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Building More than Trails



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END-TO-END AND LONG DISTANCE HIKING ON THE FLORIDA TRAIL

Dear Hiker:

The following information is provided to help you plan your hiking adventure.

The Florida Trail is available for you to enjoy because of the work of thousands of Florida Trail Association volunteers, our agency partners and other volunteer groups over fifty years.

It is very important to understand the following about the Florida Trail:

- The trail is continuous, but some sections are still on roads.
- The trail crosses both public and private property.
- Access and camping regulations vary with land ownership and management.
- FTA annually publishes a Data Book with waypoints available in October/November.
- FTA maps include waypoints that conform to those in the Data Book.
- **Changes to the trail can occur with little notice. When in doubt follow the blazes.**
- FTA controls the information of the Florida Trail Map series and the Data Book. Other books are updated at the discretion of the author and publisher. FTA has no control over the information contained in those books or the timeliness of the updates.
- Water levels and sources vary considerably due to local weather conditions.

Becoming a member of the Florida Trail Association is important because it;

- Permits access to the Florida Trail across private property
- Gives you a listing of all the Section Leaders of the FTA. Contact them for the latest information on trail conditions, water levels, etc.
- Includes a subscription to the quarterly FTA publication, The Footprint.
- **Enables you to share in supporting the dream of a continuous footpath the length of Florida!**

Other useful things to do:

A volunteer non-profit association dedicated to developing, maintaining, promoting and protecting a continuous public hiking trail the length of Florida; providing opportunities to hike and camp; and educating others to appreciate and conserve the natural beauty of Florida.

- Contact the Florida Fresh Water Fish and Game Commission at (850) 488-3831 or <http://myfwc.com/hunting/wma-brochures> for hunting dates and regulations on public and private lands.
- Obtain a recent Florida highway map, or atlas to assist in accessing the termini of the sections and finding your way to nearby post offices and towns for supplies.
- Visit our website for trail updates.

Good luck and see you on the trail,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Wheeler".

Leslie Wheeler
President