

## 2023 TRAIL FACTS

VISITATION  
17,815

ECONOMIC IMPACT  
\$2,325,271

LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED  
33



# General James A. Van Fleet State Trail



Officially designated as part of Florida's Statewide System of Greenways and Trails and is one of Florida's most rural, paved rail-trails. The Van Fleet State Trail runs through the Green Swamp, the headwaters for some of Florida's most popular paddling destinations. Landscapes include the river swamp, bottomland forest, pine flatwoods, former citrus lands and cattle ranches. With only one curve in its 29.2 miles, you can choose to go slow and view the wildlife or enjoy it at a brisk pace. An equestrian trail parallels the length of the paved path. The trail has excellent wildlife viewing opportunities, especially between Green Pond Road and Bay Lake Road.

Plan your visit at [FloridaStateParks.org](https://FloridaStateParks.org)



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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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### FY 2022-23 Statewide Economic Data

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



**FLORIDA STATE PARKS  
FOUNDATION**

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

**Find Out More - Get Involved**  
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