What is the Florida Trail?
The Florida Trail is a 1,300 mile, non-motorized hiking trail in the state of Florida. It is also known as the Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST), and it is one of the eleven congressionally designated National Scenic Trails in the United States.

The trail stretches the length of Florida from the Southern Terminus at Big Cypress National Preserve near Miami to the Northern Terminus at the Gulf Islands National Seashore near Pensacola.

What is the Florida Trail Association?
The Florida Trail Association (FTA) is the nonprofit, volunteer-supported steward of the Florida Trail.

Since 1966, we’ve been working statewide with our partners to develop and maintain the FNST and other hiking trails for the American public.

With many local chapters throughout Florida, FTA provides a venue for hikers to gather and enjoy each other’s company in the great outdoors, while serving the public through their volunteer work.

We work in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service in Florida, state and local officials, and private landowners to keep our network of trails open for recreational use, and to ensure their long-term protection.

Discover how you can hike, engage in outdoor recreation, participate in environmental education, and contribute to FTA’s meaningful volunteer work at floridatrail.org.

Quick Facts
- In 1964, FTA was incorporated as a non-profit organization.
- In 1966, FTA began to lead and organize volunteers on the FNST.
- The first orange blaze on the FNST was painted in the Clearwater Lake Recreation Area, Ocala National Forest (1966).
- Approximately 350,000 people hike on the Florida Trail each year.
- FTA volunteer crews continue to be the primary trail maintainers of the Florida Trail.
- More than 25,000 hours are contributed each year by our volunteers to build and maintain trail along the FNST.
- FTA staff works with our primary partner and trail administrator, the USDA Forest Service, as well as over two dozen land managers statewide to keep the Florida Trail open for outdoor recreation.
- There are still gaps on the FNST; one of our primary goals is to close these remaining gaps.
- As a membership-driven organization, we rely on members to help support the mission of the FTA.
Our Mission
FTA develops, maintains, protects, and promotes a network of hiking trails throughout the state, including the unique Florida Trail. With our partners, we provide opportunities for the public to hike, engage in outdoor recreation, participate in environmental education, and contribute to meaningful volunteer work.

Protecting the Florida Trail is a full-time job, and your support helps us focus our energy on the trail. By joining FTA or renewing your membership you become a steward of the FNST. Help us continue to fight for the Florida Trail by pledging your support today! Because there is still much work to be done, we invite you to contribute to FTA’s mission.

Benefits of your membership include:

- FTA’s quarterly publication: the Footprint, which is packed with articles and information about exploring and enjoying Florida’s wild side
- FTA’s monthly newsletter: The E-Blaze
- FTA window decal and FTA logo patch
- Chapter and Section Leader contacts
- Trail Angel contacts
- Exclusive access to member-only events

VOLUNTEER
Join a Volunteer Work Party (VWP), and contribute towards FTA’s meaningful mission. At a VWP you’ll be able to help us build and maintain the Florida Trail. Your service gives millions of people the opportunity to experience Florida’s scenic wilderness.

There’s a role for everyone to play, and every volunteer counts. If you can’t volunteer on a maintenance crew, try one of our administrative roles.

There are many opportunities to volunteer within your local chapter. Contact your chapter today to learn more about volunteering with the Florida Trail Association. It’s easy and fun!

DONATE
Consider making a donation to the FTA. Your contributions allow us to make great strides in our mission to develop, maintain, protect, and promote the Florida Trail. Without you, this incredible public resource might be lost to future generations.

Donate to keep the Florida Trail open and accessible to the public.

Make a Difference
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Zip: ______ County: __________
Primary Phone: ____________
E-mail: ____________________

☐ Sign me up for the monthly e-blaze newsletter
☐ Check here for digital copy of The Footprint

How did you learn about the Florida Trail Association?

JOIN
Individual levels start at $35. Family levels start at $50. Your membership allows us to grow and expand our conservation programs.

☐ Trail Steward ($35)  ☐ Trail Protector ($500)
☐ Trail Builder ($50)  ☐ Trail Champion ($1000)
☐ Trail Advocate ($100)

DONATE
Additional Contribution: $ ____________
Total Enclosed: $ ____________

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Account #: ____________________  Exp. Date: ____________  CSC: ____________________
Signature: ____________________

By Check: Make checks payable to the “FLORIDA TRAIL ASSOCIATION” and mail to FTA, 1050 NW 2nd St, Suite A, Gainesville, FL 32601

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