NOTICE TO HIKERS

2020 – Panhandle Section Re-Openings

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Description:

With the implementation of the Governor’s reopening guidelines, many sections of the Florida Trail in the Panhandle are now open to recreational use with appropriate social distancing practices.

- Gulf Islands National Seashore, including the Dunes Section, is now open to hikers. The Fort Pickens area remains CLOSED.
- Eglin Air Force Base: the Florida Trail in Eglin remains open to recreational use, although new camping permits are no longer being issued.
- Blackwater River, Pine Log, and Twin Rivers State Forests: the Florida Trail is open, and a phased opening of campgrounds is being implemented.
- Northwest Florida Water Management District: the Yellow River Ravines, Econfina and Altha sections are open for recreational use, although campgrounds remain closed.
- Apalachicola National Forest: the Florida Trail is open for recreational use.
- St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge: the Florida Trail is open for recreational use.