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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

As of the morning of December 22, 2018, the federal government has entered another government shutdown. During the federal government shutdown, the Florida Trail will remain open to the public. FT visitors will be able to access and hike on the trail, but no visitor services, maintenance or other management activities on federal lands will be conducted, and emergency and rescue services will be limited. U.S. Forest Service-operated campgrounds will be closed but concessionaire campgrounds/rec sites will remain open as well as dispersed camps. Any entry onto federal property during this period of a government shutdown is at the visitor's sole risk. On the Florida Trail, this includes: Apalachicola NF, Ocala NF, Osceola NF, Eglin AFB, Big Cypress National Park, Gulf Islands National Seashore & St. Marks NWF.

All Florida Trail Association (FTA) volunteer programs are also suspended during the shutdown period until official notice from FTA staff. The FTA will not be able to engage with volunteers in activities on the trail, trail facilities or trail lands.