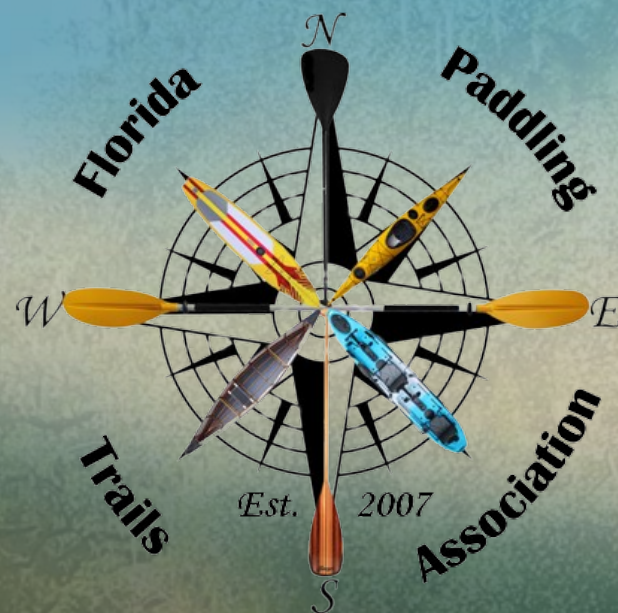




FLORIDA PADDLING TRAILS ASSOCIATION

Connecting Paddlers to Florida's Water Trails



The mission of the Florida Paddling Trails Association is to support, improve, and maintain water trails, promote environmental protection along the trails, serve as a resource and advocate for paddlers, and to promote paddling safety and education. The Association will be the nonprofit steward of the Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail (FL CT), in cooperation with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails and other local, regional, state, and federal entities.

Activities Supporting Our Mission:

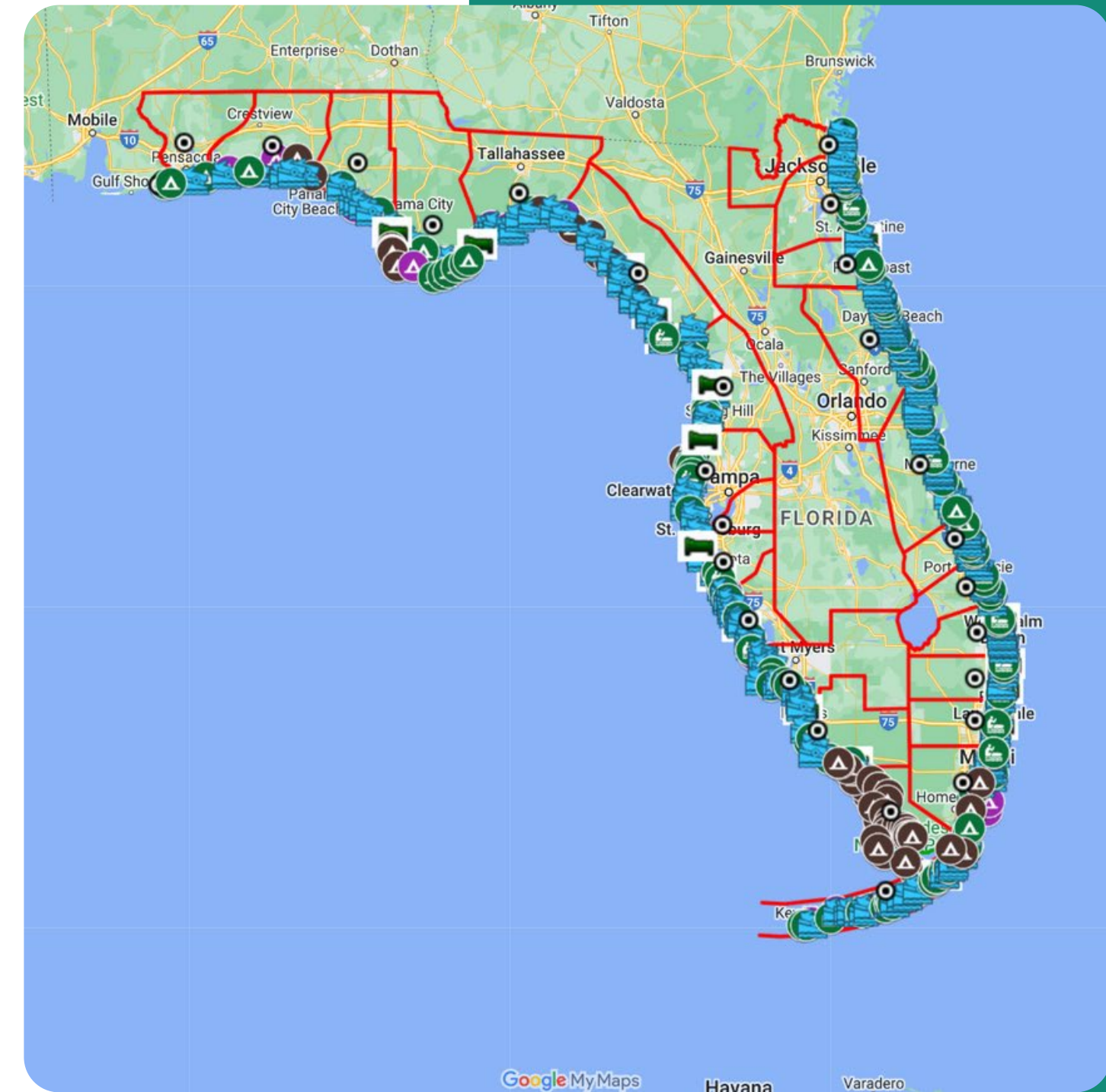


- 1 Support, Improve, and Maintain Water Trails
- 2 Promote Environmental Protection along those Trails
- 3 Serve as a Resource and Advocate for Paddlers
- 4 Promote Paddling Safety and Education

FPTA's founding centered on Florida's 1,515-mile “CT”—the Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail.

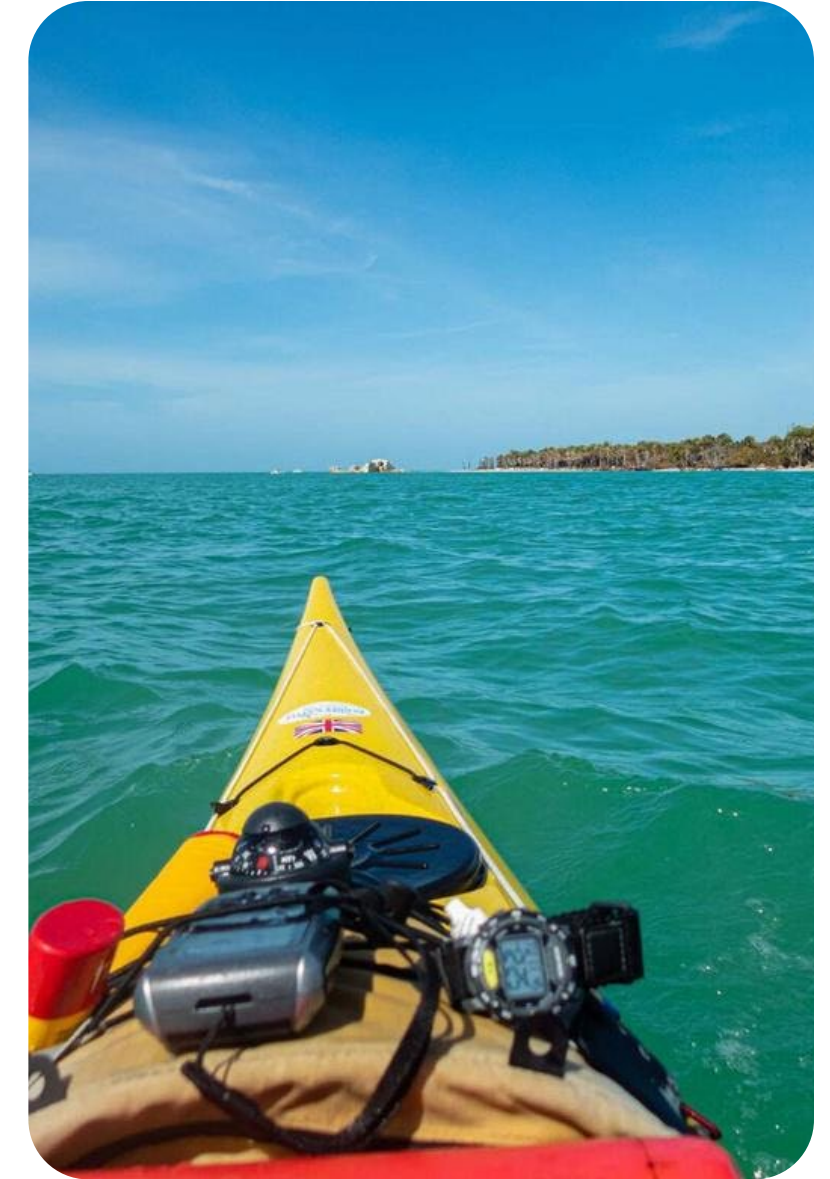
In 2005, the 1515-mile Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail (or “CT”) was officially designated by the Florida Legislature as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System (Title XVIII, Chapter 260 Florida Statutes). Scouting for the trail was completed in the summer of 2007.

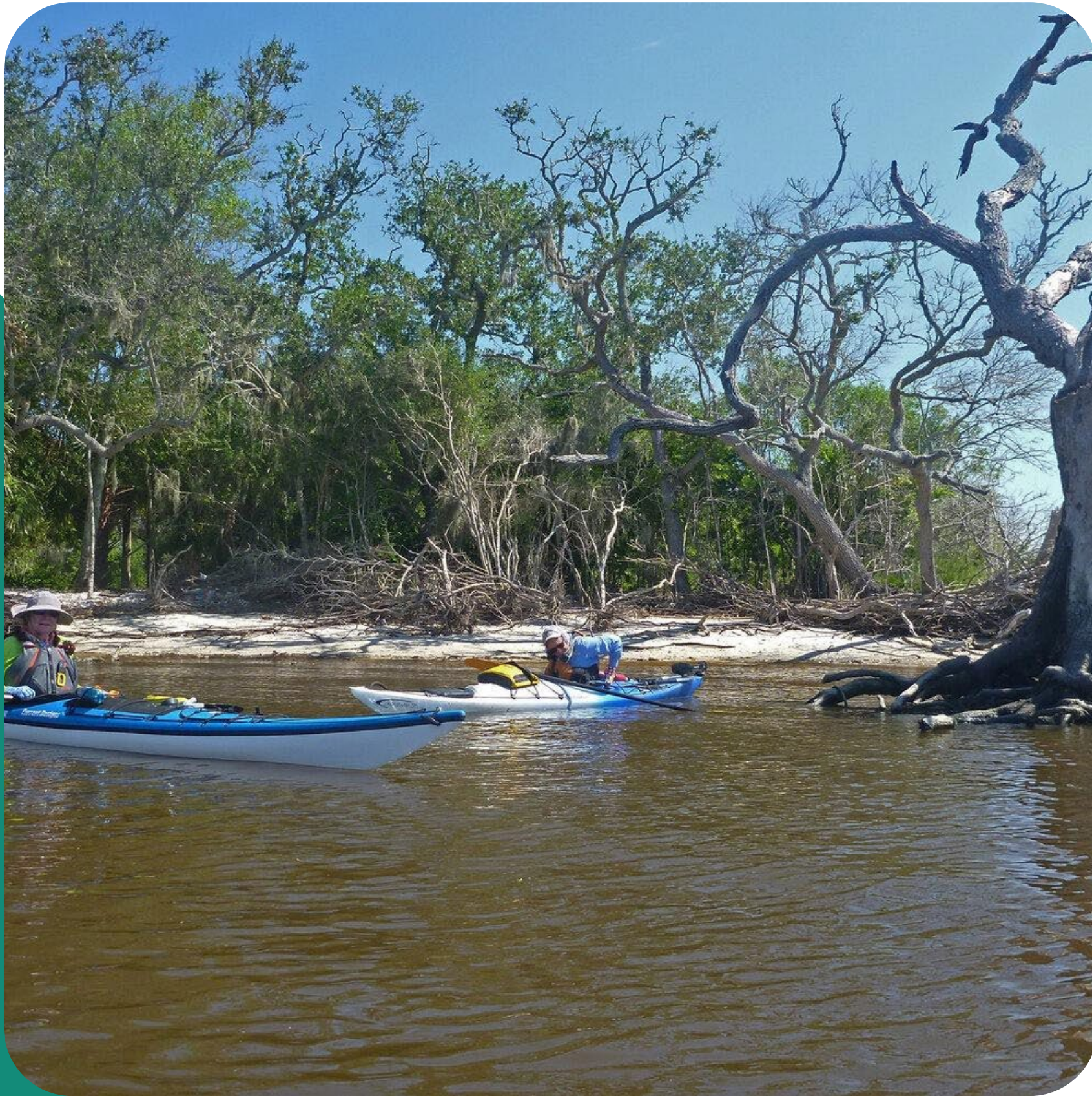
Another highlight that summer was its designation as a National Recreation Trail by the United States Department of Interior.



CT Highlights:

- Official start/end locations
 - Big Lagoon State Park
 - Ft. Clinch State Park
- Paddle either counter or clockwise
- Two ways to kayak the CT:
 - 'Through paddle' (3-4 months)
 - 'Section paddle' (23 months +++)





Diverse environments/experiences

Sugar sand/Panhandle ☐ remote beauty/Big Bend &

Everglades ☐ turquoise waters/Keys ☐ ever-growing

40 Completed the CT

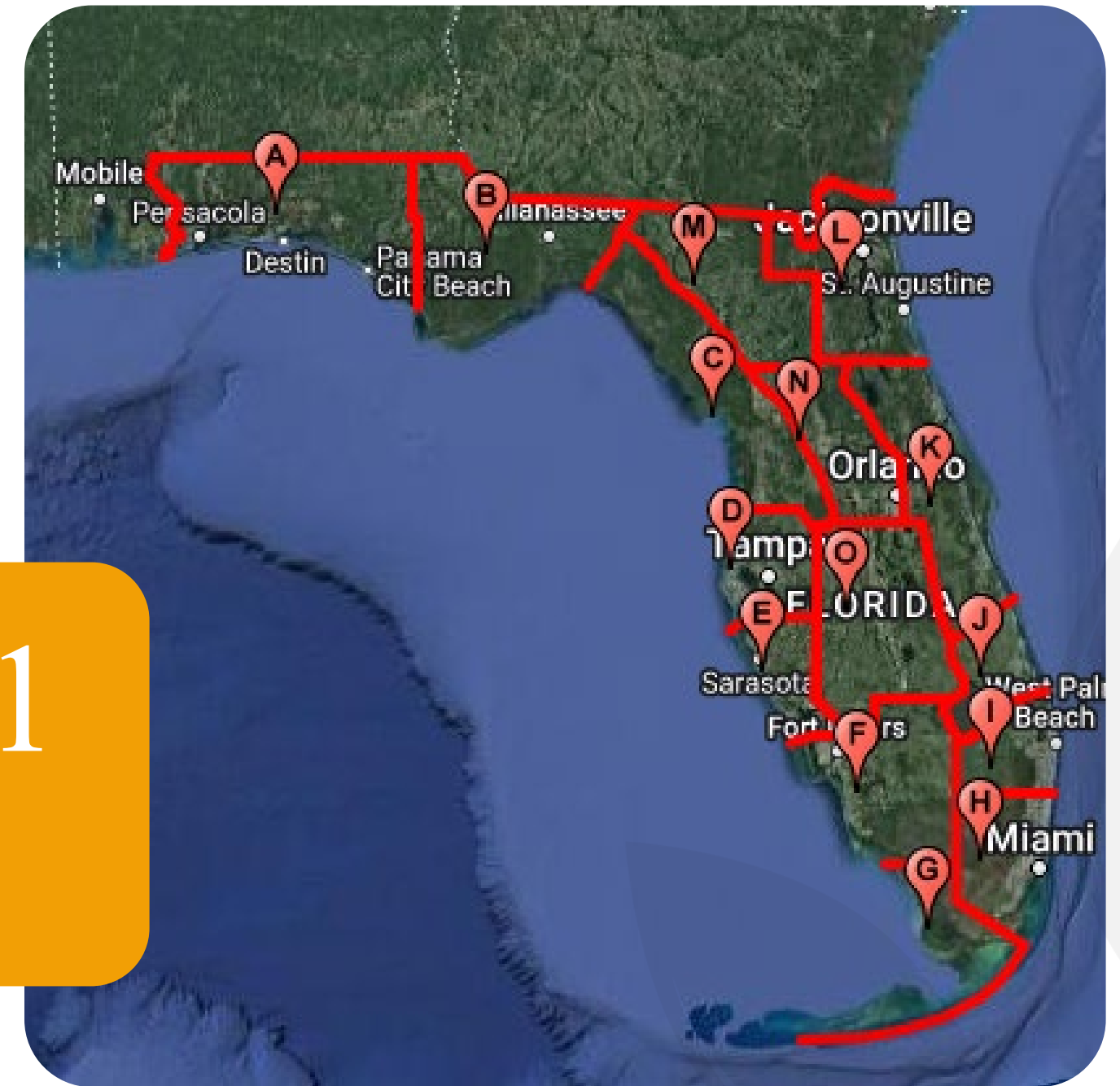
- 33 Men - 7 Women
- Shortest: 44 days
- Longest: 13 yrs, 9 mo, 27 days
- Oldest: 73 yrs old
- 1-person: 2X (Section & Through Paddler)

22 “Registered” in the process



Mission #1

Support, Improve, and Maintain Water Trails



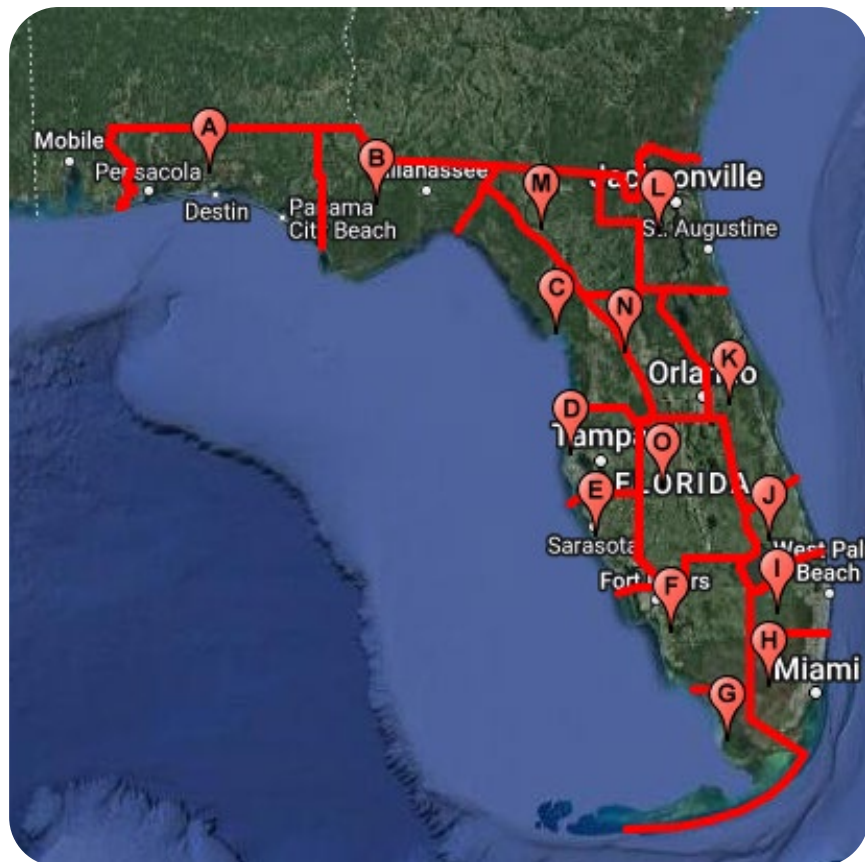
★ 11,000+ miles of mapped/documentated water trails



Mission #1

Support, Improve, and Maintain
Water Trails

- ✓ Support and maintain the Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail (CT) utilizing Trail Keepers and a network of coastal Trail Angels.
- ✓ Document and publicize new and existing water trails, campsites, and launches.
- ✓ Improve existing water trails.
- ✓ Assist communities with developing paddling-based ecotourism programs





How Do We Do It?

Our Team: 100+ Volunteers!

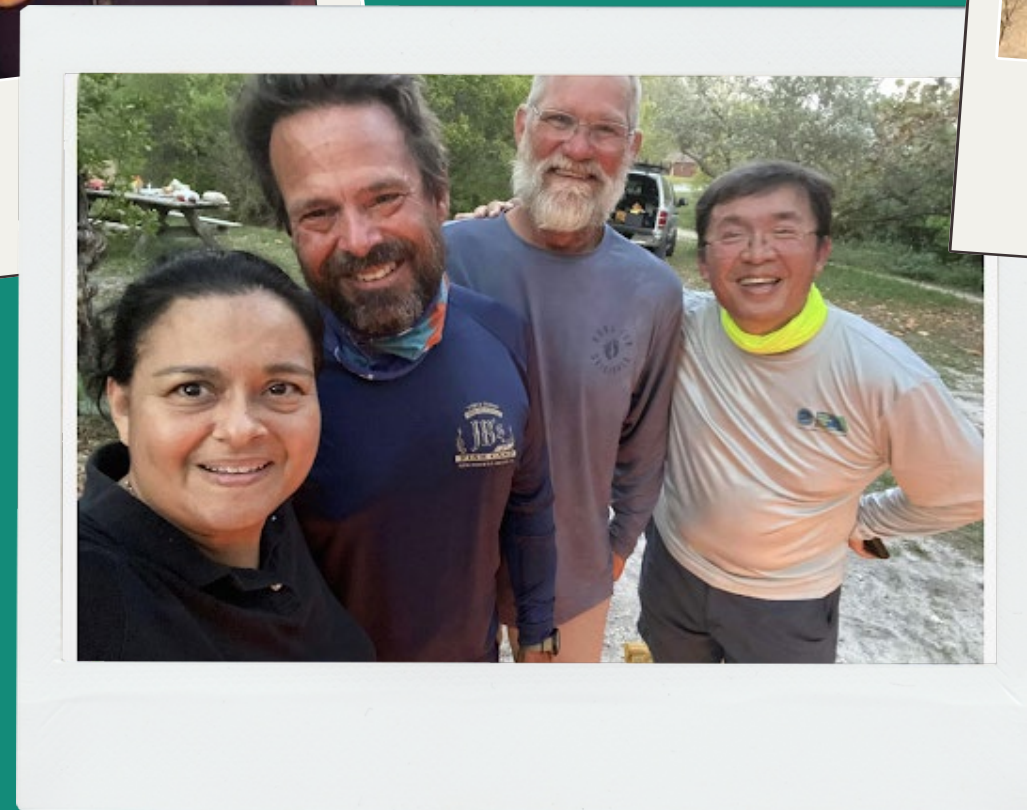


Requires coordination (relationships) with State,
county, and private agencies



Steve Cournoyer (left) working with the South Florida Water Management District on the Kissimmee River.

VOLUNTEERS: A Network of Dedicated Trail Angels...



...and Hard Working Trail Keepers





Mission #2

Promote Environmental Protection along those Trails

- ✓ Facilitate statewide cleanups of rivers, lakes, springs, and coastal waterways.
- ✓ Offer environmental training to paddlers.
- ✓ Partner with organizations committed to stewardship of Florida waters.



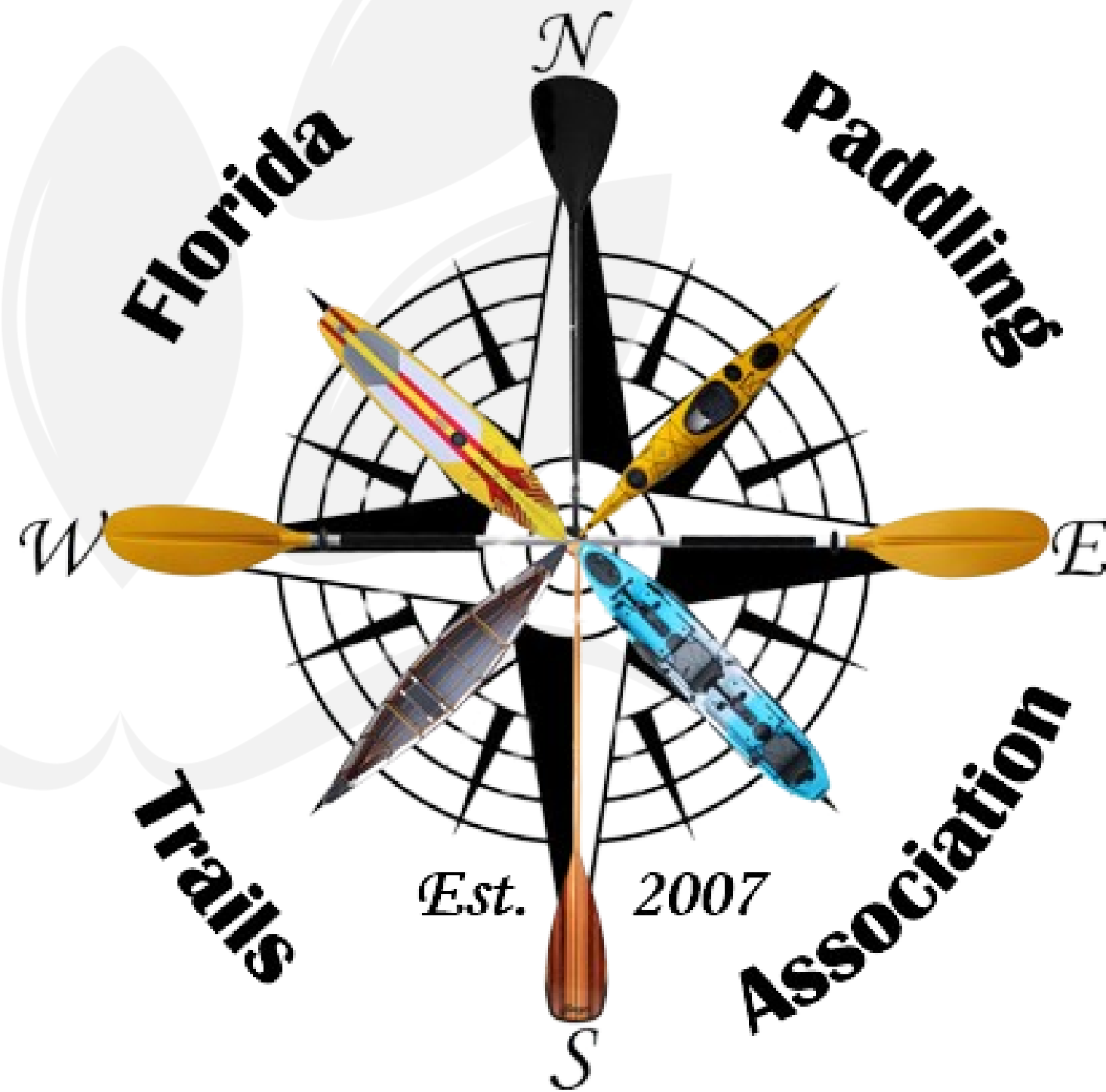


Mission #3

Serve as a Resource & Voice for Paddlers

- ✓ FPTA represents paddlers at state & local government advisory groups/meetings.
- ✓ Input from “experienced paddlers” often saves time/money on projects, kayak launch installations, etc.

FPTA Website Rocks!



- ✓ Provides information that paddlers need to plan their activities.
- ✓ 11,000 miles of documented paddling trails
- ✓ FPTA Store: Purchases support FPTA and FPTA supports passionate paddlers like YOU!
- ✓ NEW Membership portal provides you with the ability to download your membership card, verify when your membership payment is due, and manage your membership payments, renewals and profile.



Mission #4

MISSION #4: Promote Paddling Safety & Education



The Taylor Howard Youth Paddling Fund: FPTA partners with Youth Educators to develop the next generation of paddlers and waterways stewards



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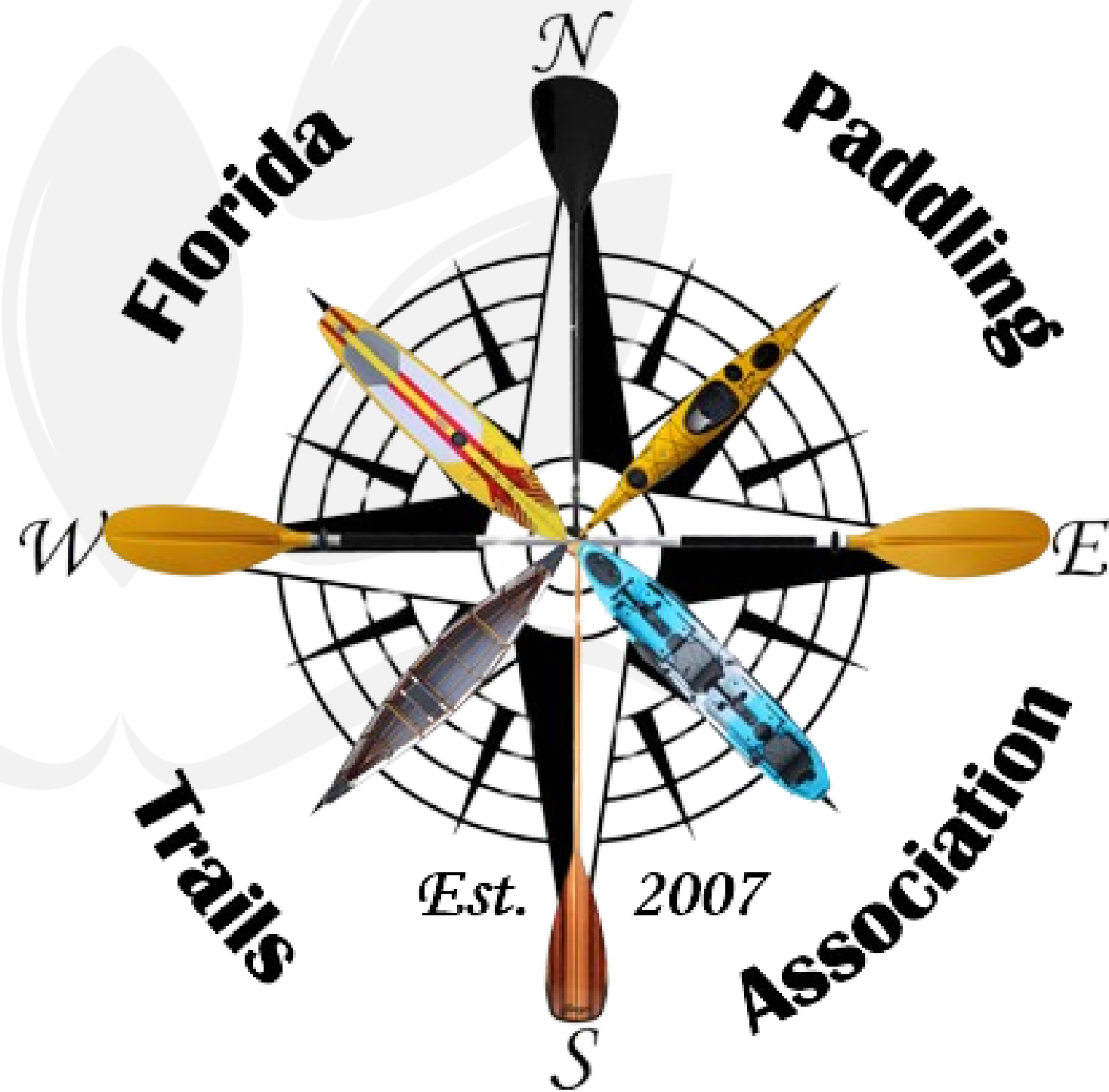
Benefits of becoming a member of the Florida Paddling Trails.

- ✓ Receive FPTA Member-only invitation and a discounted rate on local and state-wide FPTA paddling, education events, including FPTA's Annual PaddleFest and the Circumnavigational Trail Reunion.
- ✓ Get direct access to our FPTA Region Directors, who are experienced and knowledgeable, and can answer your paddling-related questions.
- ✓ Take advantage of Members-only discounts at many of our Business Partners.
- ✓ FPTA members can tap into FPTA's network of coastal "trail angel" support while embarking on Florida's 1,515-mile Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail.
- ✓ Paddle with a purpose! FPTA offers paddlers an opportunity to give back to their sport, the environment, and the communities along the water trails we enjoy exploring.

TOGETHER, we provide grants to qualified outfitters who educate our next generation of paddlers and caretakers of Florida's waterways. (20% of your membership and 40% of our merch/store sales goes directly to FPTA's Taylor Howard Youth Paddling Fund).

Membership Options:

Which tier is right for YOU



- ➔ Individual - \$25
- ➔ Family - \$35
- ➔ Business - \$50
- ➔ Paddle Club - \$50
- ➔ Paddle Club Member - \$20
- ➔ Lifetime - \$1,000

Join Here: <https://www.floridapaddlingtrails.com/mw-membership-signup-page>

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