



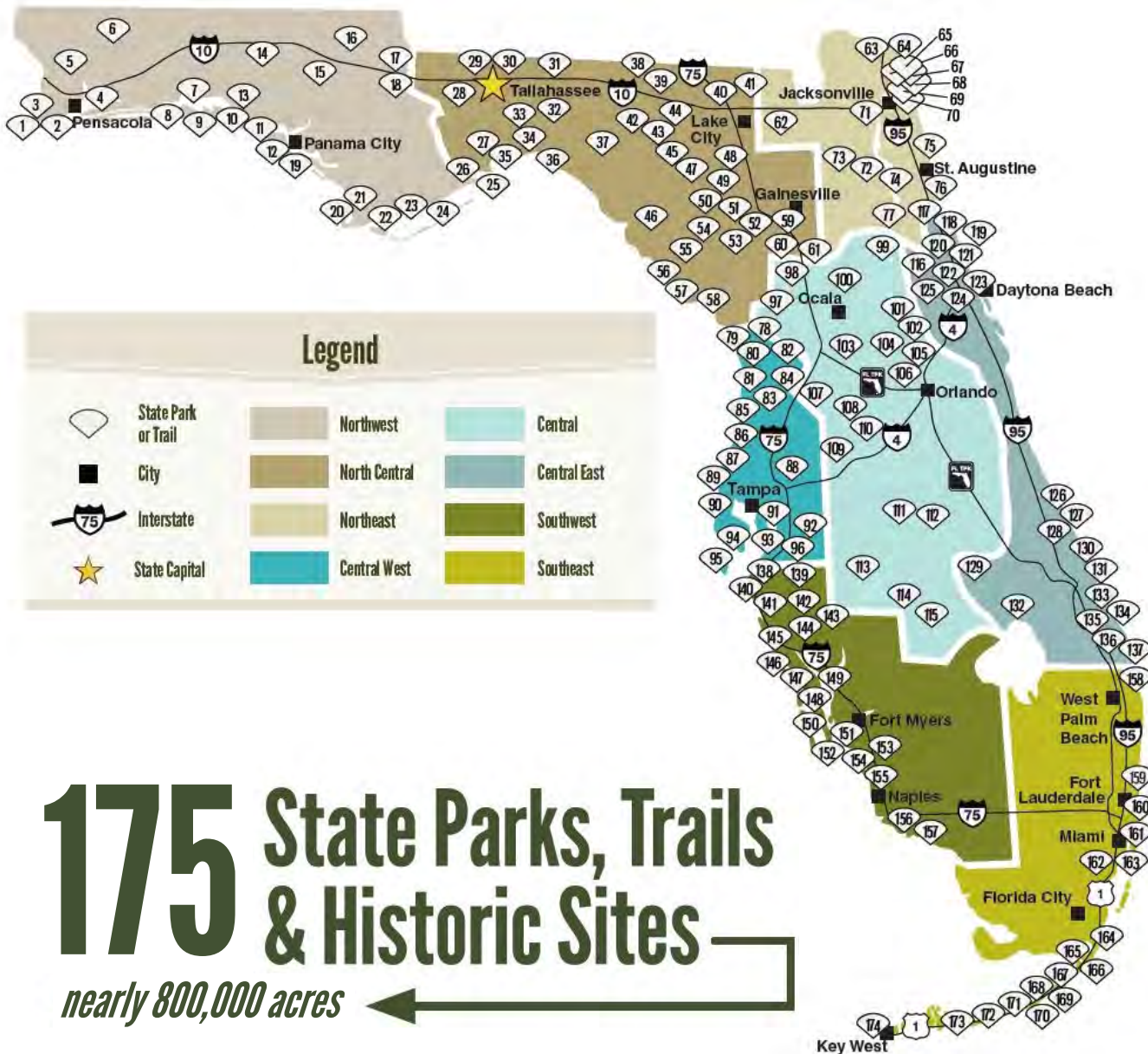
Florida State Parks

Volunteers | Our Valued Park Resource

Who are we?

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Fast Facts



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175 State Parks, Trails & Historic Sites

nearly 800,000 acres



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100 Miles



of Sandy Beaches



2,607 Miles of Trails



87 Concessionaires



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**186
Cabins**

3,613 Campsites



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31,804,658

Visitors



997

Employees



84 Friends

Groups

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14,407
Volunteers



1,201,007
Volunteer Hours

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3x Winner of National Gold Medal

1999

2005

2013

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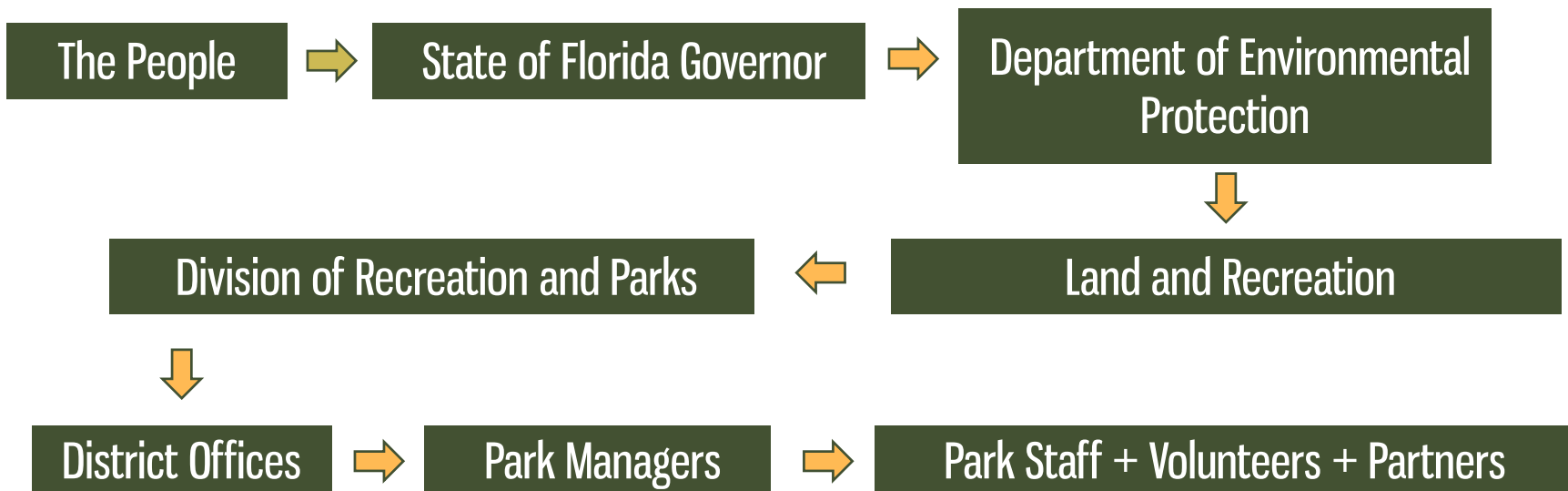


\$68,457,035.00
Total Revenue



\$2.8 Billion
Economic Impact

Who are we?



We greatly appreciate the time and talents contributed by volunteers!

Volunteers Assist with the Mission



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Provide resource-based recreation,
while preserving, interpreting and restoring
natural and cultural resources.



Volunteers Serve in all Areas of “The Big Five”



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1. Visitor Services



2. Administration



3. Resource Management



4. Protection



5. Maintenance

You are Our Valued Park Partners



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Volunteers are **INTEGRAL** to the work we do to accomplish **OUR MISSION**



Each year, volunteers contribute over 1 million hours!

Individual “Regular Service” Volunteers



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Opportunities are diverse

Examples of regularly scheduled positions:

- Ranger Station Attendant
- Park Maintenance Assistant
- Special Event Coordinator
- Tour Guide or Program Leader
- Exotic Plant Removal
- Beach, Waterway or Trail Rover

Park policies vary for youth under the age of 18 - check with park for details

Campground Host and Resident Volunteers



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Serve in an outstanding location

- 20 volunteer hours per week
- Free campsite in exchange*
- Up to 16-week stay at one park
- Enhance a visitor's experience
- Assist with facility maintenance
- Assist with various park projects
- [List of parks with resident sites](#)

*Parks without campgrounds may also have resident volunteer opportunities

Group Volunteers or “Teams”



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The more the merrier

- Beach clean-ups
- Remove exotic plants
- Trail maintenance
- Special events
- Citizen science
- And more

Family, civic, community, church, scouting, corporate and student groups are all invited to help outdoors

Join a Friends Group



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Friends of Florida State Parks, Florida Greenways and Trails Foundation, and 84 “park friends”, also known as Citizen Support Organizations, are nonprofits that provide support to parks by volunteering, educating visitors, hosting events and raising funds for specific park projects.

Benefits and Recognition



Annual Park Pass – free entry to parks statewide

Volunteer ID expires on December 31st
Annual pass expires one year from issue date

- 100 hours of service - Volunteer ID
free entry to the park you serve
- 500 hours - Annual Park Pass

Benefits and Recognition



Awards

Irene DeLaby Award

- 10,000 hours of service

Director's Service Award

- 20,000 hours of service

Recognition of Service

- 100 hours
- 250 hours
- 500 hours
- 1000 hours

Hours served award tab is worn as a drop down bar attached to the metal nametag



Build skills, abilities and knowledge of the park and your position

- In-park orientation and introduction to the park's [Unit Management Plan](#)
- Annual training is required: Sexual Harassment, Diversity and Worker's Compensation
- Ongoing training for duties per position and for professional growth
 - Examples: equipment use, UTV/ATV operation, canoe/kayak, species monitoring



Responsibilities and Expectations



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Volunteer Rights

- Receive Workers' Compensation under state of Florida law
- Be part of the Florida Park Service team
- Have opportunities for growth
- Be involved in a variety of experiences
- Provide input on the volunteer program
- Be recognized for contributions

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Volunteer Professionalism

- Be a steward for park resources
- Provide top-notch visitor services
- Work as a team with staff and volunteers
- Wear the uniform with pride
- Work safely and smartly
- Be reliable in fulfilling tasks and shifts
- Follow park policies and guidelines
- Complete annual agreement and trainings
- Attend training sessions and meetings
- Report volunteer hours

Uniform – Symbol of Service and Stewardship



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Initial uniform is provided

- Grey t-shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Nametag or metal nameplate
- Volunteer cap or unisex ranger hat - *optional*

Items available for volunteer purchase

- Grey dress shirt
- Volunteer unisex windbreaker
- Black pants/shorts/skirt – similar to ranger uniform style
- Black leather belt
- Shoes/boots and socks as per policy
- Black tie

Uniform – Symbol of Service and Stewardship



Class A – Dress Uniform

- Dress grey uniform shirt (long sleeve only)
- Dress black pants – long pants or skirt
- Black tie
- Nameplate and hours served tab
- Black leather belt
- Black close-toed shoes/boots and socks

Class B – Day to Day Uniform

- Grey dress shirt or grey t-shirt
- Solid tan, khaki or black pants, shorts or skirt
- Nameplate and hours served tab
- Black leather belt
- Volunteer cap (summer or winter) or ranger hat
- Shoes/boots and socks

Uniform – Historical Period Clothing



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Cultural Sites, Programs & Re-enactments

- Appropriate period clothing can be worn when performing living history interpretation
- Your park will specify what attire is approved and at what times



Volunteer Portal – Your Time is Valuable



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Home Applications

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User ID
Password
Sign In Forgot password?

Welcome to the Florida State Parks volunteer portal!

Current volunteers:
To access your volunteer profile, please login using your user e-mail address and password.

Interested in volunteering?
Select Application from the top menu and submit an online application. Thank you for your interest in supporting our state parks and trails!

Need more information?
[Learn more about our volunteer opportunities here.](#)

News

Florida Greenways and Trails Connections Newsletter	Details
Florida State Parks Newsletter	Details
Let's Get Social	Details

Florida Division of Recreation and Parks
3500 Commonwealth Boulevard
Tallahassee, FL 32399
Statewide Information Line
(850) 245-2157
[Email a Question](#) (link sends e-mail)

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Track your service

- Enter volunteer hours and view cumulative hours served
 - See when you hit 500 hours to receive a free annual pass!
- Easy to update your profile
- Complete trainings and get reminders when they expire
- Sign the Volunteer Agreement
- Search for volunteer jobs
- [Go to Vsys Live: Volunteer Portal](#)



Welcome to the team

Thank you for supporting Florida State Parks!



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