



FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

The Florida Trail is a federally-designated National Scenic Trail intended to offer a continuous, non-motorized recreation opportunity showcasing the biodiversity, history, and culture of Florida. The Florida Trail stretches over 1,400 miles from the white sands of Gulf Islands National Seashore to Big Cypress National Preserve in the Everglades.

THE AUTHENTIC FLORIDA EXPERIENCE

Florida is home to many unique environments, some of which are not seen anywhere else in the world. This gives trail users prime access to some of the best nature and wildlife viewing opportunities in the country. By traveling along the Florida Trail, one can experience a variety of ecosystems including longleaf pine forests, sand dune scattered beaches, and hardwood hammocks.



FOLLOW THE ORANGE BLAZES

If you wanted to hike from the western end of Florida's panhandle to the southern tip of the state, how would you do it? Follow the orange blazes of course! These orange blazes, with the Florida Trail signs, will help you navigate the trail from end to end.

Wildlife viewing along the Florida Trail provides visitors with the opportunity to see black bears, alligators, panthers, gopher tortoises, and unique species of birds including wood storks, red-cockaded woodpeckers, Florida scrub-jays and roseate spoonbills.



The first National Scenic Trails were established by congress in 1968 to "provide access to spectacular natural beauty and to allow the pursuit of healthy outdoor recreation." There are now 11 National Scenic Trails.

To learn more about the Florida Trail, purchase trail maps, plan your trip, or discover volunteer opportunities, visit www.fs.usda.gov/fnst or www.floridatrail.org

