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A summary report of Florida's primary land managing agencies' outdoor recreation resources and facilities.

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Introduction

This report summarizes the outdoor recreation resources and facilities provided by the primary state land managing agencies of Florida. This is the first comprehensive approach to summarizing the outdoor recreation opportunities of Florida's state land managing agencies. In addition, common methods used to measure recreation resources and facilities were established. The report is a result of an effort by the agencies to improve the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) as a planning tool for outdoor recreation providers.

The SCORP is a multipurpose outdoor recreation plan that documents recreational supply and demand, describes current recreational opportunities, estimates the need for additional recreation opportunities, and proposes means for meeting identified needs of Florida's outdoor recreation system. Section 375.021, Florida Statutes, gives the Florida Department of Environmental Protection responsibility, authority, and power to develop and execute the plan with the cooperation of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the water management districts.

A workgroup of staff members from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of State, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the water management districts formed to make recommendations on improving the effectiveness of the SCORP. One of main recommendations of the workgroup was for an annual update of the outdoor recreation resources and facilities provided by each agency to be collected in Florida's Outdoor Recreation Inventory.

The Florida Outdoor Recreation Inventory is a comprehensive inventory of the existing outdoor recreation resources and facilities in Florida. The inventory provides details regarding parks, recreation areas, open spaces and other outdoor recreation sites in the state. FORI includes the known outdoor recreation resources and facilities provided by federal, state, regional, county and municipal governments, commercial enterprises, non-profit organizations and clubs. The database consists of over 13,000 records and is maintained by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of developing the SCORP.

With any pioneering effort there are obstacles to overcome. A major obstacle was synthesizing the data provided by the agencies. The level of effort dedicated to maintaining an inventory and the methods for measuring resources and facilities vary from agency to agency. Consequently, there are resources and facilities that some of the agencies simply do not inventory. This report has established a baseline or starting point to build upon and improve in the future.

Included in this report are short descriptions of the recreation programs provided by the agencies, the resource and facilities totals for each agency and a table of the managed areas in Appendix A. In addition, definitions for resource-based outdoor recreation activities and description of the associated resources and facilities that support those activities are included.

Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor recreation, broadly defined, is any leisure time activity conducted outdoors. Within the vast range of such a definition lies an almost unlimited number of possible activities, from wilderness camping to neighborhood playground use and outdoor performances. This wide range of activities can generally be subdivided into “resource-based” and “user-oriented” recreation. Resource-based outdoor recreation is dependent on a particular element or combination of elements in the natural and cultural environments that cannot be easily duplicated by man. In contrast, user-oriented recreation can generally be provided anywhere, assuming the availability of space and funds for development.

The following section provides activity definitions for a narrowed down list of outdoor recreation activities that are commonly provided by the Florida’s primary land managing agencies. Also included is a discussion on the nature of inventorying outdoor recreation resources and facilities and a table listing the resources and facilities in Florida’s Outdoor Recreation Inventory.

Generally, many activities not included in the list below can be grouped into one of the activity types that utilize the same resource. For the purpose of planning outdoor recreation, some commonly identified activities, such as walking for pleasure have been omitted entirely because of the inability to practically measure and plan for the resources needed to support the activity.

Bicycling	Hunting
Camping	Motorized – OHV Riding
Canoeing/Kayaking	Nature Study
Freshwater and Saltwater Boating	Picnicking
Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing	Saltwater Beach Activities
Freshwater Swimming	Visiting Archeological and Historic Sites
Hiking	
Horseback Riding	

Activity Definitions

Bicycling

Bicycling as a recreational activity is the simple act of riding a bicycle in an outdoor setting for the enjoyment, amusement, or pleasure of participation. Common bicycling activities are mountain biking, road cycling and bicycle touring. These activities differ from the utilitarian use of bicycles for transportation, in that they are participated in for the enjoyment of natural and cultural resources. Participation can take place in many different settings, from city streets and neighborhood sidewalks to remote trails in a National Forest. A majority of the use occurs on trails designated for only bicycle riding and for shared use trails designed to support bicycle riding with other trail activities.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Single Use Paved Bicycle Trail	Miles
Shared Use Paved Bicycle Trail	Miles
Single Use Un-paved Bicycle Trail	Miles
Shared Use Un-paved Bicycle Trail	Miles

Camping

Camping is the activity of spending one or more nights outdoors in a tent, primitive structure, travel trailer or recreation vehicle (RV) for the enjoyment of the natural environment. The level of development to support camping vary from a bare piece of grass to fully developed campgrounds with hard surface trailer camps, electricity, sanitary facilities, picnic tables and unlimited variety of others amenities. Camping may be an end unto itself, but often it is participated in conjunction with other activities. Examples include backpacking and canoe/kayak camping.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Cabins	Cabins
Equestrian	Sites
Primitive Camping Acres	Acres
Primitive Tent Sites	Sites
RV/Trailer Sites	Sites
Developed Tent Sites	Sites

Canoeing/Kayaking

Canoeing/kayaking refers to the use of one or more single or dual blades, paddles, to propel a canoe or kayak forward with only human muscle power. For planning purposes canoeing/kayaking also represents many different forms of paddling activities, such as outriggering and rafting or whitewater rafting. A majority of the use is facilitated through canoe/kayak launches and designated paddling trails, although such facilities are not absolutely required.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Freshwater Launch	Launches
Saltwater Launch	Launches

Freshwater and Saltwater Boating

Freshwater and saltwater boating is the leisure activity of traveling by boat, or the recreational use of a boat focused on travel itself. Boats vary greatly, from powerboats to sailboats or human-powered vessels. Although there are many different forms of boating, their basic similarity is the requirement of a water body as their principal supporting resource. To provide access to a body of water, boat ramp facilities and marina facilities are commonly developed by outdoor recreation providers.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Boat Ramps	Ramps
Boat Ramp Lanes	Lanes

Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing

Fishing as a recreational activity is the act of catching fish primarily for pleasure. Generally, a major distinction can be made between freshwater fish and saltwater fishing. Freshwater species such as the largemouth bass and the various panfish are sought primarily with either cane pole or rod and reels, and the activity may be pursued from the bank or shore or from boat. Saltwater species of virtually infinite variety are generally sought with rod and reel. Saltwater fishing may be carried on from shore structures such as piers, bridges, and jetties, from the surf, or from boats which can range great distances after deep sea species. Also considered here as part of the overall category are several specialized types of fishing. These include spear fishing, cast netting, gigging, crabbing, and gathering oysters and other shellfish, all of which are legal or practical only in salt water.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Boardwalks/Catwalks	Structures
Boardwalk/Catwalk Length	Feet
Jetty Length	Feet
Piers	Piers
Pier Length	Feet
Bank Fishing Areas	Areas

Freshwater Swimming

Freshwater swimming is an outdoor recreation type embracing all of the various activities carried on in fresh water in which the participant is the sole means of locomotion. Specialized variations of swimming include diving, skin diving, and SCUBA diving. Resources and facilities commonly found at outdoor recreation areas that provide freshwater swimming include beach areas, docks and swimming and diving platforms.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Beach Areas	Areas
Beach Length	Feet

Hiking

Hiking is a form of walking, undertaken with the specific purpose of exploring and enjoying the natural environment. Although it can be done virtually everywhere, for the purpose of planning outdoor recreation, it is often participated in on trails. Trails are typically characterized as purposefully laid out and marked routes, which take advantage of scenery, interesting terrain, and points of natural or historical significance.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Single Use Hiking Trail	Miles
Shared Use Hiking Trail	Miles

Horseback Riding

Horseback riding as an outdoor recreation activity refers to riding a horse for the purpose of experiencing the natural environment as opposed to the utilitarian use of a horse for transportation. Fox hunting and trail riding are common forms of horseback riding as an outdoor recreation activity. Trail riding can vary considerably in degree, from a simple and short bridle path to a prolonged trek on a back-country trail.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Single Use Equestrian Trail	Miles
Shared Use Equestrian Trail	Miles

Hunting

Hunting in its various aspects is probably one of the oldest forms of outdoor recreation known to man. The basic concept of hunting is simple - stalking and taking game birds and animals for sport – although the activity can be high specialized depending on the species being sought. Rifles, shotguns, pistols, longbows, compound bows, recurve bows, crossbows and birds of prey are common methods for taking game. Outdoor recreation providers often have designated upland and wetland areas to accommodate participants. Several other outdoor recreation activities are often participated in conjunction with hunting, including camping, hiking, and boating.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Acres	Acres

Motorized – Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Riding

Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) riding refers to recreational use of driving off of public roadways utilizing a variety of motorized vehicles. Common vehicle types include all terrain vehicles (ATV), trail motorcycles, dune buggies and modified conventional motor vehicles. OHV riding providers commonly supply both trails and open riding areas. Often, OHV riding is participated in conjunction with other outdoor recreation activities such as hunting, fishing and camping.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Single Use OHV Trail	Miles
Shared Use OHV Trail	Miles

Nature Study

The studious observation and appreciation of the natural landscape in any variety of aspects is called nature study. Commonly identified activities are bird watching and wildlife viewing. Nature study differs from hiking and walking for pleasure, in that the participant typically seeks the observation or study of a specific natural feature rather than natural features being secondary to the participation in the activity. Although, in practice, nature study can be conducted virtually anywhere a natural setting exists, outdoor recreation providers often provide observation decks, overlooks, and trails with interpretive signage to encourage and facilitate participation.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Single Use Nature/Interpretative Trail	Miles
Shared Use Nature/Interpretative Trail	Miles

Picnicking

Picnicking is simply eating a meal outdoors for the enjoyment of the natural environment. Although picnicking can take place just about anywhere, most recreation areas have formal facilities such as tables and shelters. Typically picnicking is associated with outdoor recreation activities such as camping, hiking and visiting archeological and historic sites.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Tables	Tables
Shelters	Shelters

Saltwater Beach Activities

Saltwater beach activities are a composite type of outdoor recreation comprised of several pastimes in which the beach or shoreline is used as the primary resource. Because they are all closely related, individually, these activities are considered as a group and are together distinguished from such major activities as fishing and boating, each of which may also involve the use of the shoreline in one way or another. Saltwater beach activities primarily consist of swimming, sunbathing, beachcombing, shell collecting, surfing and windsurfing.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Beach Areas	Areas
Beach Length	Feet

Visiting Archeological and Historic Sites

Archeological and historic sites are features or sites created by man, which are usually 50 years or more in age with significant cultural value. Types of features or sites include ruins, buildings, roads, mounds, cemeteries, landscapes and canals. Similar to a natural resource, archeological and historic sites are both fixed in amount and location and are generally treated as such.

Resource/Facility	Unit of Measure
Commemorative Structures	Structures
Historic/Archeological Sites	Sites
Museums	Buildings

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Division of Forestry

The Division of Forestry (DOF) is a major contributor to Florida's total outdoor recreation supply. The Division's primary outdoor recreation objective is to maximize compatible recreational use of state forest lands. Florida's state forest system consists of 35 areas totaling more than one million acres, most of which provide abundant opportunities for many popular outdoor recreation activities. Resource-based recreation opportunities offered by DOF include camping, swimming, hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, off-highway vehicle use, fishing, paddling and nature study. Hunting is allowed on most properties managed by DOF, and is administered in cooperation with FWCC as part of that agency's wildlife management program.



Withlacoochee State Forest

DOF is also responsible for administering the Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Program established by the T. Mark Schmidt Off-Highway Vehicle Safety and Recreation Act (Chapter 261, Florida Statutes) in 2002. The Act provides a set of guidelines for providing and maintaining state lands for off-highway motorcycle and all-terrain vehicle use, collectively referred to as off-highway vehicles. It also requires DOF to recommend appropriate locations for additional public access for off-highway vehicle recreational use, working in cooperation with the nine-member Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Advisory Committee. Since the law was enacted, two new areas have been designated for off-highway vehicle use, Tate's Hell State Forest in Franklin County and Mallory Swamp in Lafayette County (managed by Suwannee River Water Management District) and several new sites are currently being developed.

Besides directly providing resources and facilities for outdoor recreation, DOF assists private landowners in developing forest management plans that often include a recreation component. At the landowner's request, DOF will assess the land's potential for hunting, fishing, wildlife management, water access facilities, camping and related activities. DOF may also assist landowners in designing facilities such as campgrounds, boat ramps and hiking trails to make the land available for recreational purposes.

Division of Forestry

MANAGED AREAS (#) 35

ACRES: 1,058,628.20

HUNTING (#)

ACRES:¹ 1,015,255.00

CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES (#)

COMMEMORATIVE: 0

HISTORIC/ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES: 4

MUSEUMS: 3

PICNIC FACILITIES (#)

PICNIC SHELTERS: 38

PICNIC TABLES: 563

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS (#)

CABINS: 0

EQUESTRIAN SITES: 84

PRIMITIVE CAMPING ACRES: 101

PRIMITIVE TENT SITES: 64

RV/TRAILER SITES: 432

TENT SITES: 73

OTHER FACILITLIES (#)

PARKING AREAS: -

PARKING SPACES: -

TRAIL HEADS: 37

TRAILS (MILES)

TYPE	SINGLE USE	SHARED USE
HIKING:	180	265.5
FLORIDA TRAIL:	51.9	0
FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL:	123.1	0
EQUESTRIAN:	262.1	118.5
BICYCLE UNPAVED:	135	221.7
BICYCLE PAVED:	0	3.4
JOGGING/EXERCISE:	0	0
NATURE/INTERPRETIVE:	12.1	0
OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE:	180	0
CANOE/KAYAK:	128.8	

BEACHES

	FRESHWATER	SALTWATER
BEACH AREAS (#):	7	0
LENGTH (FEET):	1,100	0

BOATING FACILITLIES (#)

	FRESHWATER	SALTWATER
BOAT RAMPS:	24	1
BOAT RAMP LANES:	24	1
CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH:	15	0
MARINAS:	0	0
MARINA SLIPS:	0	0

FISHING FACILITLIES

	FRESHWATER	SALTWATER
BOARDWALKS (#):	1	0
BOARDWALK LENGTH (FEET):	200	0
JETTY LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
PIERS (#):	7	0
PIER LENGTH (FEET):	471	0

¹ Hunting acres are cooperatively managed with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

- Resource or facility is not inventoried by the agency.

Source: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Forestry

Florida Department of Environmental Protection

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is charged with the protection, administration, management, supervision, development and conservation of Florida's natural and cultural resources. This broad mandate is accomplished by direct acquisition and management of public outdoor recreation and conservation areas, as well as through major initiatives and agency priorities which contribute to a healthy ecosystem. DEP's functions include protecting and conserving Florida's water supply and its quality, protecting springs and oceans, restoring America's Everglades, acquiring, conserving and managing conservation and recreation lands, enforcing environmental laws and regulations, investing in cleaner sources of energy and protecting the health of Florida's communities.

Division of Recreation and Parks

DEP's Division of Recreation and Parks (DRP) develops and operates Florida's state park system for the benefit and enjoyment of Florida's citizens and visitors. The state park system contains many of the best remaining examples of Florida's original domain and cultural heritage. Units in the state park system are classified for management according to the natural and cultural resources they contain and the desired balance between resource preservation and public use.

The system consisted of 160 areas, comprising over 700,000 acres of land and water. It contained 51 state parks, 35 state recreation areas, 29 special feature sites, 26 preserves, six museums, four ornamental gardens, two reserves, two fishing piers, one wildlife park and four sites that are not designated. Besides providing hundreds of thousands of acres for public recreational use, the state park system is the largest steward of public historic properties in the state. More than 83 parks contain significant historic resources, including almost 300 historic structures and more than 1,000 archaeological sites. These resources provide a broad array of unique interpretive and educational opportunities for residents and visitors.



Bill Baggs Cape Florida
State Park

Division of Recreation and Parks

MANAGED AREAS (#)		TRAILS (MILES)	
ACRES:	704,340.10	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SINGLE USE</u> <u>SHARED USE</u>
HUNTING (#)		HIKING:	357.5 880.5
ACRES:	0	FLORIDA TRAIL:	77.6 61.4
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES (#)		FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL:	44.9 0
COMMEMORATIVE:	22	EQUESTRIAN:	32.8 544.9
HISTORIC/ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES:	1,087	BICYCLE UNPAVED:	57 725.5
MUSEUMS:	26	BICYCLE PAVED:	0 53.8
PICNIC FACILITIES (#)		JOGGING/EXERCISE:	7 24.7
PICNIC SHELTERS:	485	NATURE/INTERPRETIVE:	112 7.3
PICNIC TABLES:	5,160	OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE:	0 0
OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS (#)		CANOE/KAYAK:	244
CABINS:	231	BEACHES	
EQUESTRIAN SITES:	96		<u>FRESHWATER</u> <u>SALTWATER</u>
PRIMITIVE CAMPING ACRES:	54	BEACH AREAS (#):	31 48
PRIMITIVE TENT SITES:	0	LENGTH (FEET):	11,844 469,303
RV/TRAILER SITES:	3,287	BOATING FACILITLIES (#)	
TENT SITES:	241		<u>FRESHWATER</u> <u>SALTWATER</u>
OTHER FACILITLIES (#)		BOAT RAMPS:	20 24
PARKING AREAS:	447	BOAT RAMP LANES:	24 35
PARKING SPACES:	24,399	CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH:	56 47
TRAIL HEADS:	-	MARINAS:	1 8
		MARINA SLIPS:	8 198
		FISHING FACILITLIES	
			<u>FRESHWATER</u> <u>SALTWATER</u>
		BOARDWALKS (#):	22 36
		BOARDWALK LENGTH (FEET):	7,340 8,424
		JETTY LENGTH (FEET):	0 11,818
		PIERS (#):	20 29
		PIER LENGTH (FEET):	861 19,913

Resource or facility is not inventoried by the agency.

Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks

Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas

The Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas (CAMA) is the principal manager of submerged lands and their associated marine and aquatic resources in Florida. The Florida Aquatic Preserve Act of 1975 (Chapter 258, Part II, Florida Statutes), authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund to maintain state owned submerged lands with exceptional biological, aesthetic and scientific value as aquatic preserves. These areas offer prime opportunities for fishing, boating, swimming, paddling and other water-related types of recreation. CAMA manages Florida's 41 aquatic preserves encompassing nearly two million acres of 41.8 million acres of sovereign submerged lands of the state. In cooperation with NOAA, CAMA manages approximately 290,000 acres of submerged land and coastal uplands in three national estuarine research reserves: Apalachicola, Guana Tolomato Matanzas and Rookery Bay. In addition, CAMA partners with NOAA and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to manage the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The sanctuary contains 3,668 square miles of submerged lands around the 126-mile long Florida Keys, and encompasses the most extensive living coral reef system in the nation.

Through the Southeast Florida Coral Reef Initiative and the Coral Reef Conservation Program, CAMA supports Florida's membership in the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force and the U.S. All Islands Committee. These programs coordinate research and monitoring, develop management strategies, and promote partnerships to protect the coral reefs, hard bottom communities and associated reef resources of southeast Florida.



Jensen Beach to Jupiter Inlet
Aquatic Preserve

Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas

MANAGED AREAS (#) ¹		45	TRAILS (MILES)		
ACRES: ¹		4,732,859	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SINGLE USE</u>	<u>SHARED USE</u>
HUNTING (#)			HIKING:	0	40.3
ACRES:		0	FLORIDA TRAIL:	0	0
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES (#)			FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL:	0	0
COMMEMORATIVE:		1	EQUESTRIAN:	0	6.5
HISTORIC/ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES:		1	BICYCLE UNPAVED:	0	32.6
MUSEUMS:		0	BICYCLE PAVED:	0	0
PICNIC FACILITIES (#)			JOGGING/EXERCISE:	0	0
PICNIC SHELTERS:		1	NATURE/INTERPRETIVE:	1.9	11.9
PICNIC TABLES:		4	OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE:	0	0
OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS (#)			CANOE/KAYAK:	181.5	
CABINS:		0	BEACHES		
EQUESTRIAN SITES:		0		<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
PRIMITIVE CAMPING ACRES:		2	BEACH AREAS (#):	0	13
PRIMITIVE TENT SITES:		0	LENGTH (FEET):	0	153,727
RV/TRAILER SITES:		0	BOATING FACILITLIES (#)		
TENT SITES:		0		<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
OTHER FACILITLIES (#)			BOAT RAMPS:	0	1
PARKING AREAS:		10	BOAT RAMP LANES:	0	1
PARKING SPACES:		644	CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH:	0	0
TRAIL HEADS:		7	MARINAS:	0	0
			MARINA SLIPS:	0	0
			FISHING FACILITLIES		
				<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
			BOARDWALKS (#):	3	3
			BOARDWALK LENGTH (FEET):	1,411	1,481
			JETTY LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
			PIERS (#):	0	0
			PIER LENGTH (FEET):	0	0

¹ Includes 41 aquatic preserves, three National Estuarine Research Reserves and the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas

Office of Greenways and Trails

The Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT) provides state-wide leadership and coordination to establish, expand and promote greenways and recreational trails in Florida. Established in 1993 to manage the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway, OGT's programs have expanded to include management and administration of the Florida Greenways and Trails System through designation of lands and waterways, planning assistance and public information. OGT also administers the Recreational Trails Program and provides funding for land acquisition and trail development. OGT's activities are governed by the Florida Greenways and Trails Act (Chapter 260, Florida Statutes).



Nature Coast State Trail

OGT administers a program for formally designating public and private lands and water ways as part of the Florida Greenways and Trails System. The designation program helps to ensure an inclusive and interconnected system of greenways and trails by encouraging partnerships in conservation, development and management of system components, providing recognition for system components and raising public awareness of the conservation and recreation benefits of the system.

In addition to administering the Florida Greenways and Trails System, OGT provides direct management of key system components. These include the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway and eight multi-use, long-distance state trails.

OGT administers a land acquisition program that is funded through annual allocations from the *Florida Forever* program. Acquisition proposals originate with local entities and are evaluated by OGT. No local matching funds are required. Title to properties acquired through this program is retained by the State of Florida, and the properties are subleased to local managing entities for trail development, operation and maintenance.

OGT also administers the Recreational Trails Program, a federally funded, competitive grant program that provides financial assistance to approved local entities. The program provides reimbursement for the development and maintenance of recreational trails and related facilities, both non-motorized and motorized.

Office of Greenways and Trails

MANAGED AREAS (#)		19	TRAILS (MILES)		
ACRES:		84,121.60	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SINGLE USE</u>	<u>SHARED USE</u>
HUNTING (#)			HIKING:	70	319.4
ACRES: ¹		28,329	FLORIDA TRAIL:	7	0
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES (#)			FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL:	0	114
COMMEMORATIVE:		0	EQUESTRIAN:	105.5	111.8
HISTORIC/ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES:		278	BICYCLE UNPAVED:	50	131.4
MUSEUMS:		0	BICYCLE PAVED:	0	288
PICNIC FACILITIES (#)			JOGGING/EXERCISE:	0	316.5
PICNIC SHELTERS:		63	NATURE/INTERPRETIVE:	0	0
PICNIC TABLES:		177	OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE:	0	0
			CANOE/KAYAK:	257	
OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS (#)			BEACHES		
CABINS:		0		<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
EQUESTRIAN SITES:		20	BEACH AREAS (#):	0	0
PRIMITIVE CAMPING ACRES:		5	LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
PRIMITIVE TENT SITES:		20	BOATING FACILITLIES (#)		
RV/TRAILER SITES:		72		<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
TENT SITES:		65	BOAT RAMPS:	15	3
OTHER FACILITLIES (#)			BOAT RAMP LANES:	15	3
PARKING AREAS:		130	CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH:	17	3
PARKING SPACES:		1170	MARINAS:	0	0
TRAIL HEADS:		60	MARINA SLIPS:	0	0
			FISHING FACILITLIES		
				<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
			BOARDWALKS (#):	0	0
			BOARDWALK LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
			JETTY LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
			PIERS (#):	6	0
			PIER LENGTH (FEET):	110	0

¹ Hunting acres are cooperatively managed with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

- Resource or facility are not inventoried by the agency.

Source: Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails

Florida Department of State

Division of Historical Resources

The Division of Historical Resources (and its predecessors) has a long and distinguished institutional history. From its inception, the Division’s work has focused on identifying and preserving Florida’s significant historical and archaeological resources.

Florida is a leader in the historic preservation movement in the United States. It is one of the first states in the nation to actively pursue programs in archaeological research and historic preservation. This leadership included the establishment of regional preservation boards beginning in 1959, the creation and appointment of a State Archaeologist in 1963 and the appointment, pursuant to the federal National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, of a State Historic Preservation Officer in 1967. Florida’s preservation leadership was also central to the establishment of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers in 1968.

Today, the Division is privileged and honored to advance this important cause and to build on the successes of the past. The Division manages four historical or archeological sites and promotes 11 underwater archaeological preserves.

MANAGED AREAS (#)	15	
ACRES:	92.4	
HISTORIC/ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES:	15	
PICNIC TABLES:	12	
TRAILS (MILES)		
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SINGLE USE</u>	<u>SHARED USE</u>
NATURE/INTERPRETIVE:	2	0

Source: Department of State, Division of Historical Resources



San Luis Archaeological and Historic Site

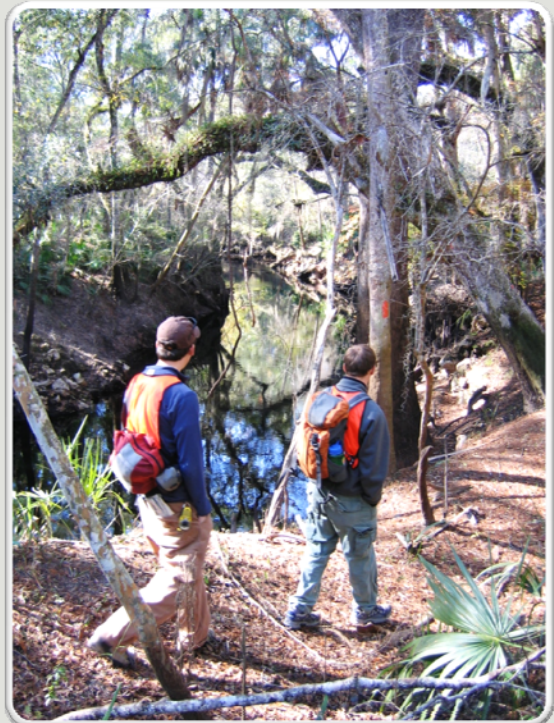
Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) was established by a 1998 amendment to the Florida Constitution that consolidated the responsibility for conserving the state's freshwater and saltwater aquatic life and wildlife into a single agency. FWCC operates under a mission of managing fish and wildlife for the long-term well-being and benefit of the people.

Florida has one of the nation's largest systems of state-managed wildlife lands. FWCC is the lead manager of 30 wildlife management areas that cover over 1.5 million acres and is a co-manager of over 100 wildlife management areas that cover an additional five million acres. Included in FWCC's managed areas are 13 mitigation parks ranging in size from 350 to 2,000 acres and nearly 80 water bodies designated as Fish Management Areas. Central to FWCC's role in outdoor recreation is the management of hunting and fishing on these areas. Often, FWCC's cooperating agreements are short-term arrangements, particularly on private lands. As a result, the amount of hunting land available to the public on these areas fluctuates from year to year.

In addition to hunting and fishing, FWCC provides opportunities for residents and visitors to participate in wildlife viewing-focused activities, hiking, biking, and other outdoor recreation activities. FWCC also manages the Great Florida Birding Trails, a 2,000 mile self-guided highway trail designed to promote bird watching and conservation education, and the Big Bend Saltwater Paddling trail, a 105-mile open water route that traverses the coastal forests, salt marshes and sea grass beds between the Aucilla River and the landing at Salt Creek in the town of Suwannee.

FWCC administers several grant programs, including the Florida Boating Improvement Program, the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program and the Derelict Vessel Removal Grant Program. As a result of these programs, over 200 grants around the state, totaling more than \$21 million, have been provided for constructing boat ramps and related access facilities .



Aucilla Wildlife Management Area

Water Management Districts

Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, created five water management districts for the purpose of managing and conserving the state's water resources. The five districts were organized around major drainage basins in the state: Northwest Florida, Suwannee River, St. Johns River, Southwest Florida and South Florida. Land acquisition is one of the districts' primary tools for carrying out their mission of flood control, water storage and management, water resource development, and preservation of wetlands, streams and lakes.

The districts play a key role in providing public outdoor recreation opportunities on lands under their ownership. The water management districts acquire land through funding from *Florida Forever* and other sources. The districts are required to make their lands available for compatible public outdoor recreation uses whenever practicable. Numerous public access sites and recreational facilities have been developed on district owned lands throughout the state in cooperation with other state agencies, the federal government, counties, municipalities and the private sector. Examples of the recreational opportunities provided on district lands include hiking, fishing, hunting, horseback riding, bicycling, canoeing, primitive camping and wildlife viewing.

The Northwest Florida Water Management District (NFWWMD) stretches from the St. Marks River Basin in Jefferson County to the Perdido River in Escambia County. NFWWMD serves Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Wakulla, Walton, Washington and western Jefferson County. NFWWMD provides over 200,000 acres of land for public outdoor recreation opportunities.



Perdido River

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) stretches from Orlando to the Florida Keys and serves a population of 7.5 million residents. SFWMD manages the water needs of 16 counties including all or part of Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Polk, and St. Lucie counties. SFWMD manages 46 areas and provides over 900,000 acres of land open to the public for compatible outdoor recreation purposes.



Hickory Hammock
Management Area

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) encompasses approximately 10,000 square miles in all or part of 16 counties including Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and Sumter counties, serving a population of more than 5 million people. SWFWMD manages over 300,000 acres of land and provides over 300 miles of shared use trails.



Potts Preserve

The St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD) stretches nearly 12,400 square miles and includes all or part of 18 counties including Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Clay, Duval, Flagler, Indian River, Lake, Marion, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Putnam, St. Johns, Seminole and Volusia counties. SJRWMD provides a total of 16 boat ramps and 196 primitive campsites on over 410,000 acres.



Bayard Conservation Area

The Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD) covers roughly 7,640 square miles with a population of approximately 327,000. The District serves all or part of Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union counties. SRWMD manages 55 areas and provides over 160,000 acres of land open to the public for outdoor recreation use.



Woods Ferry Conservation Area

South Florida Water Management District

MANAGED AREAS (#)	46	TRAILS (MILES)		
ACRES:	914,469.40	TYPE	<u>SINGLE USE</u>	<u>SHARED USE</u>
		HIKING:	64.2	92
HUNTING (#)		FLORIDA TRAIL:	10.5	0
ACRES: ¹	847,315.00	FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL:	42.1	0
		EQUESTRIAN:	45	70
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES (#)		BICYCLE UNPAVED:	0	75
COMMEMORATIVE:	0	BICYCLE PAVED:	0	0
HISTORIC/ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES:	9	JOGGING/EXERCISE:	0	0
MUSEUMS:	1	NATURE/INTERPRETIVE:	0	10
		OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE:	0	0
PICNIC FACILITIES (#)		CANOE/KAYAK:	5	
PICNIC SHELTERS:	16			
PICNIC TABLES:	104	BEACHES		
			<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS (#)		BEACH AREAS (#):	0	0
CABINS:	0	LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
EQUESTRIAN SITES:	0			
PRIMITIVE CAMPING ACRES:	0	BOATING FACILITLIES (#)		
PRIMITIVE TENT SITES:	93		<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
RV/TRAILER SITES:	0	BOAT RAMPS:	20	0
TENT SITES:	7	BOAT RAMP LANES:	20	0
		CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH:	3	0
OTHER FACILITLIES (#)		MARINAS:	0	0
PARKING AREAS:	53	MARINA SLIPS:	0	0
PARKING SPACES:	-			
TRAIL HEADS:	52	FISHING FACILITLIES		
			<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
		BOARDWALKS (#):	8	0
		BOARDWALK LENGTH (FEET):	3,990	0
		JETTY LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
		PIERS (#):	7	0
		PIER LENGTH (FEET):	100	0

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Source: South Florida Water Management District

Southwest Florida Water Management District

MANAGED AREAS (#)	38	TRAILS (MILES)		
ACRES:	304,618.30	TYPE	<u>SINGLE USE</u>	<u>SHARED USE</u>
		HIKING:	97.8	496
HUNTING (#)		FLORIDA TRAIL:	20	23.5
ACRES: ¹	146,179.00	FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL:	32.4	0
		EQUESTRIAN:	0	301.7
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES (#)		BICYCLE UNPAVED:	8	386.2
COMMEMORATIVE:	0	BICYCLE PAVED:	1.3	5
HISTORIC/ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES:	0	JOGGING/EXERCISE:	0	0
MUSEUMS:	0	NATURE/INTERPRETIVE:	0	0
		OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE:	0	0
PICNIC FACILITIES (#)		CANOE/KAYAK:	0	
PICNIC SHELTERS:	22			
PICNIC TABLES:	215	BEACHES		
			<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS (#)		BEACH AREAS (#):	0	0
CABINS:	0	LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
EQUESTRIAN SITES:	141			
PRIMITIVE CAMPING ACRES:	2	BOATING FACILITLIES (#)		
PRIMITIVE TENT SITES:	30		<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
RV/TRAILER SITES:	56	BOAT RAMPS:	4	0
TENT SITES:	189	BOAT RAMP LANES:	4	0
		CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH:	1	0
OTHER FACILITLIES (#)		MARINAS:	0	0
PARKING AREAS:	29	MARINA SLIPS:	0	0
PARKING SPACES:	258			
TRAIL HEADS:	24	FISHING FACILITLIES		
			<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
		BOARDWALKS (#):	0	0
		BOARDWALK LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
		JETTY LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
		PIERS (#):	0	0
		PIER LENGTH (FEET):	0	0

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Source: Southwest Florida Water Management District

St. Johns River Water Management District

MANAGED AREAS (#)	44	TRAILS (MILES)		
ACRES:	418,394.70	TYPE	<u>SINGLE USE</u>	<u>SHARED USE</u>
		HIKING:	0	650.1
HUNTING (#)		FLORIDA TRAIL:	0	5
ACRES: ¹	226,189.00	FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL:	6	5
		EQUESTRIAN:	0	529.1
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES (#)		BICYCLE UNPAVED:	0	627.1
COMMEMORATIVE:	0	BICYCLE PAVED:	0	3.3
HISTORIC/ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES:	213	JOGGING/EXERCISE:	0	0
MUSEUMS:	0	NATURE/INTERPRETIVE:	0	23
		OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE:	0	0
PICNIC FACILITIES (#)		CANOE/KAYAK:	4	
PICNIC SHELTERS:	17			
PICNIC TABLES:	70	BEACHES		
			<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS (#)		BEACH AREAS (#):	0	0
CABINS:	0	LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
EQUESTRIAN SITES:	0			
PRIMITIVE CAMPING ACRES:	73	BOATING FACILITLIES (#)		
PRIMITIVE TENT SITES:	196		<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
RV/TRAILER SITES:	0	BOAT RAMPS:	14	0
TENT SITES:	9	BOAT RAMP LANES:	17	0
		CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH:	1	0
OTHER FACILITLIES (#)		MARINAS:	0	0
PARKING AREAS:	75	MARINA SLIPS:	0	0
PARKING SPACES:	-			
TRAIL HEADS:	75	FISHING FACILITLIES		
			<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
		BOARDWALKS (#):	34	0
		BOARDWALK LENGTH (FEET):	5,250	0
		JETTY LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
		PIERS (#):	7	0
		PIER LENGTH (FEET):	347	0

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Source: St. Johns River Water Management District

Suwannee River Water Management District

MANAGED AREAS (#)	55	TRAILS (MILES)		
ACRES:	161,357.40	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>SINGLE USE</u>	<u>SHARED USE</u>
		HIKING:	2	11.3
HUNTING (#)		FLORIDA TRAIL:	0	0
ACRES: ¹	95,988.40	FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL:	40	39
CULTURAL AND HISTORIC SITES (#)		EQUESTRIAN:	1	33
COMMEMORATIVE:	0	BICYCLE UNPAVED:	16	31
HISTORIC/ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES:	1	BICYCLE PAVED:	0	0
MUSEUMS:	0	JOGGING/EXERCISE:	0	0
		NATURE/INTERPRETIVE:	1.5	5
		OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE:	0	0
PICNIC FACILITIES (#)		CANOE/KAYAK:	10	
PICNIC SHELTERS:	3			
PICNIC TABLES:	19	BEACHES		
			<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS (#)		BEACH AREAS (#):	0	0
CABINS:	0	LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
EQUESTRIAN SITES:	0			
PRIMITIVE CAMPING ACRES:	8	BOATING FACILITLIES (#)		
PRIMITIVE TENT SITES:	14		<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
RV/TRAILER SITES:	0	BOAT RAMPS:	4	0
TENT SITES:	0	BOAT RAMP LANES:	4	0
		CANOE/KAYAK LAUNCH:	12	0
OTHER FACILITLIES (#)		MARINAS:	0	0
PARKING AREAS:	60	MARINA SLIPS:	0	0
PARKING SPACES:	-			
TRAIL HEADS:	14	FISHING FACILITLIES		
			<u>FRESHWATER</u>	<u>SALTWATER</u>
		BOARDWALKS (#):	0	0
		BOARDWALK LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
		JETTY LENGTH (FEET):	0	0
		PIERS (#):	0	0
		PIER LENGTH (FEET):	0	0

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Source: Suwannee River Water Management District

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Managed Areas by Agency

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