

## Mentorships Impact on Resource Management



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Kevin Patton  
*Park Manager*

Kevin Patton began his career with the Florida Park Service in 1986. He worked as a Park Ranger at Ravine Gardens, O'Leno, and Paynes Prairie Preserve State Parks. In December 1999, he was promoted to Assistant Park Manager at Stephen Foster, Big Shoals, and Oustee Battlefield.

Since 2005, Kevin has held the role of Park Manager, initially at Ochlockonee River and Bald Point State Parks. From 2012 to 2021, he was at Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park. Currently, he serves as the Park Manager at Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park, Gainesville to Hawthorne State Trail, and Prices Scrub State Park.

In 1999, he became a burn boss and has overseen 98 burns throughout his career, participating in a total of 287 burns, which includes 23 wildfires.

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