



CHARLOTTE HARBOR PRESERVE STATE PARK

2023 PARK FACTS

VISITATION

183,178

ECONOMIC IMPACT

\$22,578,370

LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED

316



Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park is comprised of 45,387 acres and protects more than 100 miles of shoreline along Charlotte Harbor in Charlotte and Lee Counties. It is the third largest Florida State Park. Visitors can take advantage of opportunities to hike, fish, paddle and observe wildlife in the park's many natural communities, including mangrove forests, marshes, scrub habitats and pine flatwoods. Most of the park is shallow water fringed by mangroves, providing amazing opportunities to view wading birds, manatees, dolphins and other wildlife.

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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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FY 2022-23 Statewide Economic Data

- **175 Florida State Parks and Trails**
- **\$241 million in sales tax revenue**
- (164 Parks / 11 Trails) comprising nearly 800,000 acres
- **50,427 jobs supported**
- **\$3.6 billion direct economic impact**
- **Over 28 million visitors served**



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The Friends of the Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves (FCHAP) is a Citizen Support Organization for the [Charlotte Harbor Aquatic Preserves](#) and the [Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park](#). Established in 1995, the Friends provide funding, material, and volunteer support for staff to facilitate management of the Park and Preserves.

FCHAP mission is to support the protection, conservation, restoration, management, responsible public use, and the enhancement of the resources of the coastal and aquatic ecosystems of the Charlotte Harbor estuaries including Lemon Bay, Gasparilla Sound/Charlotte Harbor, Cape Haze, Pine Island Sound, and Matlacha Pass.

FCHAP goals are to:

- Increase public awareness through involvement in educational programs, resource-based activities, and special events.
- Develop stewardship for our estuaries and our public lands.
- Improve and restore the natural and cultural resources of the greater Charlotte Harbor estuaries.
- Establish and maintain cooperative efforts with organizations, institutions, and government agencies involved in environmental protection.

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