



BIG SHOALS STATE PARK

THE LARGEST WHITEWATER RAPIDS IN
FLORIDA

2018 PARK FACTS

<u>VISITATION</u>	<u>ECONOMIC IMPACT</u>	<u>LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
28,729	2,445,527	34	2	17	1,681



When the water level on the Suwannee River is between 59 and 61 feet above mean sea level, the Big Shoals rapids earn a Class III Whitewater classification. Only experienced canoe and kayakers should attempt to navigate the Shoals. There is a portage area available for portaging around the Shoals. Limestone bluffs, towering 80 feet above the banks of the Suwannee River, afford outstanding vistas not found anywhere else in Florida.

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FLORIDA STATE PARKS

A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO FLORIDA'S WELL-BEING!

The system of Florida State Parks and Trails is one of the state's greatest success stories. It's the ONLY system in the nation thrice awarded the Gold Medal of Excellence by its national peer group. 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! Plan your visit at FloridaStateParks.org.

2018 Statewide Economic Data

- **175 Florida State Parks and Trails**
(164 Parks / 11 Trails) comprising nearly 800,000 acres
- **\$2.4 billion direct economic impact**
- **\$158 million in sales tax revenue**
- **33,587 jobs supported**
- **Over 28 million visitors served**



The mission of the Florida State Parks Foundation is to support and help sustain the Florida Park Service. The Florida State Parks Foundation supports the entire Florida State Park system through programs that:

- preserve and protect state parks
- educate visitors and decision makers about the value of state parks
- encourage community engagement and active use of state parks
- provide financial support to supplement state funding

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