Rob Barrett began his career with the Florida Park Service in February of 2011, but his love of the outdoors began long before that, in the woods of Northern Virginia. Throughout his teens and early 20’s, he spent summers in Northern Ohio working at his Aunt’s Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center. While pursuing a degree in biology at Florida State University, he was hired as the Naturalist at the Tallahassee Museum. After a working as a park ranger with the Florida Park Service he was hired as the Programs Manager for the Interpretive Services section of Florida State Parks.

Rob was honored to have been selected as the Director of Interpretive Programming and Education for Tennessee State Parks in January of 2021 and has spent the past year learning about Tennessee and working to support park programming throughout the state.

Rob became the National Coordinator of First Day Hikes for the National Association of State Parks Directors in 2019. He is proud to have turned a lifelong connection to the outdoors into a career which will ensure the continuation of protected spaces for the next generation.