

Getting into the Corridor: Invitations and Obstacles to Access



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Jason Lauritsen is the Chief Conservation Officer of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation (Corridor Foundation) where he oversees the organizations land and water protection, science, stewardship and community relationships for the Corridor Foundation. He sits on the Office of Greenways and Trails Council, the Florida Transportation Plan Environmental Partners Working Group, the 2055 Florida Transportation Plan Steering Committee and is a part of the Statewide Bear Technical Assistance Group. Lauritsen has a Master's in Science Education from the University of Iowa and a Bachelor's in Animal Ecology from Iowa State University. He worked as a rainforest guide in Ecuador in 1992. In 2001, he joined Audubon at the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary as the Natural Resources Manager and prescribed burn boss. Continuing his career with Audubon he became the Big Cypress Ecosystem Science Coordinator in 2005 before being promoted to Assistant Sanctuary Director in 2007 and Sanctuary Director in 2012 where he led the crown jewel of Audubon's Sanctuary network until Dec of 2018. Lauritsen has worked in restoration, education, research, policy and ecotourism in Florida for over 20 years.



Mason Gravley - Impact Campaigns Director

Mason grew up right in the middle of the swamps, orange groves, and cattle ranches of Frostproof, Florida. His love of the outdoors budded through early hunting and fishing trips and has evolved into a love of paddling and exploring the most hidden waterways and camping spots of Florida's backcountry. After discovering a phenomenon called "elevation" through extensive backpacking and bikepacking adventures in college and beyond, he settled down in the Sierra Nevada and Rocky mountains for nearly a decade before starting a family and returning back to Florida with a new perspective on landscape-scale conservation. Mason has a degree in general biology from Southeastern University in Florida and an MS in Marketing from Regis University in Denver and comes to the foundation from the startup world. He hosts the Adventure Sports and Florida Uncut podcasts in his limited free time, and lives in the beautiful and quaint Florida coastal town of Palmetto with his high-school sweetheart and their three sons.

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