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Aug. 29, 2024

The Honorable Kathleen Passidomo  
President, Florida Senate  
409 The Capitol  
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The Honorable Paul Renner  
Speaker, Florida House of Representatives  
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Mr. Roger Young  
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Dear President Passidomo, Speaker Renner and Executive Director Young:

Pursuant to section 379.3001(7), Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is providing this report on lands owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (BOT) that are hunted and managed by DEP, local governments, universities, non-governmental organizations and federal agencies. Other agencies or water management districts that manage BOT lands will report their hunting lands separately and are not included herein.

This report includes lands where hunting was permitted and lands where hunting was not permitted during Fiscal Year 2023-24. This information is reported to, and utilized by, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, which reports on properties that were open to hunting during the previous fiscal year; properties that were not open to hunting during the previous fiscal year, and acreage for each property and the county where the property is located, except for right-of-way lands and parcels under 50 acres.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mara Gambineri, Deputy Secretary for Land and Recreation, at 850-245-2044.

Sincerely,

Anna DeCerio

Chief of Staff

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**No Net Loss of Hunting Report  
Fiscal Year 2023-24**

**Division of State Lands  
Office of Environmental Services  
Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Oct. 1, 2024**



# No Net Loss of Hunting Report

## Fiscal Year 2023-24

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## **Executive Summary**

Section 379.3001(7), Florida Statutes, requires the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide a report by Oct. 1 annually on hunting lands owned by the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (BOT) that are managed by DEP, local governments, universities, nongovernmental organizations or federal agencies.

During Fiscal Year 2023-24:

- 53,294.62 acres of land owned by the BOT were open for hunting.
- 608,459.07 acres of land owned by the BOT were not open for hunting.
- 162,464.25 acres of land co-owned by the BOT were not open for hunting.

## **Lands Hunted – Board of Trustees-Owned**

Lands listed below are hunted, contain more than 50 acres and are owned by the BOT:

MANAGED AREA NAME	MANAGING AGENCY	ACREAGE	COUNTY
Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve	Department of Environmental Protection	6,784.31	Levy
Rock Springs Run State Reserve	Department of Environmental Protection	14,164.77	Lake, Orange, Seminole
Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve*	Department of Environmental Protection	7,044.00	Franklin
Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway State Recreation and Conservation Area – Select areas**	Department of Environmental Protection		
Choctawhatchee River Tract	Undesignated	234.54	Walton, Washington
Porter Pond Tract	Undesignated	80.00	Washington
Unnamed swamp and overflowed lands	Undesignated, titled to BOT	24,987.00	Statewide
<b>Acreage of BOT Lands Hunted</b>		<b>53,294.62</b>	

\*The sovereign submerged lands within the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve/aquatic preserve boundaries, as well as the submerged lands entitled to the BOT that have been flooded for reservoirs or dams, are potential waterfowl hunting sites but have not been identified for purposes of this exercise as acreages with public hunting.

\*\*The Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway State Recreation and Conservation Area leases some of its land to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for public hunting. This includes land hunted within Caravelle Ranch and Marshall Swamp. Additionally, the total acreage for the Gores Landing site is leased to FWC by DEP for hunting. The acreage numbers for these sites will be found in the FWC report.

### **Lands Not Hunted – Board of Trustees-Owned**

Lands listed below are not hunted and are owned solely or primarily by the BOT:

MANAGED AREA NAME	MANAGING AGENCY	ACREAGE	COUNTY
Coconut Point Sanctuary	Brevard County	62.00	Brevard
Enchanted Forest Sanctuary	Brevard County	470.00	Brevard
Grant Flatwoods Sanctuary	Brevard County	2,600.00	Brevard
Helen and Allan Cruickshank Sanctuary	Brevard County	140.00	Brevard
Maritime Hammock Sanctuary	Brevard County	150.00	Brevard
South Babcock	Brevard County	294.39	Brevard
Valkaria Expansion	Brevard County	1,324.97	Brevard
Valkaria Scrub Sanctuary	Brevard County	808.17	Brevard
Snake Warrior's Island	Broward County	54.40	Broward
Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve	City of Cape Coral	365.00	Lee
Jentgen Parcel	Everglades City	96.00	Collier
Whispering Pines Park	City of Inverness	290.00	Citrus
Brandy Branch Trailhead	City of Jacksonville	112.61	Duval
Jacksonville-Baldwin Rail Trail	City of Jacksonville	172.13	Duval
Verdie Forest	City of Jacksonville	146.00	Duval
Marianna Greenway	City of Marianna	35.77	Jackson
South Marianna Trail and Canoe Launch	City of Marianna	226.62	Jackson
North Shore Open Space Park	City of Miami Beach	31.10	Miami-Dade
Treasure Island Conservation/Preservation Area	City of Treasure Island	131.13	Pinellas
Lehigh Greenway Rail Trail	Flagler County	194.95	Flagler
Curry Island Trailhead	Glades County	156.10	Glades
Harney Pond Recreation Area	Glades County	81.00	Glades
Alderman's Ford Nature Preserve	Hillsborough County	971.00	Hillsborough
Bower Tract Preserve	Hillsborough County	1,548.00	Hillsborough
Golden Aster Scrub Nature Preserve	Hillsborough County	1,191.00	Hillsborough
Captain Forster Hammock Preserve	Indian River County	110.00	Indian River
Chipola River Greenway	Jackson County	295.00	Jackson
Jackson County Blue Springs and Merritt's Mill Pond	Jackson County	202.00	Jackson
Palatlahaka Environmental and Agricultural Reserve Park	Lake County	318.00	Lake
Caloosahatchee Regional Park	Lee County	768.00	Lee
J.R. Alford Greenway	Leon County	874.00	Leon
Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway	Leon County	503.00	Leon
Emerson Point Preserve	Manatee County	365.00	Manatee
Silver Springs Conservation Area	Marion County	330.00	Marion
Boystown Pineland	Miami-Dade County	78.00	Miami-Dade
Deering Estate at Cutler	Miami-Dade County	454.67	Miami-Dade
Deering Estate South Addition	Miami-Dade County	34.00	Miami-Dade
R. Hardy Matheson Preserve	Miami-Dade County	813.60	Miami-Dade
Monroe County Managed Areas	Monroe County	92.79	Monroe

MANAGED AREA NAME	MANAGING AGENCY	ACREAGE	COUNTY
Lake Okeechobee Sanctuaries	National Audubon Society Inc.	29,000.00	Glades
Trimble Park	Orange County	71.00	Orange
West Orange Trail	Orange County	22.26	Orange
Juno Dunes Natural Area	Palm Beach County	569.00	Palm Beach
Jupiter Ridge Natural Area	Palm Beach County	270.00	Palm Beach
Yamato Scrub Natural Area	Palm Beach County	217.00	Palm Beach
Weedon Island Preserve	Pinellas County	3,190.00	Pinellas
Cross Seminole Trail	Seminole County	120.00	Seminole
Spring Hammock Preserve	Seminole County	1,500.00	Seminole
Blind Creek	St. Lucie County	400.00	St. Lucie
John Brooks Park	St. Lucie County	408.00	St. Lucie
Queens Island	St. Lucie County	400.00	St. Lucie
Suwannee River Greenway at Branford	Suwannee County	76.96	Suwannee
Lake Harbor Tract	Undesignated (not currently assigned)	632.00	Palm Beach
Robert Crown Wilderness Area	Undesignated (not currently assigned)	347.13	Pasco
Winston Tract	Manatee County	52.00	Manatee
Austin Cary Forest	University of Florida	2,080.00	Alachua
Bivens Rim Forest	University of Florida	114.00	Alachua
Lake Alice	University of Florida	129.50	Alachua
Natural Area Teaching Laboratory	University of Florida	60.00	Alachua
Chinsegut Hill Conference Center	University of South Florida	115.00	Hernando
Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge	U.S. Department of Interior – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	200,000.00	Monroe
Key West National Wildlife Refuge	U.S. Department of Interior – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	208,308.00	Monroe
Loxahatchee Slough Public Use Natural Area	U.S. Department of Interior – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	640.00	Palm Beach
Loxahatchee Slough Research Natural Area	U.S. Department of Interior – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	2,560.00	Palm Beach
National Key Deer Refuge	U.S. Department of Interior – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	84,351.00	Monroe
Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge	U.S. Department of Interior – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	5,400.00	Indian River
Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve	U.S. Department of Interior – National Park Service	46,000.00	Duval, Nassau
Bicentennial Youth Park Environmental Learning Center	Volusia County	381.32	Volusia
Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve	Volusia County	2,479.00	Volusia
East Central Regional Rail Trail	Volusia County	663.00	Brevard, Volusia
Lighthouse Point Park	Volusia County	52.00	Volusia
Lyonia Preserve	Volusia County	360.00	Volusia
Mashes Sands Park	Wakulla County	439.50	Wakulla
Morrison Springs Recreational Facility	Walton County	161.00	Walton
<b>Acreage of BOT Land Not Hunted</b>		<b>608,459.07</b>	

### **Lands Not Hunted – Cooperatively-Owned**

Lands listed below are not hunted and the BOT is a co-owner:

MANAGED AREA NAME	MANAGING AGENCY	ACREAGE	COUNTY
Sand Key Park	Pinellas County	95.00	Pinellas
Turkey Creek Sanctuary	City of Palm Bay	130.00	Brevard
Mobbly Bayou Preserve	Pinellas County	396.00	Pinellas
Princess Place Preserve	Flagler County	1,500.00	Flagler
Jordan Scrub Sanctuary	Brevard County	354.00	Brevard
Micco Scrub Sanctuary	Brevard County	1,322.00	Brevard
Twin Shores Park	Brevard County	28.54	Brevard
Hollywood North Beach Regional Park	Broward County	62.20	Broward
West Lake Park/Anne Kolb Nature Center	Broward County	1,503.90	Broward
Barefoot Beach Preserve County Park	Collier County	342.00	Collier
Treasure Shores	Indian River County	20.80	Indian River
Hickey Creek Greenbriar Connector Preserve	Lee County	95.81	Lee
Randell Research Center	University of Florida	67.00	Lee
Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge	U.S. Department of Interior – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	140,000.00	Brevard, Volusia
Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary	National Audubon Society Inc.	13,450.00	Collier, Lee
Joe's Creek Management Area	Pinellas County	300.00	Pinellas
Southeast Intracoastal Waterway Park	St. Johns County	114.00	St. Johns
Pepper Park	St. Lucie County	52.00	St. Lucie
Huguenot Memorial Park	City of Jacksonville	450.00	Duval
Florida Coastal Islands Sanctuaries	National Audubon Society Inc.	340.00	Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, Sarasota
Shell Key Preserve	Pinellas County	1,800.00	Pinellas
Ponce Preserve	Town of Ponce Inlet	41.00	Volusia
<b>Acreeage of Cooperatively Owned Land Not Hunted</b>		<b>162,464.25</b>	