Leaving a legacy gift in your will or trust can make a truly lasting difference to Florida’s beautiful State Parks.

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- Life Insurance Policy
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- Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) or Lead Trust
Leave a Lasting Legacy

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is not allowed to directly accept donations or bequests to support our parks and that’s where the Florida State Parks Foundation comes in. As the official citizen support organization of Florida State Parks, we can accept private funds and use them as you direct. Bequests can be a stated dollar amount, or a bequeath of specific property to the Foundation. We encourage all donors to consult with their financial and tax advisors before making a legacy gift.

Consider an IRA Gift
Donors can transfer funds from their IRA accounts directly without first having to recognize the distribution as income. A gift made directly from your qualified IRA can lower your taxable income. A beneficiary designation form can be obtained from your retirement plan administrator and completed as directed.

Stocks, Real Estate or Other Tangible Property Gift
These types of securities gifted to the Florida State Parks Foundation are typically sold and the proceeds used for its programs. You receive gift credit and an immediate income tax deduction for the fair market value of the securities on the date of transfer, no matter what you originally paid for them.

Life Insurance Policy
Life insurance assets can be a significant gift with little or no outright expense. The simplest method is to name the Florida State Parks Foundation as a full, partial or contingent beneficiary of your policy. You retain full control of your policy and any value it accrues. To make this gift, contact your insurance company or agency to complete a new beneficiary designation form.

Donor-Advised Funds
You can make an initial donation and claim the maximum tax benefits allowed by law, then take your time to decide which nonprofit organizations or activities you want to support.

Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) or Lead Trust
With either of these tax-exempt trusts, you reduce your taxable income. You can decide the amount and timing of disbursements depending on which trust you use.

Please contact Julia Woodward, CEO, to discuss options for your legacy giving to protect Florida’s outstanding State Parks, julia@floridastateparksfoundation.org or 850-559-8914. All inquiries are strictly confidential.