



# EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK

NESTLED ALONG THE NORTHERN GULF COAST,  
PROTECTING A MOSAIC OF DIVERSE  
LANDSCAPES

## 2020 PARK FACTS

<u>VISITATION</u>	<u>ECONOMIC IMPACT</u>	<u>LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
36,128	\$3,235,182	45	1*	73	168

\*3 staff manage two parks - Camp Helen State Park and Eden Gardens State Park



A little piece of Eden in Florida’s panhandle, where a stately mansion is surrounded by vibrant gardens. The focal point of this park is the beautifully renovated, two-story house with elegant white columns and wrap around porch. In a setting of moss-draped live oaks, the 1897 mansion recalls a prosperous era before the virgin forests of longleaf pine and cypress were exhausted in this part of the state. In 1963, Lois Maxon bought and renovated the home, creating a showplace for her family heirlooms and antiques.

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# FLORIDA STATE PARKS

## A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO FLORIDA'S WELL-BEING!

The Florida State Parks and Trails system is one of the state's greatest success stories having won the prestigious National Gold Medal of Excellence a record four times. Florida residents and, visitors from around the world, are drawn to Florida's state parks and trails as *the places* to hike, bike, kayak, swim, fish, camp, lay on the beach, hunt for shells, learn about nature and Florida history, have family reunions, and even get married!

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### 2020 Statewide Economic Data

- **175 Florida State Parks and Trails**  
164 Parks / 11 Trails) comprising nearly 800,000 acres
- **\$2.2 billion direct economic impact**
- **\$150 million in sales tax revenue**
- **31,810 jobs supported**
- **25 million visitors served**



The "Friends" was formed for the express purpose of providing critically needed assistance to the park staff. Eden Gardens State Park has a historic home, extensive gardens and grounds, a picnic area on Tucker Bayou and an event pavilion, all of which require considerable "elbow grease" to keep in show condition. The Friends have contributed tens of thousands of hours of lovingly given labor to Eden Gardens. And they have raised the funds needed for maintenance and improvements throughout the park.

We certainly welcome new members who wish to help us keep this historic place so beautiful. Currently, the Friends number about three hundred enthusiastic helpers.

## Find out more - get involved

## [FriendsOfEdenGardens.com](http://FriendsOfEdenGardens.com)



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