams. In some parts of the Forest, old forest roads are used to connect segments of trail. There are many bridges and boardwalks to help users across running water and wet areas, but wading may be required after a heavy rain, as the Trail tends to collect water. The uplands and sandhills in the Forest support populations of red-cockaded woodpeckers, gopher tortoises, and black bears.

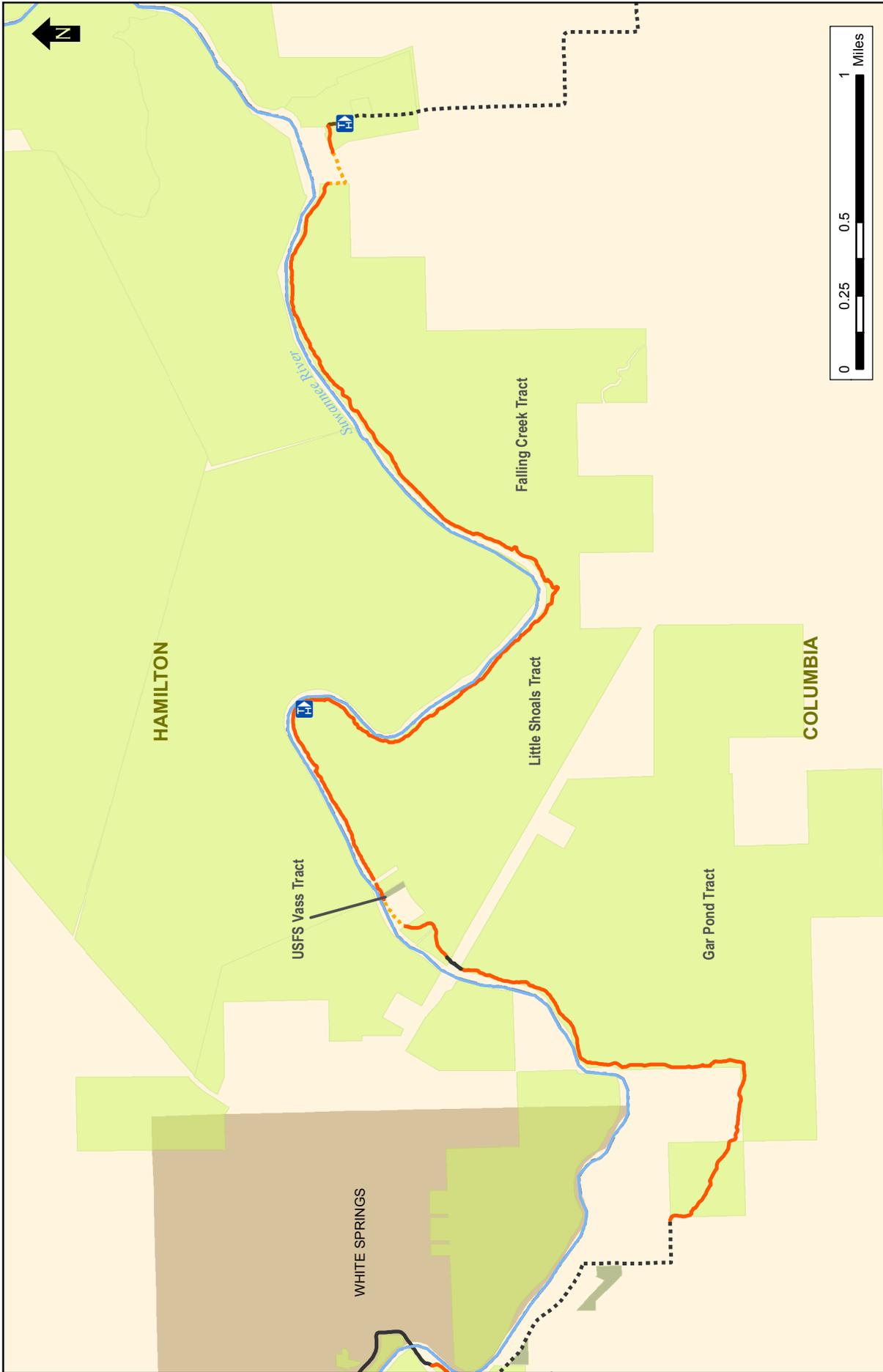


Civil war reenactment at Olustee, credit: *Bart Smith, Florida Trail Association*



Sunset over Ocean Pond, credit: *Deb Blick, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's North Florida Trailblazers chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	4 trailheads, 3 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	9 bridges, 5 puncheons, 26 boardwalks ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	Need for more signage and a "temporary trail person"; update existing crossing, identify structures in most need of repair and begin process; continued support needed to identify potential volunteers who can assist with trail maintenance and upkeep ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## SCENIC TRAIL

### Falling Creek, Little Shoals, & Gar Pond Tracts; USFS Vass Tract

*Northern Region*

- Florida National Scenic Trail**
  - Trail
  - Spur Trail
  - Paved Trail
  - Rail Trail
  - Levee
  - Dirt Road
  - Paved Road
  - Side Trail
  - Sand Dune
- Unofficial Connecting Routes**
  - Private
  - Roadwalk
  - Trailheads
  - Campsites
- Managed Conservation Lands**
  - Federal
  - State
  - Local
  - Private
- Other Features**
  - Wilderness Area
  - Water
  - City Limits
  - County

# Suwannee River Water Management District & USFS

## Falling Creek, Little Shoals, & Gar Pond Tracts; USFS Vass Tract

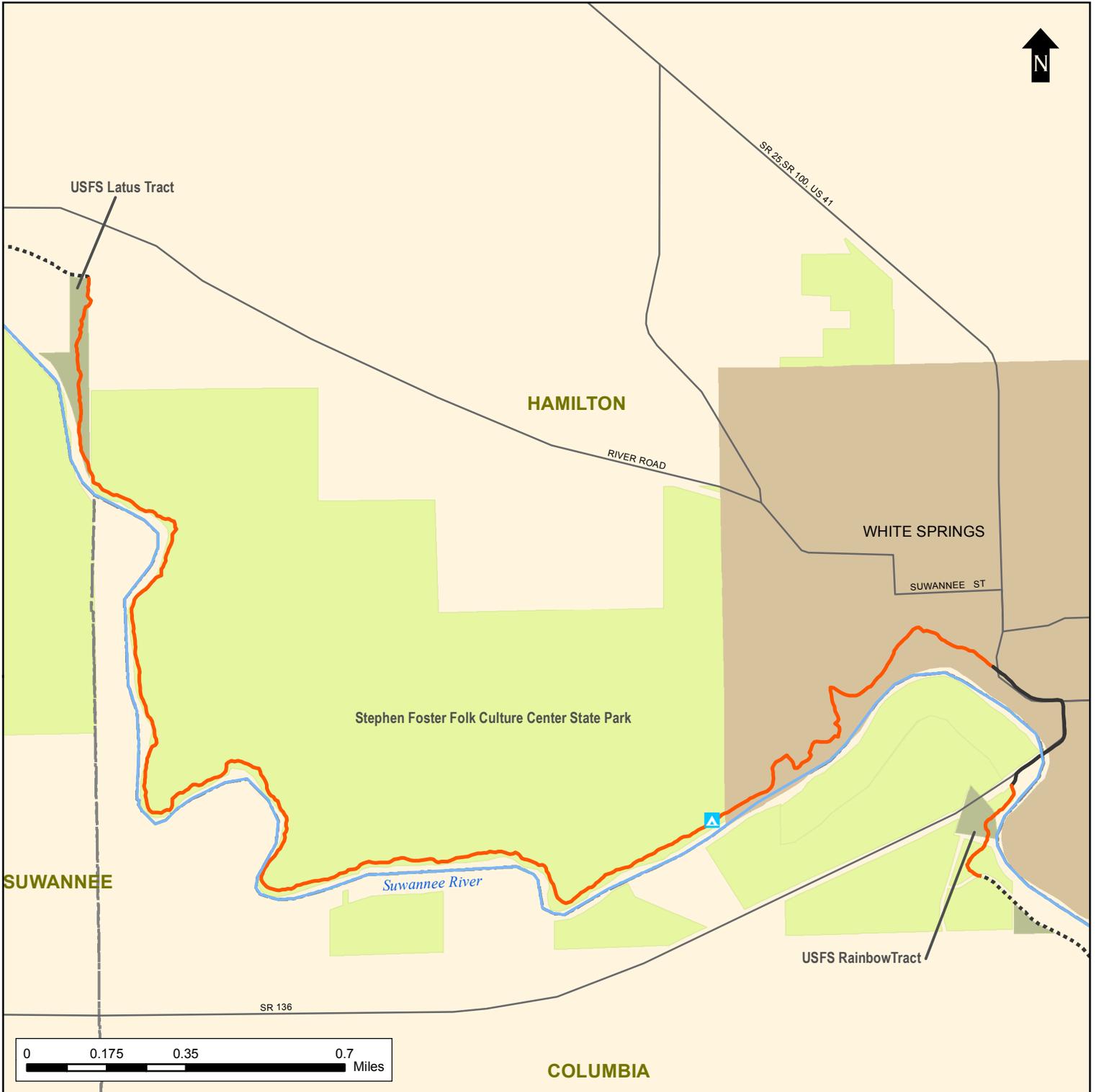
Trail Length: 6.9 miles (includes SRWMD Big Pine Tract), 0.1 miles (USFS)

These tracts are part of a network of land which fronts the Suwannee River and is managed by the Suwannee River Water Management District. The Little Shoals and Falling Creek tracts border the Suwannee River for over seven miles and nearly all of the properties are located within the river’s 100-year floodplain. The FNST, at both tracts, follows the curves of the Suwannee River before crossing US 41 to enter the Gar Pond tract. The Gar Pond tract consists of floodplain forest on more than three miles of the upper Suwannee River. The Trail passes through mesic flatwoods and xeric hammocks with floodplain swamp and bottomland forest interspersed along the river. The US Forest Service owns the small Vass Tract with 0.1 miles of FNST, which is surrounded by the Little Shoals tract and private property.



Falling Creek, credit: Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA’s Suwannee chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	2 bridges ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## US Forest Service Tracts & Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park

*Northern Region*

Florida National Scenic Trail		Unofficial Connecting Routes	Managed Cons. Lands
<span style="color: orange;">—</span> Trail	<span style="color: teal;">—</span> Levee	<span style="color: orange;">- - -</span> Private	<span style="background-color: #808080; width: 15px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> Federal
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<span style="color: purple;">—</span> Paved Trail	<span style="color: black;">—</span> Paved Road	<span style="color: blue;">[H]</span> Trailheads	<span style="background-color: #90EE90; width: 15px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> Local
<span style="color: black;">+ —</span> Rail Trail	<span style="color: blue;">—</span> Side Trail	<span style="color: blue;">▲</span> Campsites	<span style="background-color: #90EE90; width: 15px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> Private
<span style="color: black;">= =</span> Sand Dune			

# US Forest Service & FDEP-Div. Of Rec. & Parks

## US Forest Service Tracts and Stephen Foster State Park

Trail Length: 0.5 miles (USFS), 3.7 miles (FDEP Rec & Parks)

After leaving the Gar Pond tract, the FNST crosses the Forest Service Rainbow tract and White Springs Connector (road) at White Springs. Trail visitors can stop at White Springs, a historic and popular trail town and the first Florida Trail Gateway Community. West of White Springs and situated on the banks of the Suwannee River, the Trail enters Stephen Foster State Park. The Park honors the memory of American composer Stephen Foster who wrote “Old Folks at Home,” the song that made the Suwannee River famous. The Park includes a museum featuring exhibits about Foster’s most famous songs, as well as a craft square devoted to the crafts and music of early Florida. The Trail follows the cypress-lined banks of the River for approximately four miles in Stephen Foster State Park before entering the Forest Service Latus tract.

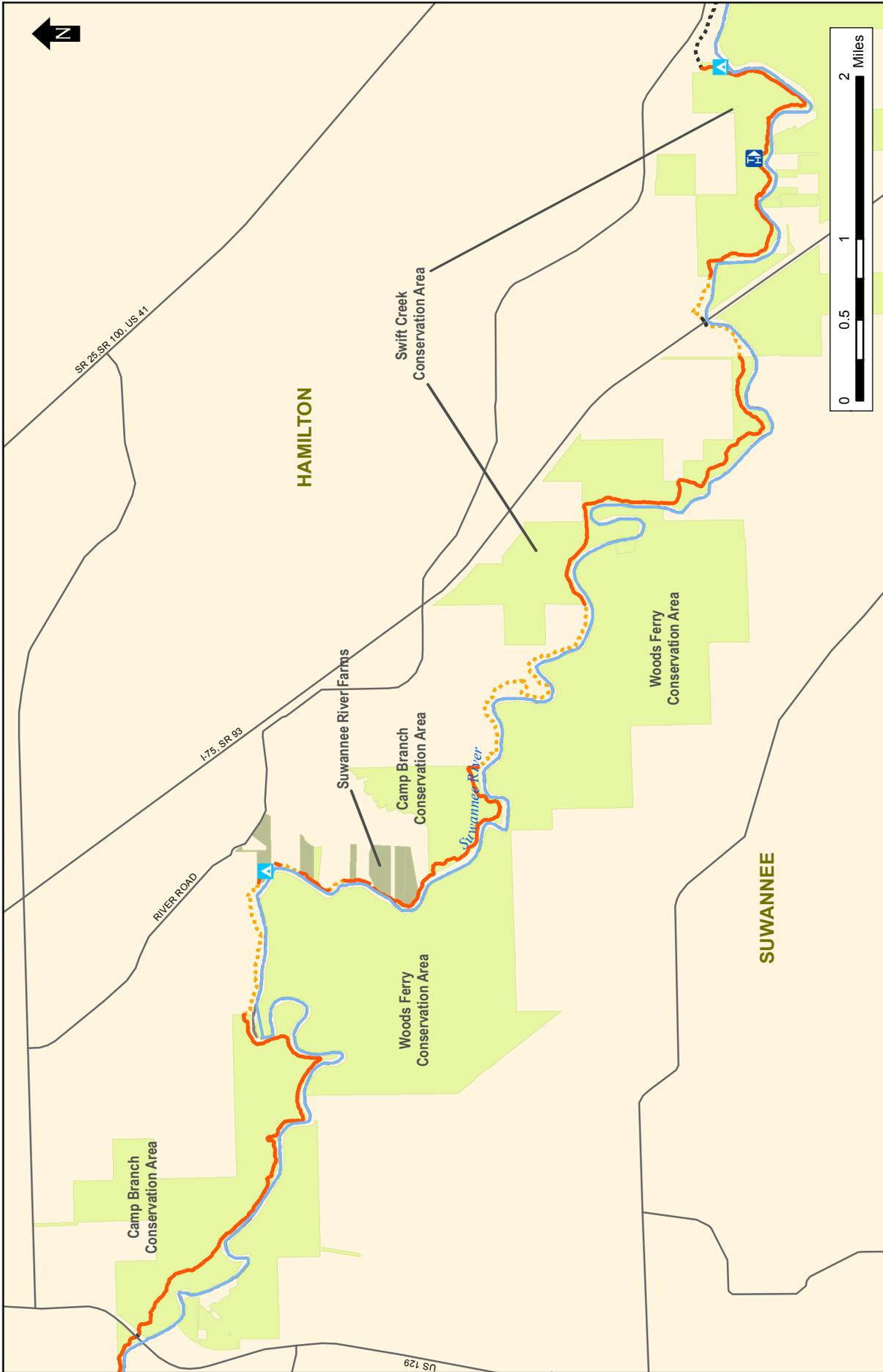


Suwannee River, credit: Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association



Suwannee River, credit: Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA’s Suwannee chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 campsite ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	1 bridge ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL SCENIC TRAIL

## Swift Creek & Camp Branch Conservation Areas

*Northern Region*

<b>Florida National Scenic Trail</b>	<b>Managed Conservation Lands</b>	<b>Unofficial Connecting Routes</b>	<b>Other Features</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: orange;">—</span> Trail</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">—</span> Spur Trail</li> <li><span style="color: purple;">—</span> Paved Trail</li> <li><span style="color: black;">—</span> Rail Trail</li> <li><span style="color: blue;">—</span> Side Trail</li> <li><span style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; width: 20px; display: inline-block;"></span> Sand Dune</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="background-color: #808080; width: 15px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> Federal</li> <li><span style="background-color: #90EE90; width: 15px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> State</li> <li><span style="background-color: #90EE90; width: 15px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> Local</li> <li><span style="background-color: #90EE90; width: 15px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> Private</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: orange; font-size: 2px;">.....</span> Private</li> <li><span style="color: black; font-size: 2px;">.....</span> Roadwalk</li> <li><span style="color: blue; font-size: 10px;">H</span> Trailheads</li> <li><span style="color: blue; font-size: 10px;">A</span> Campsites</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="background-color: #90EE90; width: 15px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> Wilderness Area</li> <li><span style="color: blue; font-size: 2px;">~</span> Water</li> <li><span style="background-color: #D2B48C; width: 10px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> City Limits</li> <li><span style="border: 1px dashed black; width: 15px; height: 10px; display: inline-block;"></span> County</li> </ul>

# Suwannee River Water Management District

## Swift Creek and Camp Branch Conservation Areas

### Trail Length: 9.9 miles

The Swift Creek Conservation Area is managed by the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD). The Area contains 3.5 miles of the upper Suwannee River and is located entirely within the River’s floodplain. Habitats along this portion of the FNST include scrubby flatwoods, bluffs and ravines, and oak hammocks. Travel in this area is not easy; moderate to strenuous effort will be required as users travel up and down the floodplain channels of the Suwannee River.

At Camp Branch Conservation Area the Trail follows the Suwannee River along floodplain forests and swamps. This Conservation Area is also managed by the SRWMD. Lands surrounding the Suwannee River were acquired by the SRWMD to protect the river’s floodplain. The FNST leaves Camp Branch Conservation Area and crosses Forest Service lands before re-entering Camp Branch north of Woods Ferry Conservation Area.

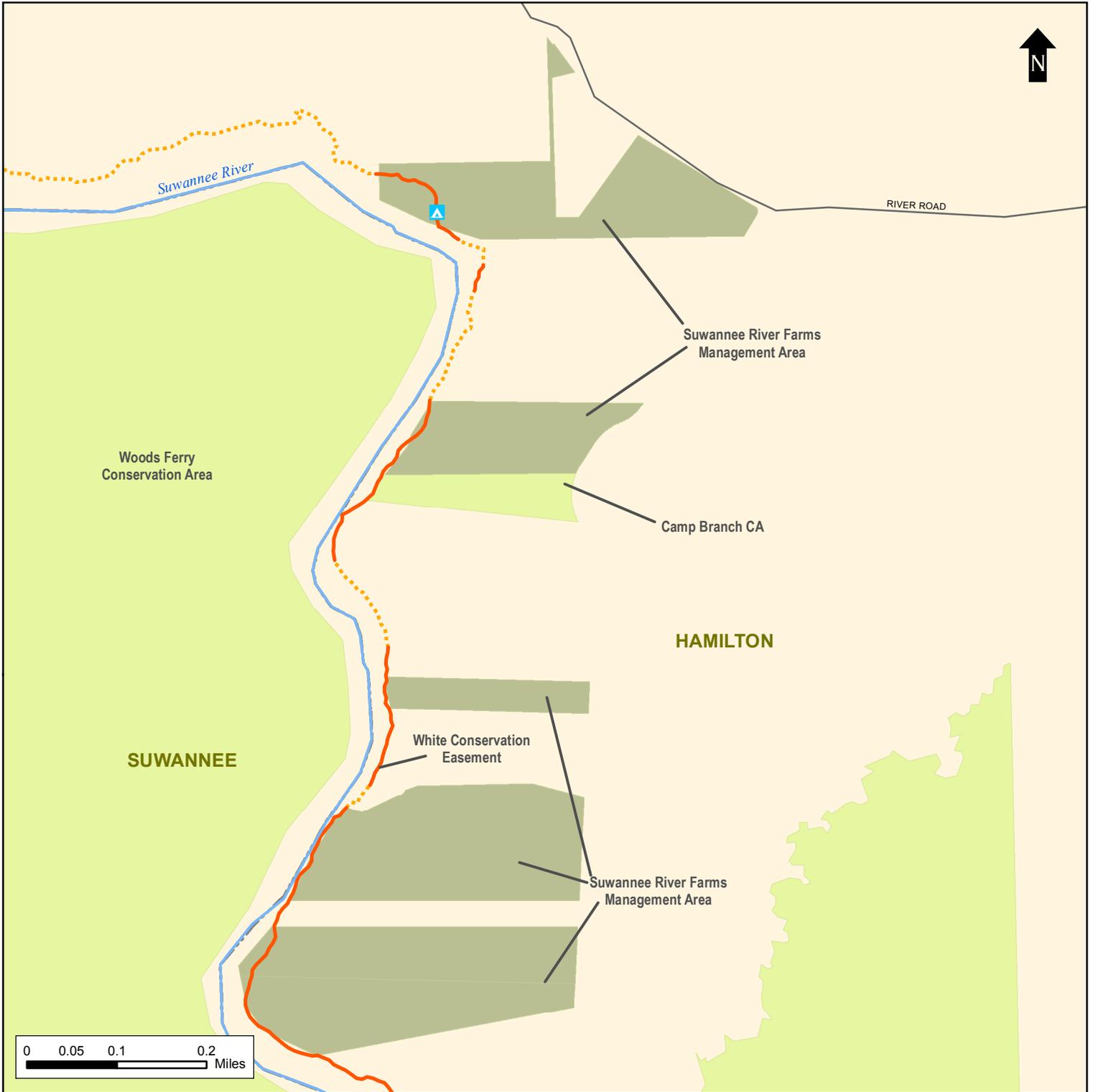


Blaze at Swift Creek Conservation Area, credit: Jim Schmid



Looking at the Suwannee River from the trail, credit: Marcus Garrett

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA’s Suwannee chapter <i>(Who helps maintain your section of trail?)</i>
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian <i>(Types of recreation )</i>
<b>Facilities</b>	1 campsite <i>(Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate)</i>
<b>Infrastructure</b>	3 bridges <i>(Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate)</i>
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	<i>(Select one: 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)</i>
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	<i>(What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?)</i>



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Suwannee River Farms Management Area

*Northern Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- Private
- Roadwalk
- Trailheads
- Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
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# US Forest Service

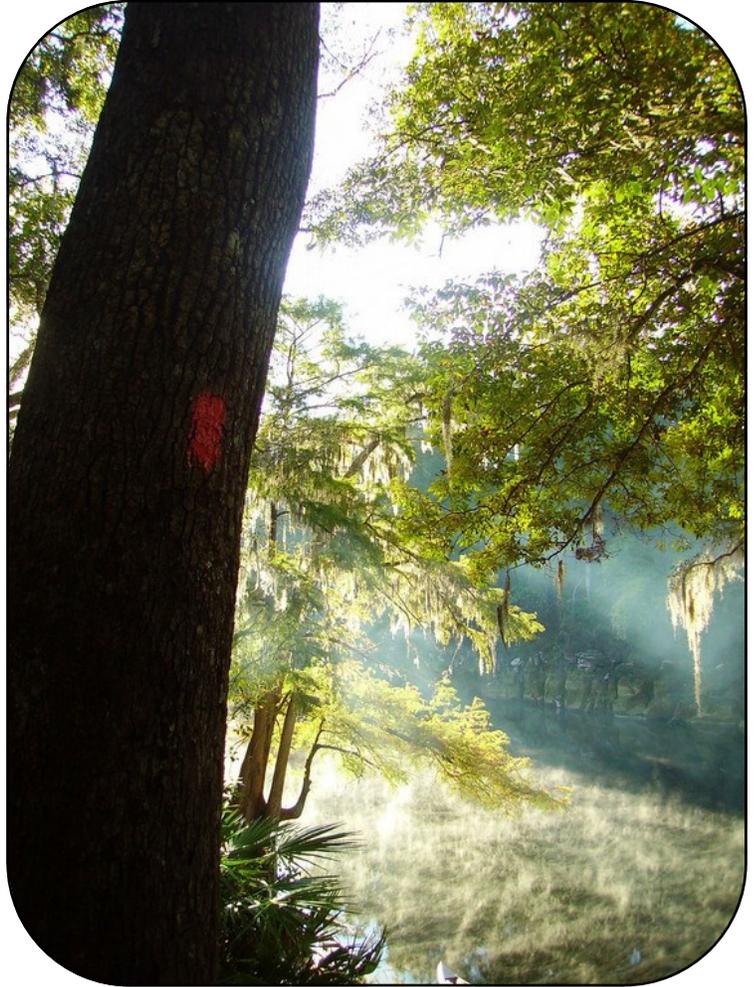
## Suwannee River Farms Management Area

Trail Length: 1.0 mile

The Suwannee River Farms Management Area is owned and managed by the U.S. Forest Service as part of the Florida National Scenic Trail. The Management Area is made up of several tracts along the Suwannee River. Here, the FNST continues to follow the Suwannee River north, directly across from Woods Ferry Conservation Area. Sections of the Suwannee River Farms Management Area are separated by a small patch of land that is part of Camp Branch Conservation Area and the White conservation easement property.



Property boundary marker at Suwannee River Farms, credit: *Jim Schmid*



Misty morning on the Suwannee River, credit: *Kristen Johns*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Suwannee chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 campsite ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	1 bridge ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Complete infrastructure assessments and complete replacement design. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Sanders Easement, Holton Creek, Richards Tract, & Lower Alapaha Conservation Area

*Northern Region*

<b>Florida National Scenic Trail</b>	<b>Unofficial Connecting Routes</b>	<b>Managed Conservation Lands</b>	<b>Other Features</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trail</li> <li>Spur Trail</li> <li>Paved Trail</li> <li>Rail Trail</li> <li>Sand Dune</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Levee</li> <li>Dirt Road</li> <li>Paved Road</li> <li>Side Trail</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Federal</li> <li>State</li> <li>Local</li> <li>Private</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wilderness Area</li> <li>Water</li> <li>City Limits</li> <li>County</li> </ul>
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# Suwannee River Water Management District & USFS

## Holton Creek, Sanders Easement, Richards Tract, & Lower Alapaha Conservation Areas

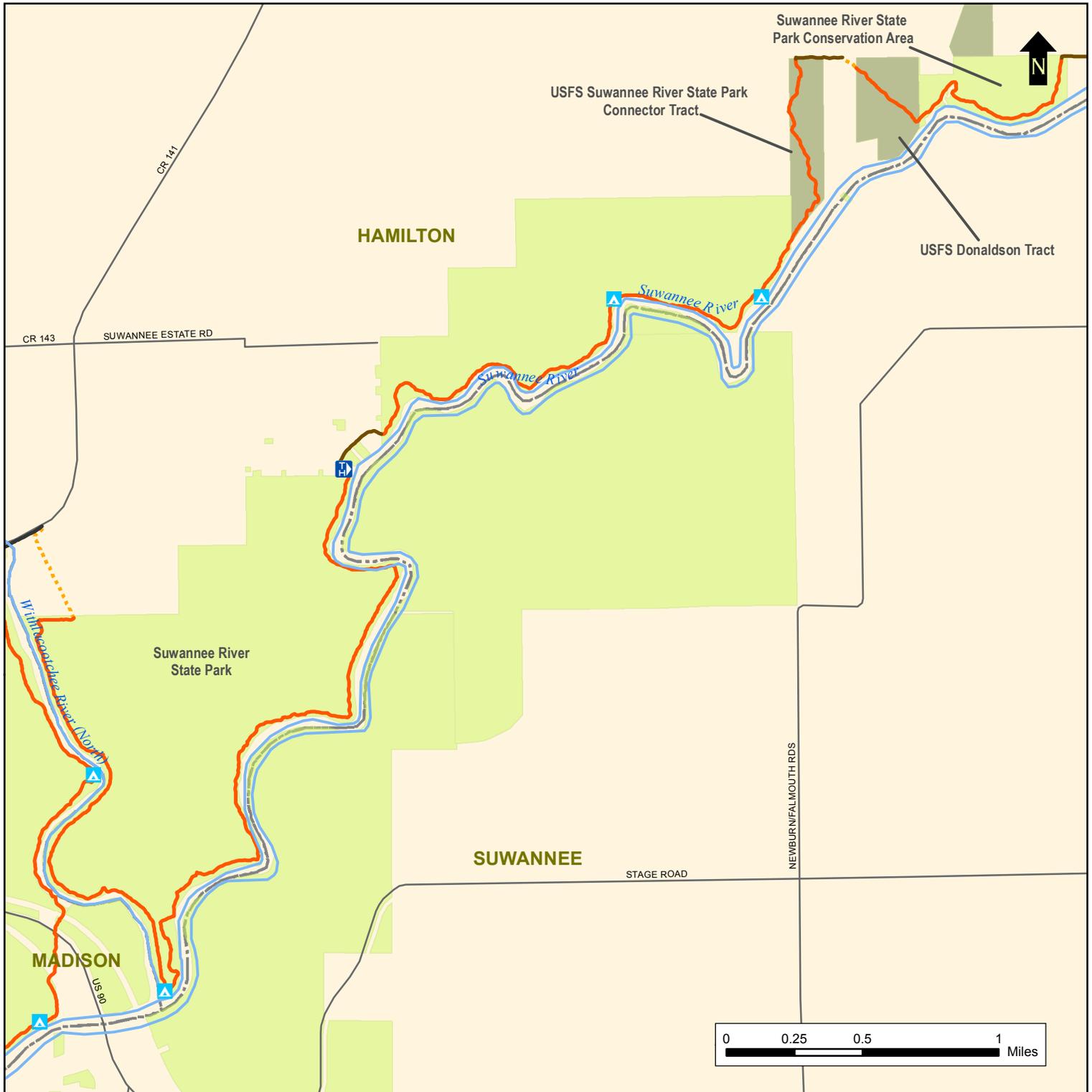
### Trail Length: 10.0 miles (SRWMD), 1.4 miles (USFS)

Holton Creek Conservation Area was acquired by the Suwannee River Water Management District to protect limestone outcrops and seepage slopes along the Upper Suwannee River. The Trail at Holton Creek follows along the Suwannee River and gives users the chance to see wild turkeys, white-tailed deer, eastern cottontail rabbits, gopher tortoises, American alligators, and red-tailed hawks. Covering the floodplain forest along several miles of the lower Alapaha River, the Lower Alapaha Conservation Area is part of a project to protect the lower river. The Alapaha River runs from the Georgia line for 18 miles to the Suwannee. It is one of the major tributaries of the Suwannee and in Florida is surrounded by undeveloped forest land. The FNST at Lower Alapaha follows the Alapaha River for over half a mile.



FNST at Lower Alapaha Conservation Area, credit: Jim Schmid

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Suwannee chapter <i>(Who helps maintain your section of trail?)</i>
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian <i>(Types of recreation )</i>
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads, 2 campsites <i>(Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate)</i>
<b>Infrastructure</b>	1 bridge <i>(Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate)</i>
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	<i>(Select one: 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)</i>
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	<i>(What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?)</i>



**FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL**  
**Suwannee River State Park,**  
**Suwannee River SP**  
**Conservation Area,**  
**& USFS Tracts**  
*Northern Region*

- Florida National Scenic Trail**
- Trail
  - Spur Trail
  - Paved Trail
  - Rail Trail
  - Sand Dune
  - Levee
  - Dirt Road
  - Paved Road
  - Side Trail

- Unofficial Connecting Routes**
- Private
  - Roadwalk
  - Trailheads
  - Campsites

- Managed Cons. Lands**
- Federal
  - State
  - Local
  - Private



# FDEP-Div. of Recreation and Parks, SRWMD, & USFS

## Suwannee River State Park, Suwannee River State Park Cons. Area, & USFS Tracts

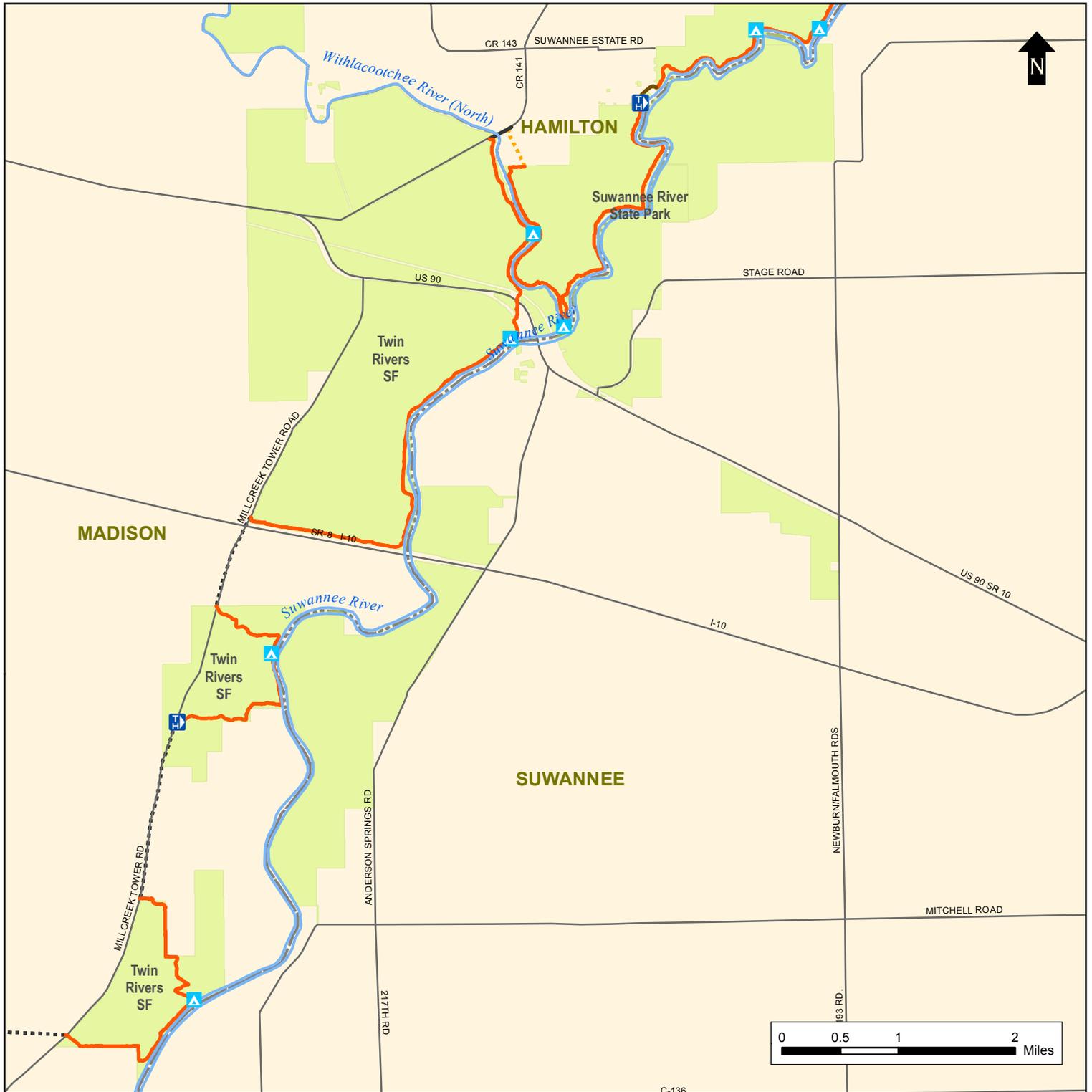
Trail Length: 7.4 (FDEP State Parks), 0.8 miles (SRWMD), 1.3 miles (USFS)

Suwannee River State Park is located at the confluence of the Withlacoochee and Suwannee Rivers. The park contains over 1,800 acres of sinks, streams, springs, limestone outcroppings, and rivers. The park is home to an abundance of plant and animal species including the threatened gopher tortoise, as well as fox, deer, song birds, wildflowers, and diverse native forests. The protected Gulf Sturgeon and other fish and reptiles are abundant in the Suwannee River. The FNST at Suwannee River State Parks generally follows the course of the Suwannee River and its floodplain channels.



Trail and orange blaze at Suwannee River State Park, credit: *Jim Schmid*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Suwannee chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 trailhead, 3 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	None ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Twin Rivers State Forest

*Northern Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Levee
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- [H] Trailheads
- [A] Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Florida Forest Service

## Twin Rivers State Forest

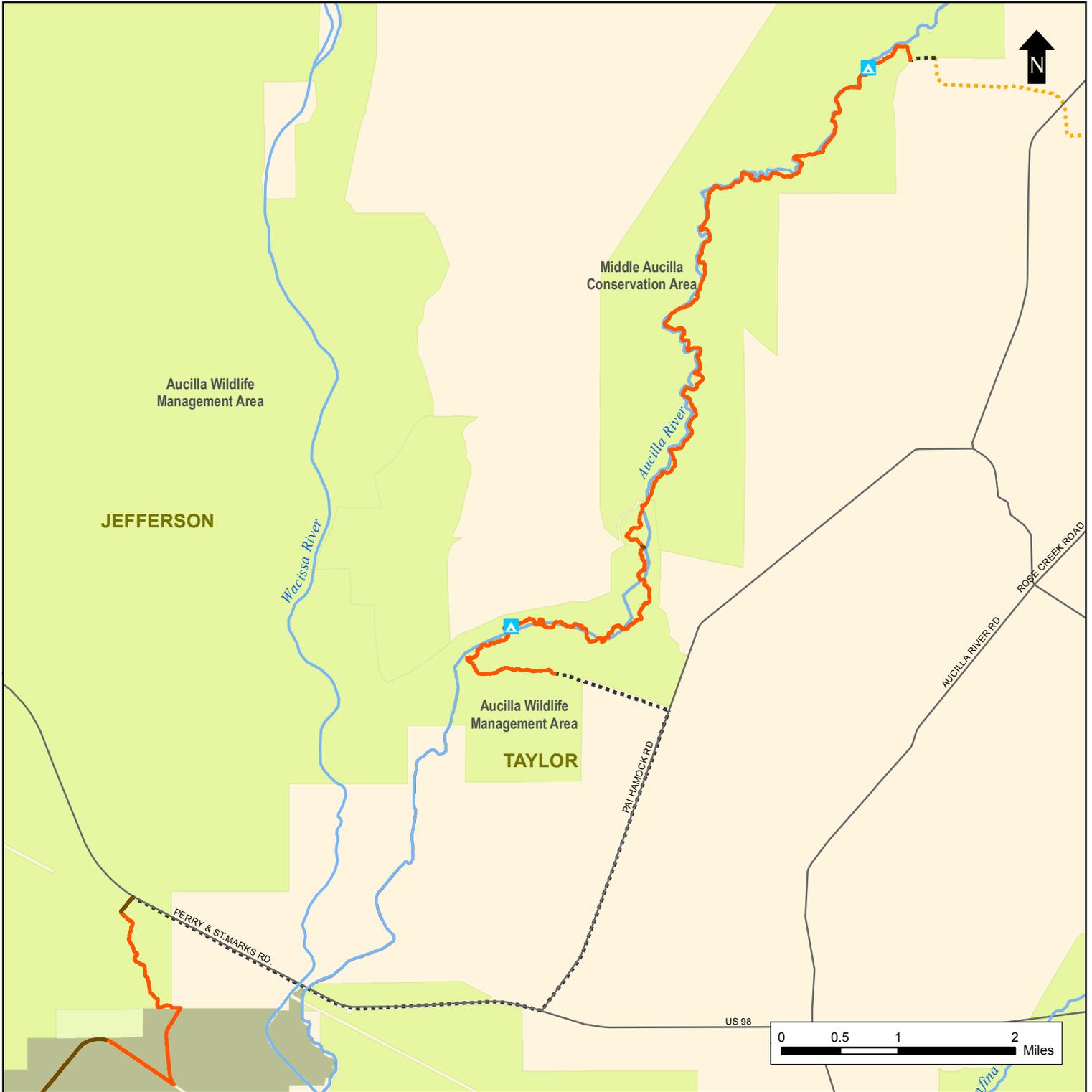
Trail Length: 11.2 miles

Visitors to the FNST in Twin Rivers State Forest will travel along the Withlacoochee and Suwannee Rivers. The forest offers a variety of natural communities including sandhills, upland pine, bottomland forest, and upland hardwood. White-tailed deer, bobwhite quail, and wild turkey are frequently seen in the Forest. This segment of the FNST is on three major tracts of Twin Rivers State Forest: Ellaville, Black, and Mills Creek North units. The Trail leaves Twin Rivers State Forest to utilize highway bridges for river and road crossings.

Trail and FNST sign at Twin Rivers State Forest, credit: *Jim Schmid*



<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Suwannee chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads, 4 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	None ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Complete Trail Assessment as part of the Florida Forest Service statewide assessment. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Aucilla River

*Northern Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- ▲ Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Suwannee River WMD & FWC

## Aucilla River

**Trail Length: 7.9 miles (SRWMD), 5.6 miles (FWC)**

Noted for its unique beauty and geology, this section of the FNST follows the Aucilla River through the Middle Aucilla Conservation Area and the Aucilla Wildlife Management Area. Users will travel in the Aucilla Wildlife Management Area along the Aucilla River’s rapids, following the Trail until it reaches the Aucilla Sinks. At the Sinks, the river dips into limestone sinkholes and “disappears” underground. The river rises in and out of the limestone for approximately seven miles. The Trail along the river is usually dry unless the river is at flood stage, at 9 feet. The Middle Aucilla Conservation Area contains floodplain forests with a mixture of pine flatwoods and pine/hardwood forests.



Looking over the river, credit: *Sandra Friend, Florida Trail Association*



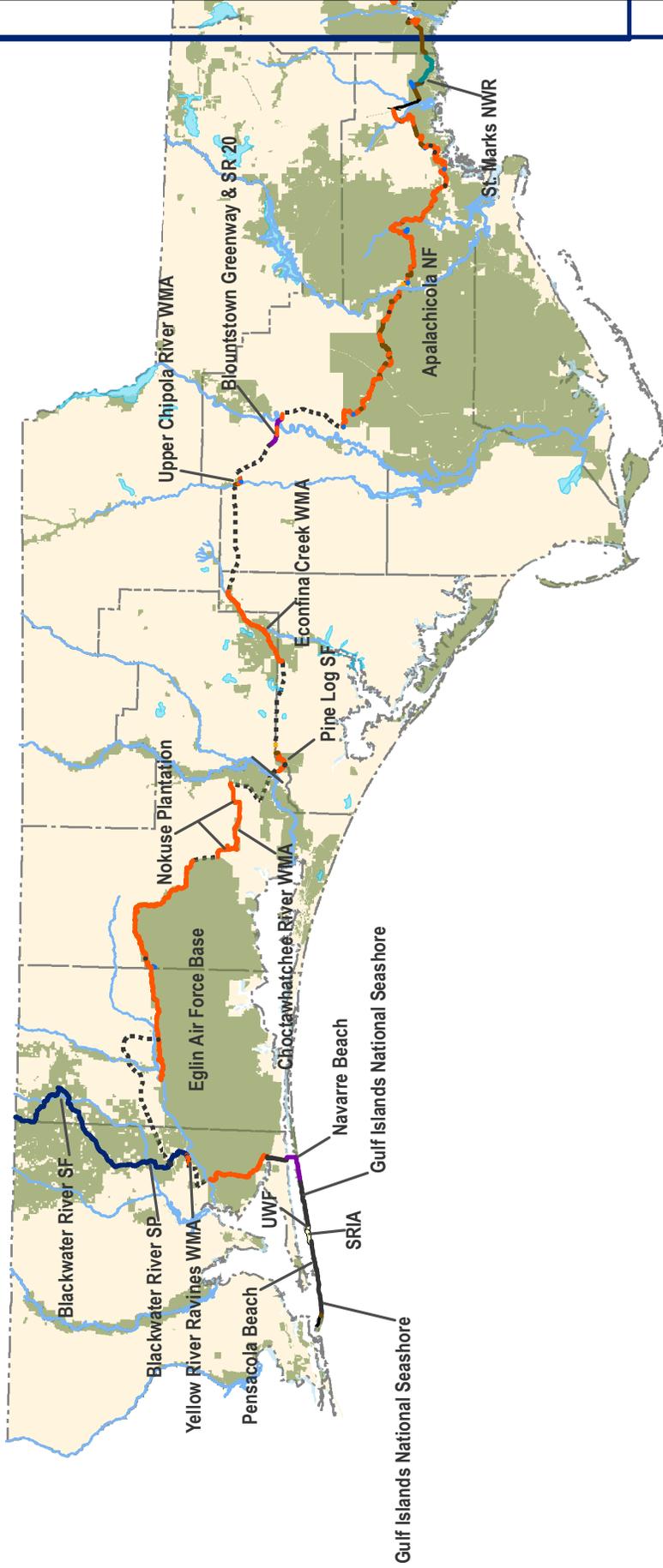
Bridge next to the Aucilla River, credit: *Jim Schmid*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA’s Apalachee chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 trailhead, 4 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	3 bridges ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- General trail maintenance including removal of downed trees and re-blazing.  - Additional signage is needed to warn hikers of rock outcrops and for interpretation. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )

## V. Panhandle Region

- ♦ *St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge & St. Marks Rail Trail*
- ♦ *Apalachicola National Forest*
- ♦ *Blountstown Greenway & State Road 20*
- ♦ *Upper Chipola River Water Management Area*
- ♦ *Econfina Creek Water Management Area*
- ♦ *Pine Log State Forest*
- ♦ *Nokuse Plantation & Choctawhatchee River Water Management Area*
- ♦ *Eglin Air Force Base*
- ♦ *Yellow River Water Management Area*
- ♦ *Gulf Islands (Gulf Islands National Seashore, Santa Rosa County, Navarre Beach, Pensacola Beach)*

# PANHANDLE



## Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

## Unofficial Connecting Routes

- Private
- Roadwalk
- Trailheads
- Campsites
- Managed Conservation Areas

# Florida National Scenic Trail Panhandle Region





# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge & St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail

*Panhandle Region*

- Florida National Scenic Trail**
  - Trail
  - Levee
  - Spur Trail
  - Dirt Road
  - Paved Trail
  - Paved Road
  - Rail Trail
  - Side Trail
  - Sand Dune
- Unofficial Connecting Routes**
  - Private
  - Roadwalk
  - Trailheads
  - Campsites
- Managed Conservation Lands**
  - Federal
  - State
  - Local
  - Private
- Other Features**
  - Wilderness Area
  - Water
  - City Limits
  - County



# National Park Service & FDEP– Div. of Rec.& Parks

## St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge & St. Marks Rail Trail

Trail Length: 41.5 miles (NPS), 2.8 miles (FDEP-State Parks)

Crossing U.S. 98 from the Aucilla Wildlife Management Area, the FNST enters St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge. Established in 1931 as a refuge for migratory birds, the Refuge covers over 68,000 acres of upland forests, salt marsh, tidal creeks, islands, and estuaries. The Trail here travels through Gulf coastal pine flatwoods, hardwood hammocks, and a salt marsh wilderness. The terrain is flat and dry over most of the Trail except during periods of heavy rain. For approximately seven miles the Trail follows a series of dikes built to impound freshwater for the thousands of waterfowl that winter here. Additional species visitors may encounter include: southern bald eagles, ospreys, otters, alligators, white-tailed deer, and black bears. The historic St. Marks Lighthouse overlooking Apalachee Bay and the Visitor Center along Lighthouse Road are popular attractions at the Refuge. The St. Marks Rail Trail runs from Tallahassee to St. Marks, with just under three miles designated as FNST.



Alligator at St. Marks, credit: *Kate Taluga*



FNST sign on levee gate at St. Marks NWR, credit: *Jim Schmid*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA’s Apalachee Chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian, bicycle ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	6 trailheads, 7 campsites; only available by permit to Refuge through-hikers. ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	6 bridges, 8 boardwalks ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> <b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b> <b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b> <b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	Replace Spring Creek boardwalk, upgrade campsite signage ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Apalachicola National Forest

*Panhandle Region*

- Florida National Scenic Trail**
- Trail
  - Levee
  - Spur Trail
  - Dirt Road
  - Paved Trail
  - Paved Road
  - Rail Trail
  - Side Trail
  - Sand Dune

- Unofficial Connecting Routes**
- Private
  - Roadwalk
  - Trailheads
  - Campsites

- Managed Conservation Lands**
- Federal
  - State
  - Local
  - Private

- Other Features**
- Wilderness Area
  - Water
  - City Limits
  - County

# US Forest Service

## Apalachicola National Forest

Trail Length: 63.8 miles

The Florida National Scenic Trail in the Apalachicola National Forest (ANF) offers numerous cultural, scenic, and environmental attractions. The 576,742-acre Forest is home to a variety of plant communities, water features, and recreation sites. Moving northwest across the ANF, the Trail follows the Sopchoppy River and crosses Monkey Creek, a highly popular segment among visitors. The Trail heads west and crosses Bradwell Bay Wilderness Area, over 24,600 acres of dense, remote swamp. Bradwell Bay is considered to be one of the most strenuous sections of the entire FNST. The FNST trailhead at the historic Langston House gives visitors the opportunity to view an example of Florida vernacular architecture in its original setting. The west end of the Trail at the ANF traverses low pine savannas with views of wild ground orchids and pitcher plants. Much of the Trail at ANF is in flat, dry pine and palmetto fields with occasional titi swamps.



Langston House, credit: *Andrea Repp*

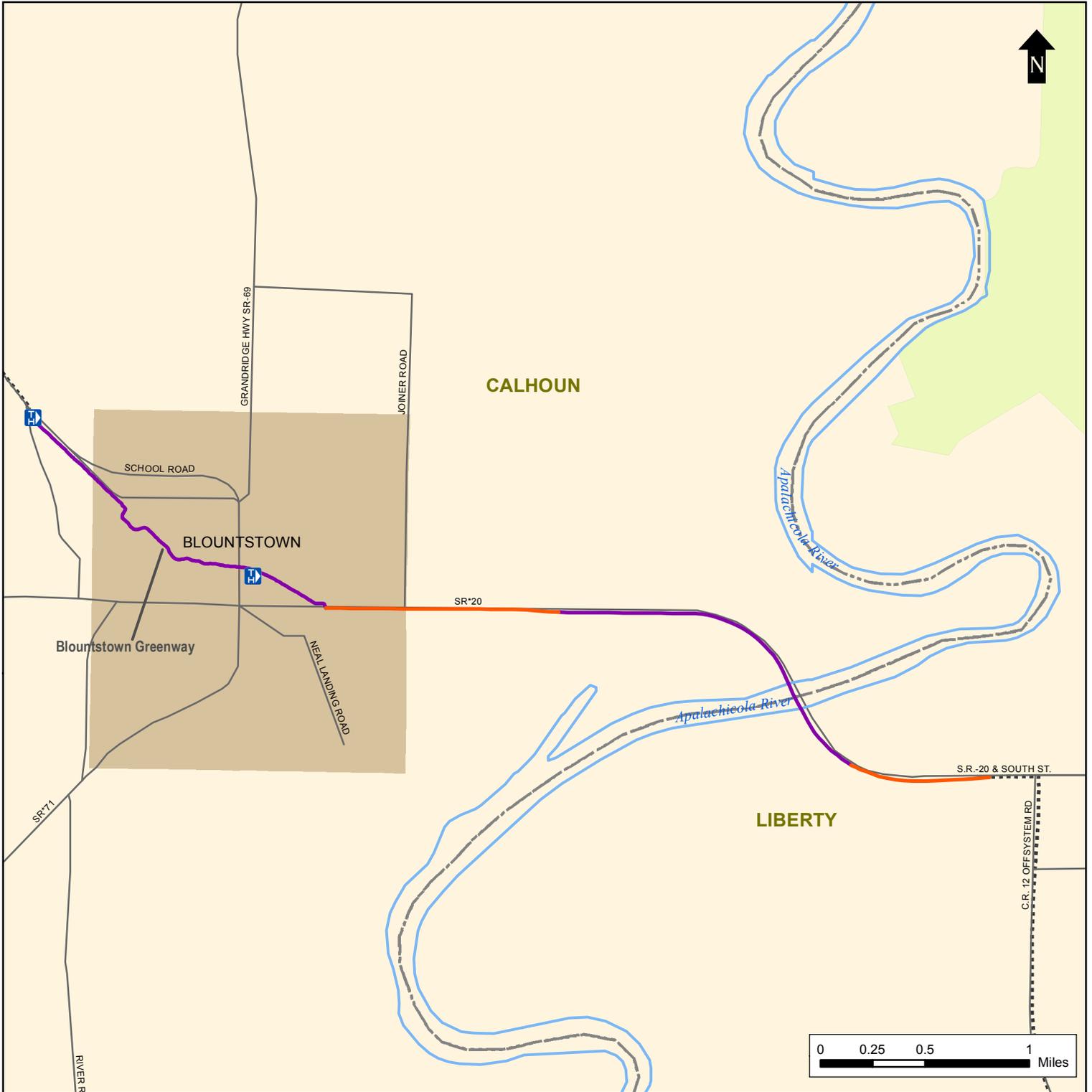


Pitcher Plants near Camel Lake campground, credit: *Sandra Friend*



FNST at Bradwell Bay Wilderness Area, credit: *Jim Schmid*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Apalachee Chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	7 trailheads, 5 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	24 bridges, 3 boardwalks ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	Maintenance hikes are scheduled for fall 2013. Apalachee Chapter is considering hosting a weekend work event. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Blountstown Greenway & State Road 20

*Panhandle Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# City of Blountstown & Fl. Dept. of Transportation

## Blountstown Greenway & State Road 20

Trail Length: 1.8 miles (City of Blountstown), 3.5 miles (FDOT)

The Blountstown Greenway was built on the M&B Railroad Right of way, which begins at the Apalachicola River and travels northwest to Sam Atkins Park. The old railroad served the area from 1909 to 1972. Connecting Pioneer Settlement with the Apalachicola River, the Blountstown Greenway passes through the heart of Blountstown (the seat of Calhoun County). The Greenway is a multi-use trail open to hiking, bicycling, and skating. The trail is becoming more popular each year as more groups are scheduling trail bike rides, hikes, and runs. The Trail follows a berm along State Road 20 and a protected pedestrian route along the Apalachicola River Bridge before connecting to the Blountstown Greenway.

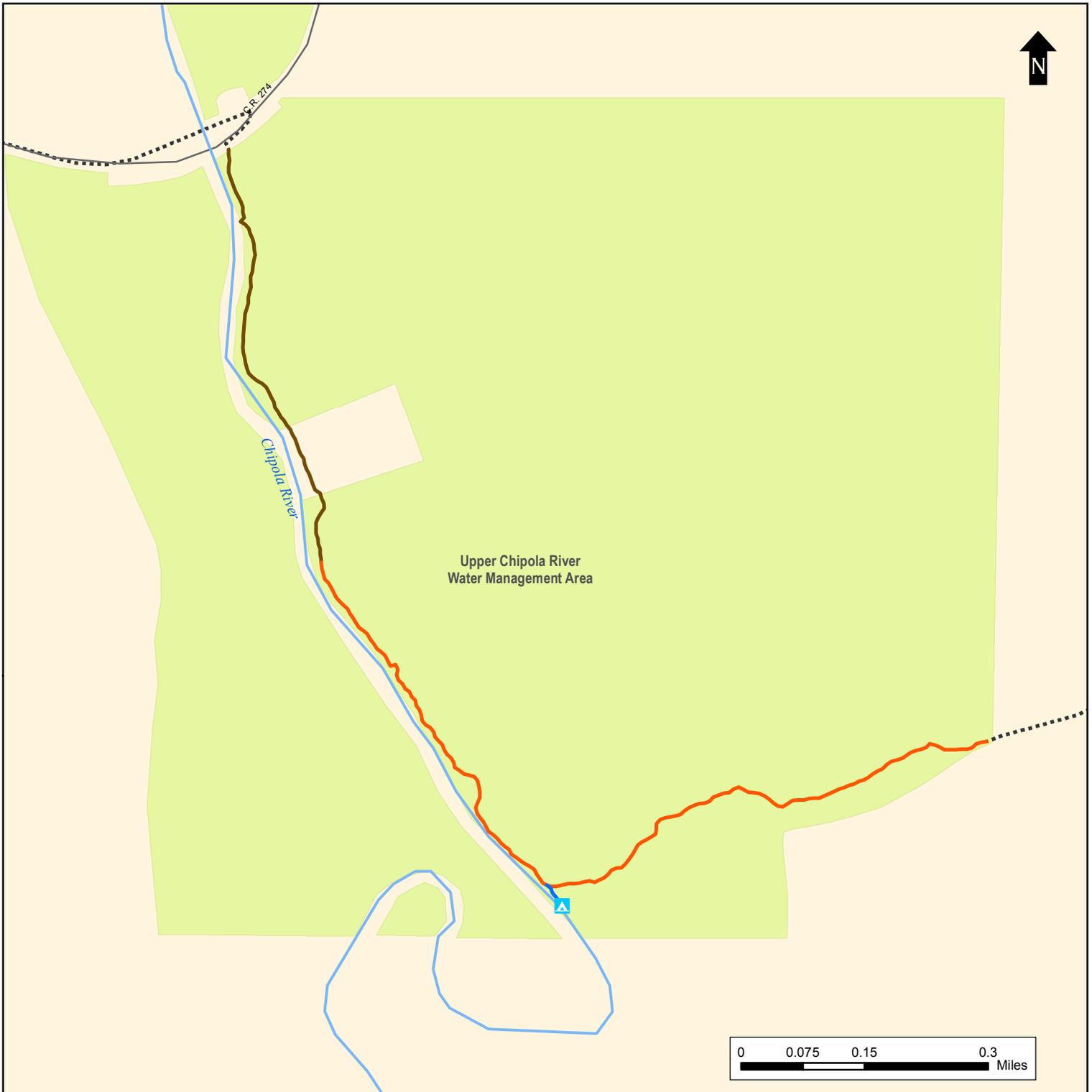


Blountstown Courthouse, credit: Robert Coveney, Florida Tail Association



FNST sign at the Blountstown Greenway, credit: Jim Schmid

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Panhandle Chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian, bicycle ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	None ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Upper Chipola River Water Management Area

*Panhandle Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- ▲ Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Northwest Florida Water Management District

## Upper Chipola River Water Management Area

Trail Length: 1.6 miles

The Trail on the Upper Chipola River Water Management Area begins at the property's south entrance to the Altha tract on NW Black Bottom Road. It continues 1.1 miles until the Trail joins a dirt road for an additional 0.5 miles, finally exiting at County Road 274. This property encompasses numerous creeks that converge to form the Chipola River between the Alabama border and Florida Caverns State Park. Carbonate-rich waters originating in the piedmont make this river system especially plentiful in mollusk species. The US Forest Service plans to certify this piece of trail as FNST in 2013.



Upper Chipola, credit: Jim Schmid

Volunteer Support	FTA's Apalachee Chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
Allowed Use	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
Facilities	1 campsite ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
Infrastructure	2 bridges ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
Trail Maintenance Summary	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
Trail Management Priorities	Certify as FNST in 2013. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Econfina Creek Water Management Area

*Panhandle Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Northwest Florida Water Management District

## Econfina Creek Water Management Area

Trail Length: 17.5 miles

The Econfina Creek segment of the Florida National Scenic Trail is unique because of its diverse flora and fauna. Econfina Creek and its surrounding forests are found on an unusual collection of geographic features such as bluffs, deep ravines, and springs giving it a high diversity of rare plants and animals. Visitors may see interesting plants including oak leaf hydrangea, ash/pyramid magnolias, and liverworts. The summer tanager and a variety of warblers are also common to the area. Econfina Creek and the Creek's narrow canyon make for a scenic trail experience. Users can expect many stream and river crossings.

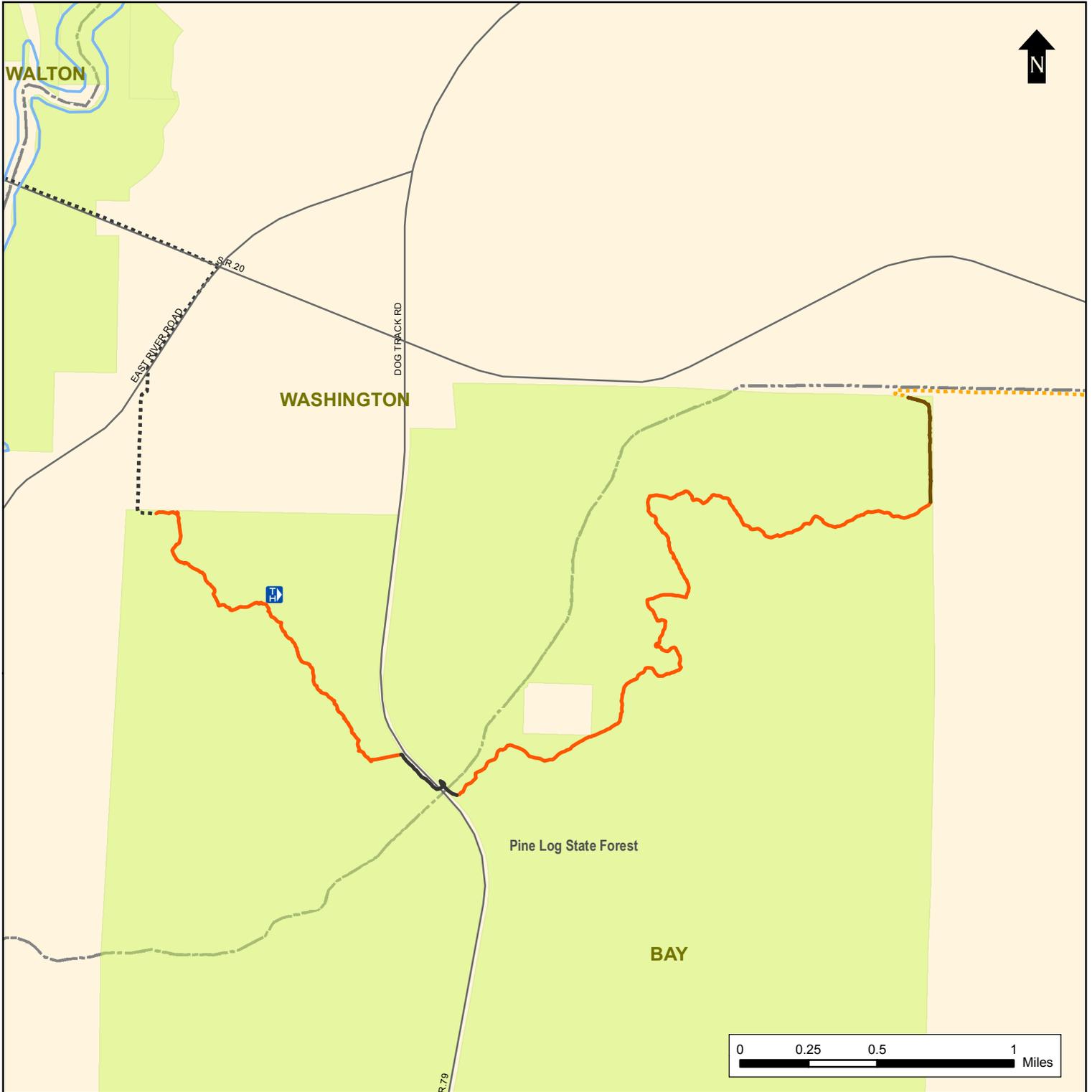


Fender Bridge, credit: *Jim Schmid*



Waterfall along Econfina Creek, credit: *Sue Wiles, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Apalachee Chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads, 1 campsite ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	7 bridges ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Complete infrastructure assessment and provide maintenance priorities for 2014. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes,</i>



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Pine Log State Forest

*Panhandle Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Florida Forest Service

## Pine Log State Forest

Trail Length: 5.7 miles

In Pine Log State Forest (PLSF), Florida's first state forest, the FNST travels through natural pine flatwoods and pine plantations along forest roads. The lower elevations are dominated by cypress and titi, while higher elevations are used for pine silviculture. Pine Log State Forest contains a lake used for swimming, canoeing, and fishing. The Trail enters the forest in the northeast corner, travels southwest and crosses State Road 79, then travels northwest through the Forest towards State Road 20. The forest routinely undergoes prescribed burns as it is a working forest. At PLSF, active timber sales and traditional forestry practices are mixed with restoration of longleaf/wiregrass ecosystems and a very active recreation program.

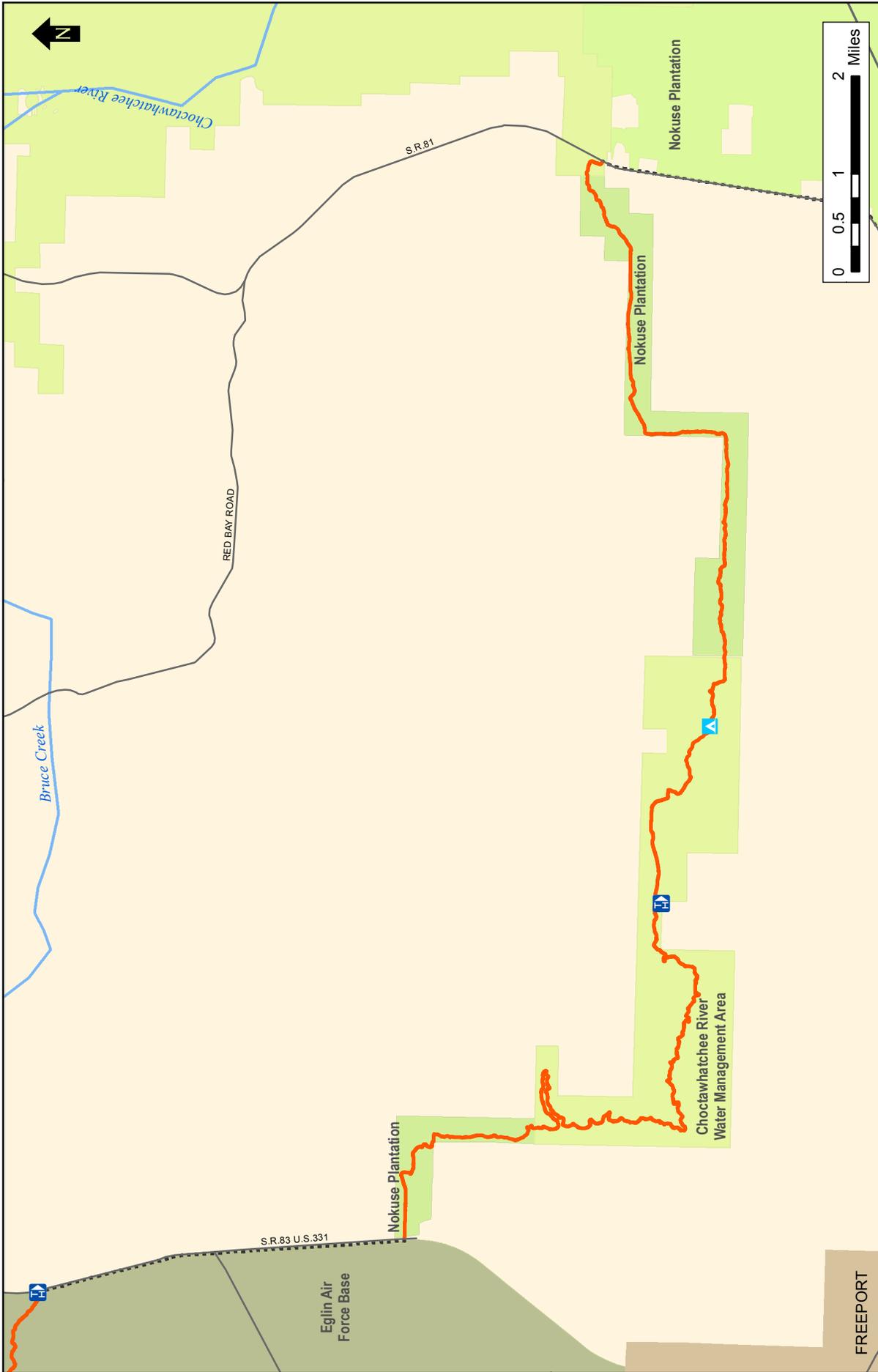


Pine log state forest, credit: *Sandra Friend, Florida Trail Association*



FNST sign and trail at Pine Log State Forest, credit: *Jim Schmid*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Panhandle Chapter
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian
<b>Facilities</b>	1 trailhead at the Sand Pond Recreation Area
<b>Infrastructure</b>	7 minor bridges, 5 puncheon bridges
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Repair several decaying bridges</li><li>- Reroute <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> mile of trail off of forest road along eastern boundary of Pine Log SF</li><li>- Identify wilderness reroute to replace SR 20 roadwalk on eastern end of the trail</li></ul>



**FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL**  
**SCENIC TRAIL**  
**Nokuse Plantation & Choctawhatchee River Water Management Area**  
*Panhandle Region*

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| <b>Florida National Scenic Trail</b> | <b>Unofficial Connecting Routes</b> | <b>Managed Conservation Lands</b> | <b>Other Features</b> |
| Trail                                | Private                             | Federal                           | Wilderness Area       |
| Levee                                | Roadwalk                            | State                             | Water                 |
| Spur Trail                           | Trailheads                          | Local                             | City Limits           |
| Dirt Road                            | Campsites                           | Private                           | County                |
| Paved Trail                          |                                     |                                   |                       |
| Paved Road                           |                                     |                                   |                       |
| Rail Trail                           |                                     |                                   |                       |
| Side Trail                           |                                     |                                   |                       |
| Sand Dune                            |                                     |                                   |                       |



# Nokuse Plantation & Northwest Florida WMD

## Nokuse Plantation and Choctawhatchee River Water Management Area

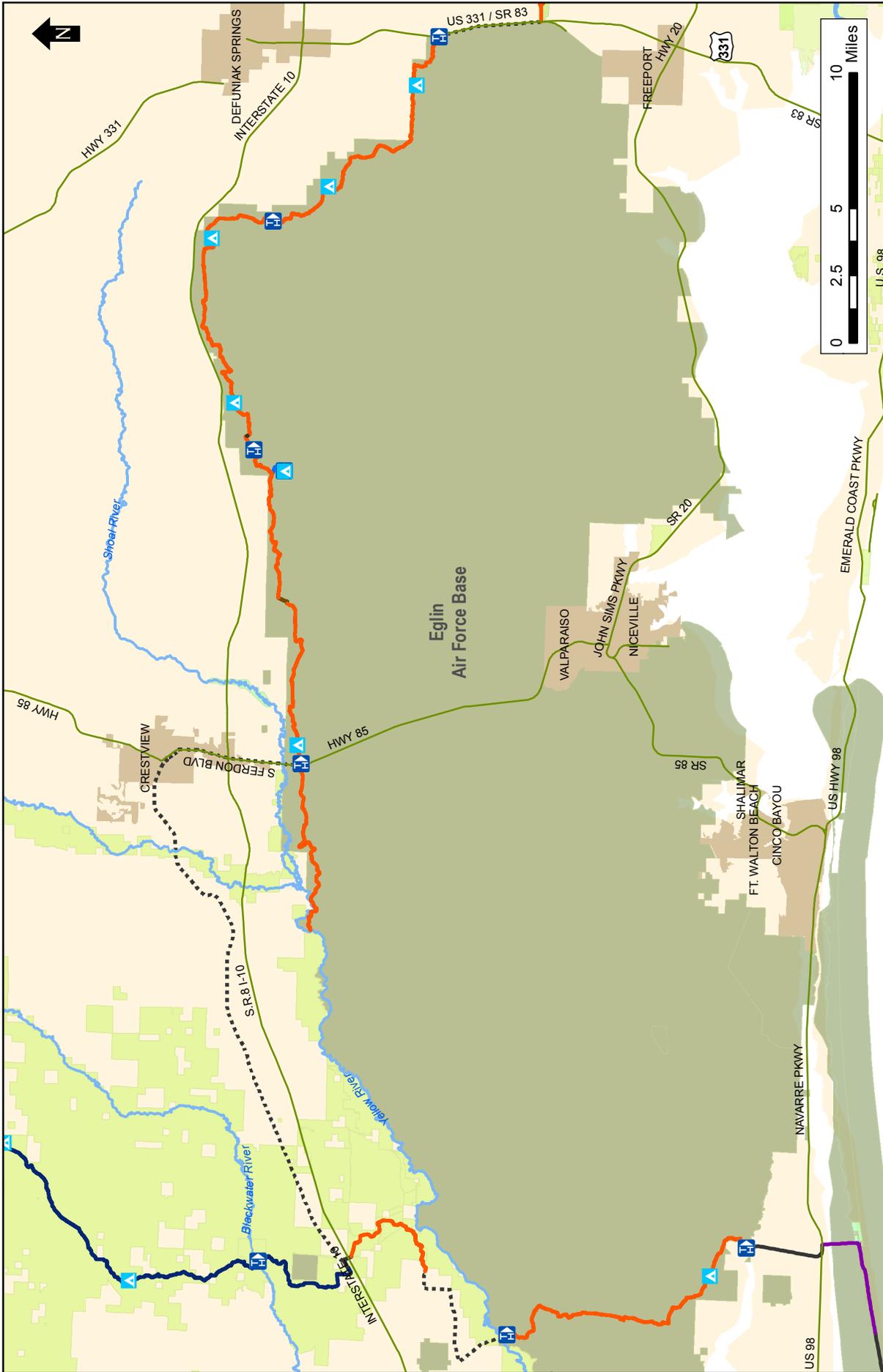
### Trail Length: 10.4 miles (NFWMD), 8.9 Miles (Nokuse Plantation)

This section of the FNST passes through Nokuse Plantation, travels through Lafayette Creek Management Area, and then re-enters Nokuse Plantation. The Lafayette Creek tract provides an essential link between Trail segments in the adjacent Nokuse Plantation. The Trail offers upland, wetland, and freshwater natural habitats along Lafayette Creek and Magnolia Creek in Walton County. While travelling through Nokuse Plantation and Northwest Florida WMD, users have the opportunity to see unique steephead habitats, gopher tortoise relocation and restoration efforts, and longleaf pine and wiregrass habitat restoration activities.



Nokuse Plantation from the FNST, credit: *Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Choctawhatchee Chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	2 trailheads, 2 campsites
<b>Infrastructure</b>	7 bridges on Nokuse property, 10 bridges/ boardwalks on water management land
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Move the trailhead at 7 Runs Park to the intersection of the Trail and Highway 81</li> <li>- Several sections of short needle pine on WMD land will be harvested within the next 9 months and re-planted. Therefore, it will be necessary to reestablish and re-blaze the trail using 4"x4"x 8' pressure treated ground contact posts in the harvested sections. About 1 mile of existing trail will have to be reestab-</li> </ul>



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

**Eglin Air Force Base**  
Panhandle Region

Florida National Scenic Trail	Unofficial Connecting Routes	Managed Conservation Lands	Other Features
Trail	Private	Federal	Wilderness Area
Levee	Roadwalk	State	Water
Spur Trail	Trailheads	Local	City Limits
Dirt Road	Campsites	Private	County
Paved Trail			
Paved Road			
Rail Trail			
Side Trail			
Sand Dune			

# US Air Force

## Eglin Air Force Base

### Trail Length: 64.9 miles

Eglin Air Force Base (EAFB) covers 464,000 acres in the Florida Panhandle. The EAFB Natural Resources Branch (locally known as Jackson Guard) is tasked with management of these vast natural resources and extensive outdoor recreational opportunities which are permitted on more than 250,000 acres of the reservation. A permit is required to recreate on the reservation. In addition to providing maps, regulations, and permit fee information, the Natural Resources office has educational displays that promote Eglin's rare and sensitive natural communities and management efforts. Nearly three-quarters of Eglin Air Force Base is comprised of sandhill communities. The rolling sandhill ridges are covered in sandy, well-drained soils that support longleaf pine and several species of scrub oaks. Visitors travel next to designated canoe trails along the Yellow and Shoal Rivers. The majority of the FNST at EAFB follows the northern border of the property. The Trail heads southwest from the trailhead on SR 285, paralleling Gum Creek and continuing in an up and down pattern for several miles before crossing Big Fork Creek. At the east end of the property, the Trail parallels State Road 87 before heading south to Gulf Islands

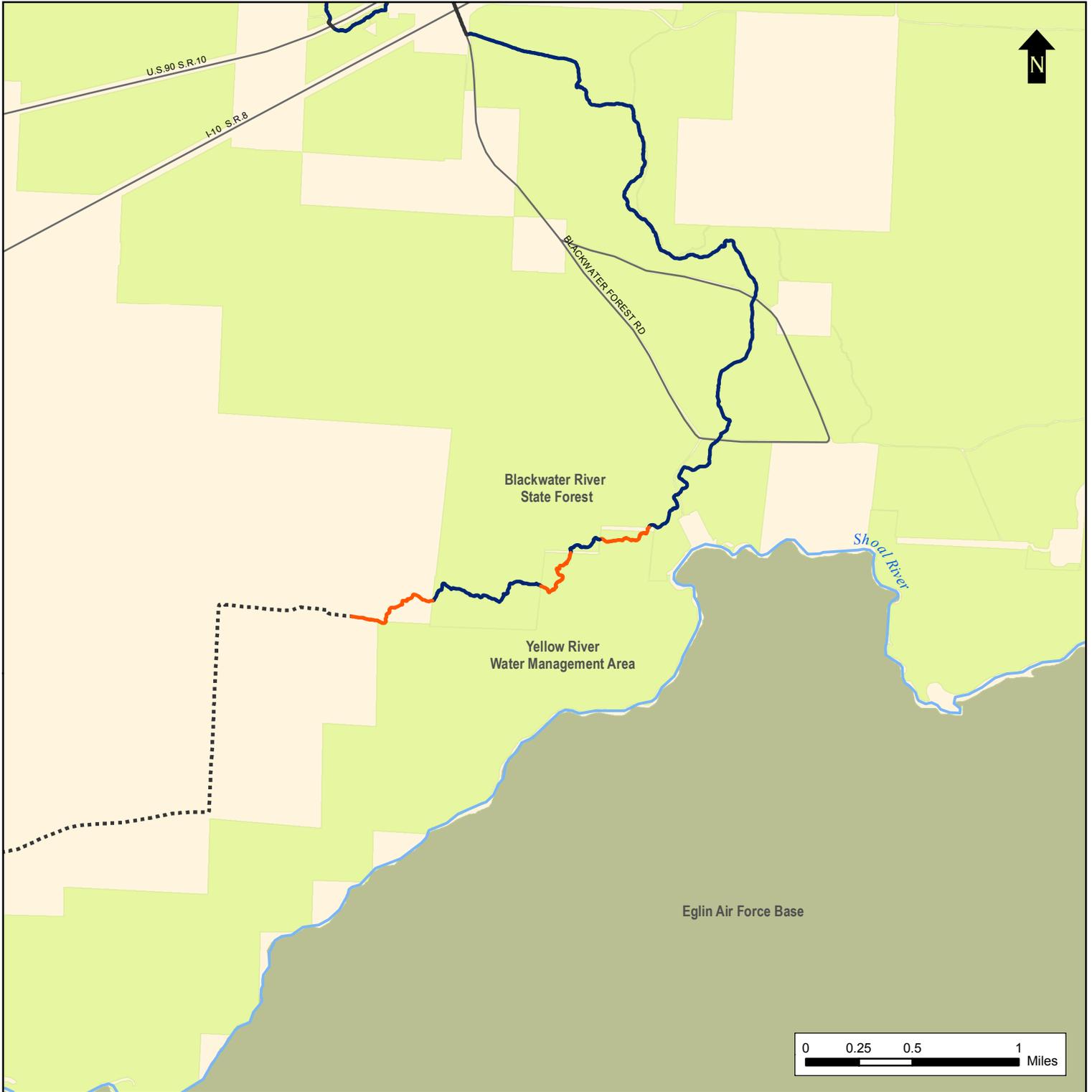


Camping at Eglin, credit: *Robert Coveney, Florida Trail Association*



Span bridge at Eglin AFB credit: *Jim Schmid*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Western Gate and Choctawhatchee Chapters ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	6 trailheads, 14 kiosks, 9 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	10 bridges, 19 puncheons ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	<b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b>
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Alaqua Creek Bridge</li> <li>- Repair existing bridges as needed</li> <li>- Construction of two miles of approved FNST along US 331 corridor, as well as Trailhead construction and the construction of a new parking area on US 331.</li> </ul>



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Yellow River Water Management Area

*Panhandle Region*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- Trailheads
- Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Northwest Florida Water Management District

## Yellow River Water Management Area

### Trail Length: 1.1 miles

The Yellow River Water Management Area is a diverse tract of land with upland pine forest, upland hardwood forest, seepage slopes, floodplain marsh, tidal marsh, streams, and lakes. The FNST on the property connects to the side trail at Blackwater River State Forest to a roadwalk which joins with FNST at the west end of Eglin Air Force Base. Future plans for the area include identifying a potential route to close the trail gap between FNST on northern Eglin and the Yellow River Water Management Area.

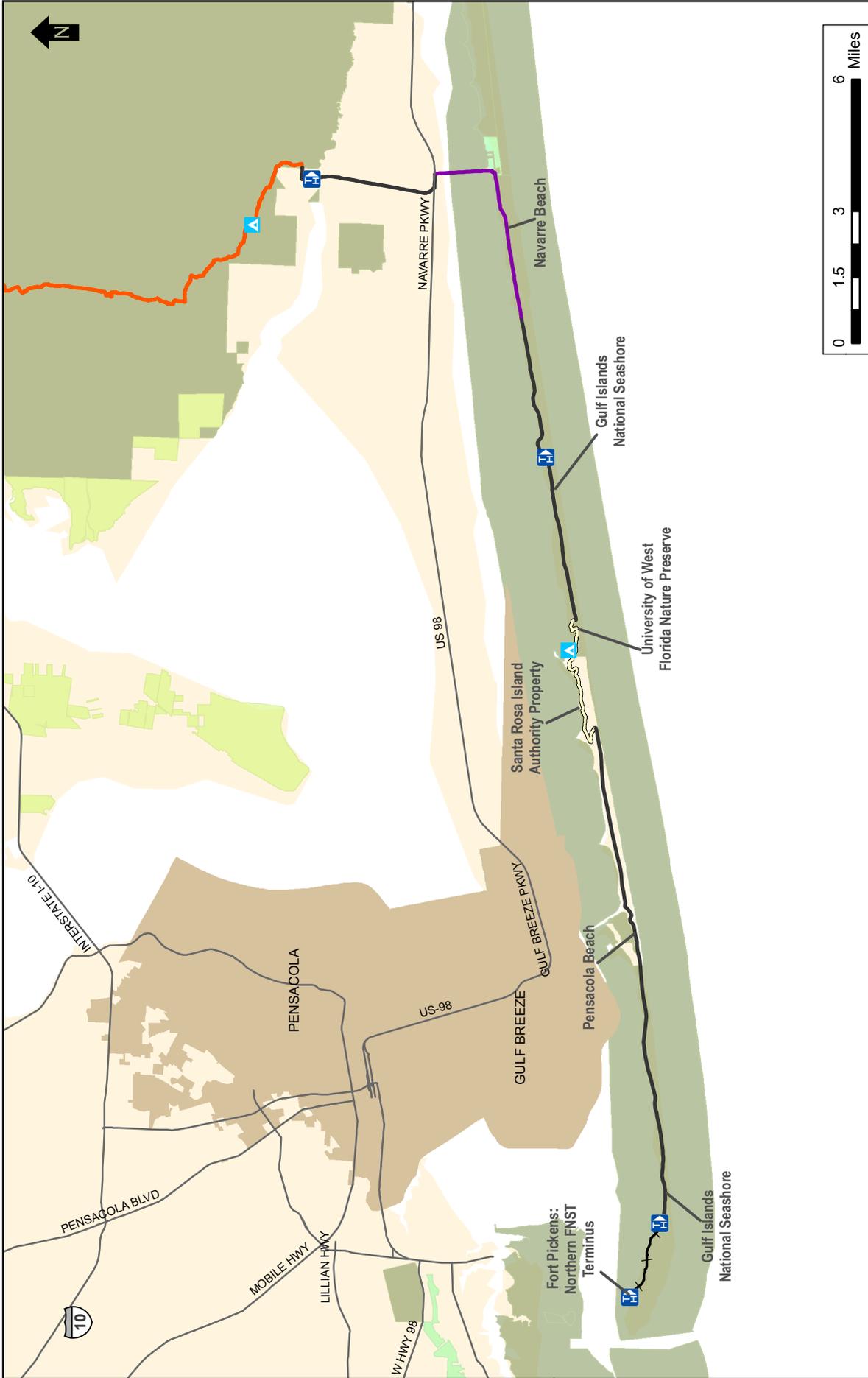


Yellow River hiking trail, credit: *Jim Schmid*



Yellow River hiking trail sign, credit: *Jim Schmid*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Western Gate and Choctawhatchee Chapters ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	None ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	None ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Gulf Islands National Seashore, Escambia Co., Navarre Beach, Pensacola Beach

*Panhandle Region*

## Gulf Islands (Navarre Beach, GUINS, UWF, SRIA, Pensacola Beach)

Trail Length: 13.9 miles (NPS), 11.5 miles (Escambia County), 2.7 miles (SRIA), 1.2 miles (UWF)

Gulf Islands National Seashore (GUINS) is known for its outstanding natural features and wildlife typical of a Northwest Florida barrier island ecosystem. The Seashore is home to loggerhead sea turtles, least terns, and piping plovers. Users will pass through dunes, maritime forests, flatwoods, and tidal creeks along the Trail. The beach walk along this segment showcases Norwest Florida and is the only beach walk along the Florida National Scenic Trail. Traveling along the parallel road shoulder is an available alternative to dune walking. The Trail follows a public bicycle path at Pensacola Beach trail, giving users access to shopping, dining, and lodging. The final mile of the Trail at Fort Pickens is the heaviest used section of the FNST in this area. It is accessed by thousands of visitors each year, including campers and bicyclists.



Gulf Islands along the beach, credit: *Linda Benton, Florida Trail Association*



Trail at Gulf Islands National Seashore, credit: *Jim Schmid*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Western Gate Chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	4 trailheads, 1 campsite ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Trailhead/kiosk improvement at Northern Terminus. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )

## **VI. Additional Trails**

- ◆ *Western Corridor*
- ◆ *Blackwater River State Forest & Blackwater River State Park*





# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Western Corridor

*Additional Trails*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Campsites

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Western Corridor

Van Fleet State Trail, Green Swamp WMA, Withlacoochee State Forest, Cypress Lakes Preserve, Withlacoochee State Trail, and the Cross Florida Greenway

## Trail Length: 134.1 miles

Van Fleet State Trail is a paved multi-use trail and is one of Florida’s most rural rail-trails. Green Swamp consists of 50,692 acres in Lake, Polk, and Sumter counties. It is a vast watershed of pine forests and cypress swamps and a critical recharge area for the Floridan aquifer as well as the source of the Hillsborough, Withlacoochee, Ocklawaha, and Peace rivers. Richloman is the southernmost tract in Withlacoochee State Forest and comprises approximately 49,200 acres. This tract is the wettest in the Withlacoochee trails system. The Withlacoochee State Forest Croom tract comprises 20,470 acres in the center of the Forest. It is the most popular and most visited forest tract, particularly the Hog Island Section, which offers a full facility campground. The Croom tract’s south tip is adjacent to Cypress Lakes Preserve, a small preserve owned and managed by Hernando County. The Withlacoochee Citrus tract Trail passes through areas of sandhill scrub, oak thickets, and stands of sand pine and longleaf pine. The Withlacoochee State Trail is a paved multi-use recreational trail. The Trail on the Cross Florida Greenway wanders through typical central Florida oak hammocks and pine forests and traverses a wide variety of natural habitats. In the northern portion of Ocala National Forest, the Florida Trail offers mostly level, dry tread through pine islands and hardwood forest and along the edges of prairies and ponds .

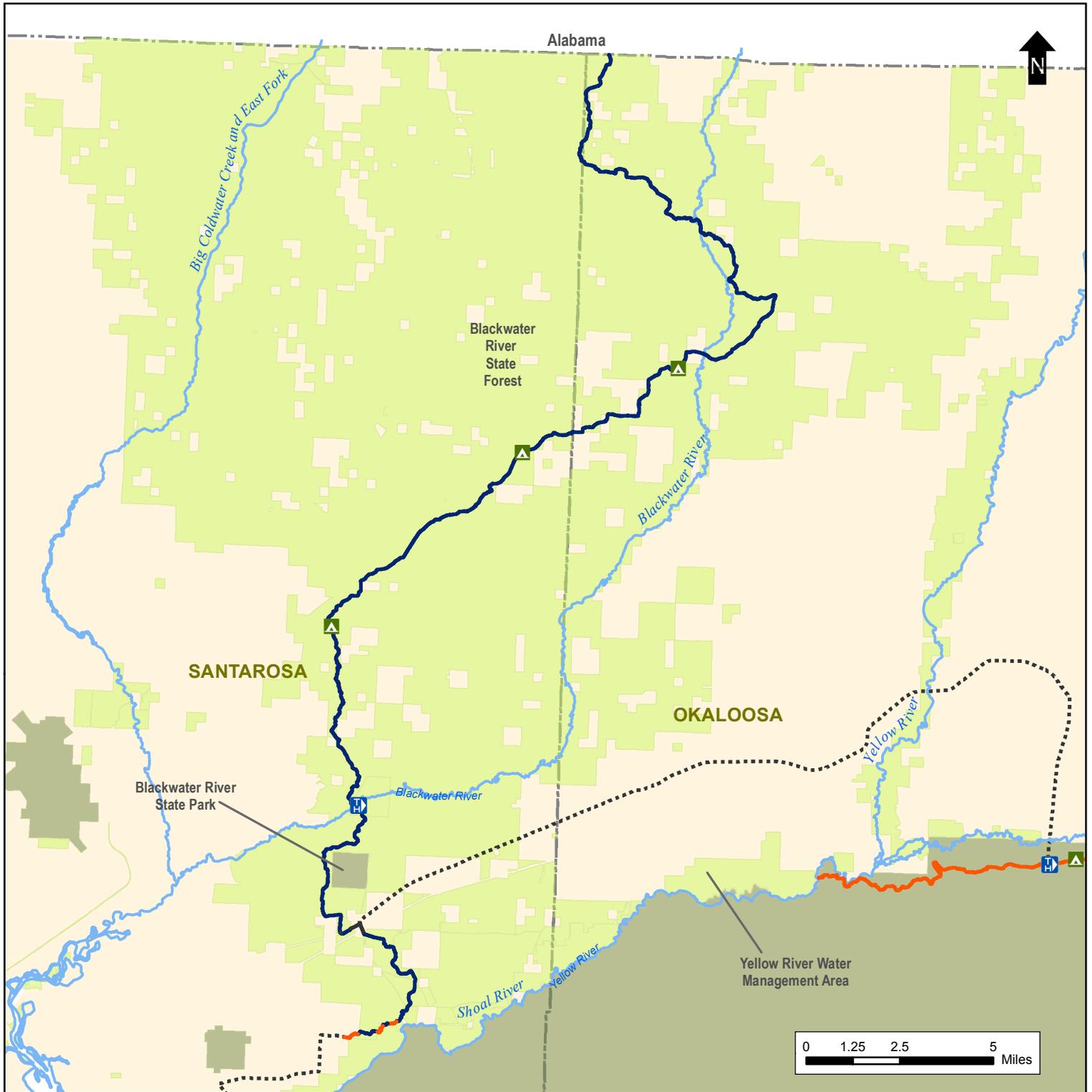


Trail at Withlacoochee, credit: Jim Schmid



Trail at Green Swamp, credit: Jim Schmid

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA’s Heartland, Suncoast, Florida Crackers, Highlanders, and Central Florida Chapters ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	12 trailheads, 17 campsites ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	33 bridges, 18 puncheons ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> 1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round 2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance 3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs)
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )



# FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

## Blackwater River Side Trail

*Additional Trails*

### Florida National Scenic Trail

- Trail
- Spur Trail
- Paved Trail
- Rail Trail
- Sand Dune
- Levee
- Dirt Road
- Paved Road
- Side Trail

### Unofficial Connecting Routes

- - - Private
- - - Roadwalk
- H Trailheads
- ▲ Shelters

### Managed Cons. Lands

- Federal
- State
- Local
- Private

# Blackwater Side Trail

## Blackwater River State Forest (FFS) & Blackwater River State Park (FDEP– Div. Rec. & Parks)

### Trail Length: 46.0 miles (FFS), 1.3 miles (FDEP)

The Blackwater Side Trail primarily runs through Blackwater River State Forest. This forest is one of the largest state forests in Florida, and is named for the Blackwater River, which begins in Alabama and meanders approximately 30 miles southwest through the forest and into Blackwater Bay near Milton, Florida. Blackwater River State Forest is known for its longleaf pine/wiregrass ecosystem, which, in combination with the Conecuh National Forest to the north and Eglin Air Force Base to the south, is the largest contiguous ecological community of this type in the world. A small portion of this side trail travels through Blackwater River State Park. The 600-acre Park offers opportunities for a variety of outdoor activities including swimming, fishing, camping, and paddling. The southern part of the Blackwater River Side Trail starts at the Hutton Unit near Harold, east of Pensacola, and continues to the Jackson/Wiregrass Trail. The Trail utilizes the Wiregrass Trail, an existing trail in the Florida State Forest Trailwalker program as it heads north to the Alabama border



Blackwater side Trail, credit: *Linda Benton, Florida Trail Association*



Credit: *Sandra Friend, Florida Trail Association*

<b>Volunteer Support</b>	FTA's Western Gate Chapter ( <i>Who helps maintain your section of trail?</i> )
<b>Allowed Use</b>	Pedestrian ( <i>Types of recreation</i> )
<b>Facilities</b>	1 trailhead, 3 shelters ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Infrastructure</b>	7 bridges, 8 boardwalks ( <i>Please update these numbers if they are inaccurate</i> )
<b>Trail Maintenance Summary</b>	( <i>Select one:</i> <b>1. Trail is maintained to meet user needs year round</b> <b>2. Intermittent/seasonal maintenance</b> <b>3. In need of additional resources to meet user needs</b> )
<b>Trail Management Priorities</b>	- Complete Trail Assessment as part of Florida Forest Service statewide assessment. ( <i>What are your 2014 goals, such as safety concerns, critical infrastructure needs, significant reroutes, etc.?</i> )

# Appendix A: Florida National Scenic Trail Land Managers by Region

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