

KISSIMMEE PRAIRIE PRESERVE

STATE PARK

2018 PARK FACTS

<u>VISITATION</u>	<u>ECONOMIC IMPACT</u>	<u>LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED</u>	<u>STAFF</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>	<u>ACRES</u>
30,087	3,061,978	43	6*	37	53,738

*6 staff manage Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park and Okeechobee Battlefield Historic State Park



A breathtaking expanse of infinite grassland, Kissimmee Prairie is a land dominated by the great blue sky. The preserve, part of the Everglades headwaters, protects the largest remaining tract of Florida dry prairie. Many rare, threatened and endangered species call this place home, and the wide-open landscape means that birdwatchers and photographers have ample opportunity to catch sight of a grasshopper sparrow, crested caracara or burrowing owl. Internationally recognized for its lack of light pollution, the night sky above the prairie is inky black—campers can spot the milky way without using telescopes or binoculars.

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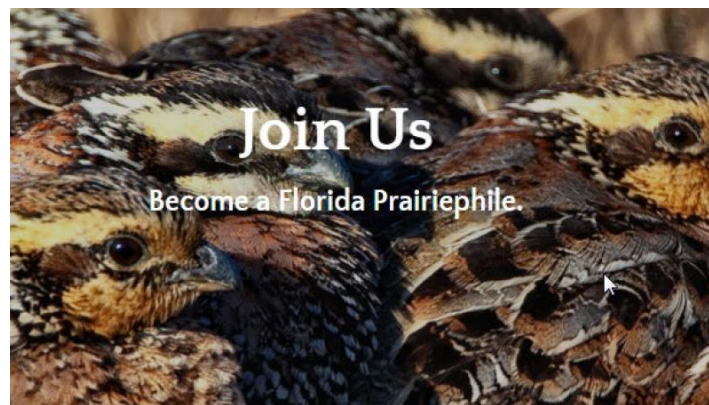
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The system of Florida State Parks and Trails is one of the state's greatest success stories. It's the ONLY system in the nation thrice awarded the Gold Medal of Excellence by its national peer group. Florida residents and visitors from around the world 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!

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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 Friends of Kissimmee Prairie Preserve, Inc. was formed in 2011 to to work for the preservation, protection, interpretation and promotion of and in the best interest of Kissimmee Prairie Preserve. The Friends organization is a Florida not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation and relies on membership fees and private donations to pursue activities on behalf of the Preserve.

Find Out More - Get Involved
kissimmeeprairiefriends.org



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