



# Jonathan Dickinson State Park

## 2023 PARK FACTS

VISITATION  
255,099

ECONOMIC IMPACT  
\$32,141,227

LOCAL JOBS SUPPORTED  
450



16 distinct natural communities create the mosaic that is Jonathan Dickinson, the largest state park in Southeast Florida. Rare environments such as coastal sand hills, upland lakes, and scrub forests as well as the pristine Loxahatchee River make this park a unique spot to explore by foot or water. Historical interests include a secret WWII training camp, story of the shipwrecked Quaker merchant who is the park's namesake, and Trapper Nelson, the legendary Wild Man of the Loxahatchee. Ranger-guided tours of Trapper Nelson's 1930s pioneer homestead are available year-round. Visitors can enjoy paved and off-road biking, equestrian and hiking trails. Boating, canoeing and kayaking along the river are also great ways to see the park. Anglers can fish along the riverbank or from a boat. The nature and history of the park comes to life through exhibits and displays in the Elsa Kimbell Environmental Education and Research Center. Programs for kids or the whole family are also offered here.

**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**



We are a volunteer-based, not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization whose role is to advocate for the historical, educational and ecological enhancement of Jonathan Dickinson State Park. Our mission is to assist park management in meeting the natural and cultural resource management objectives established for the park.

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