



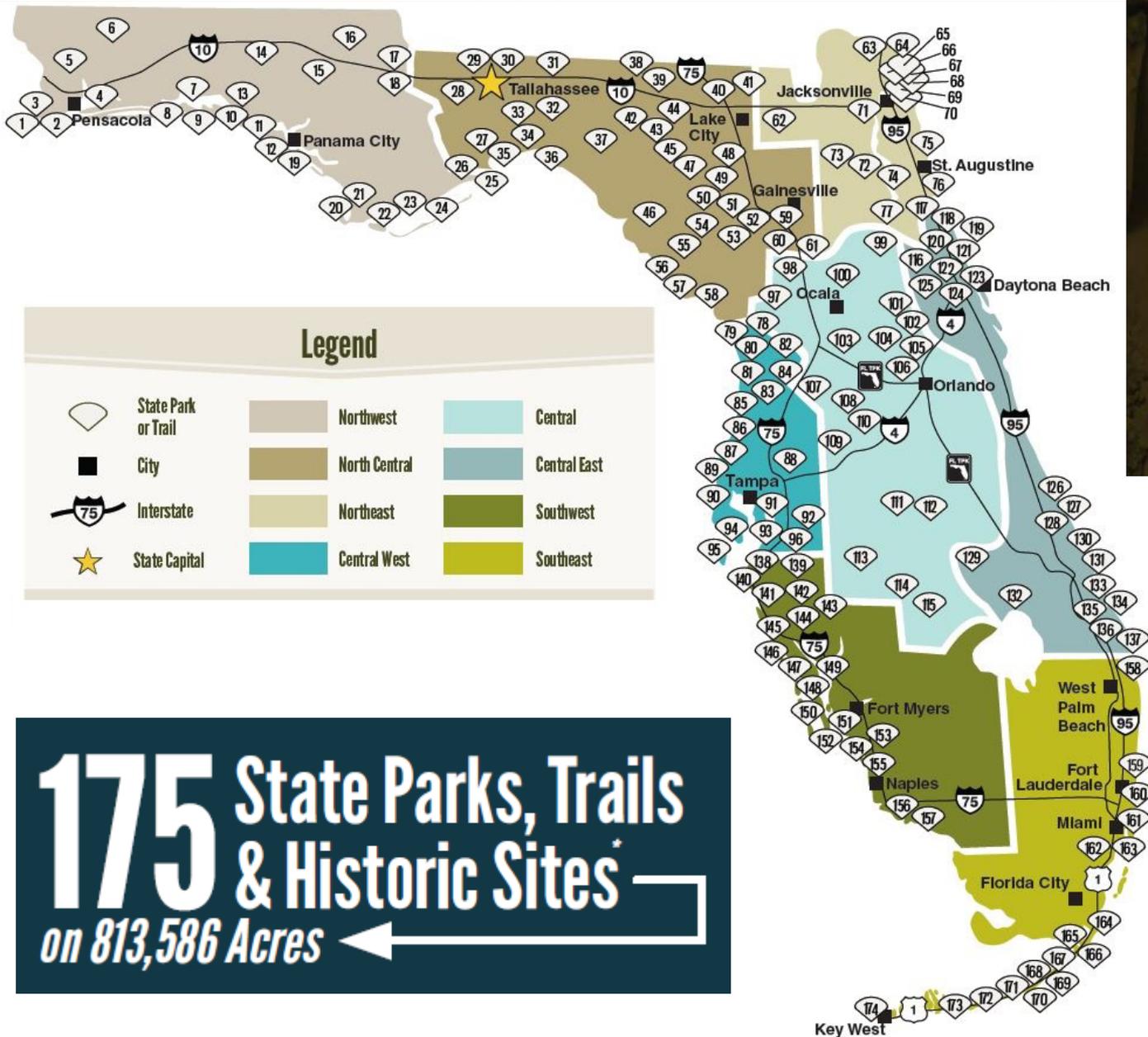
# Florida State Parks

Volunteers - You Are Our Valued Park Team Members!!

# Who Are We?

# Florida State Parks

# Fast Facts

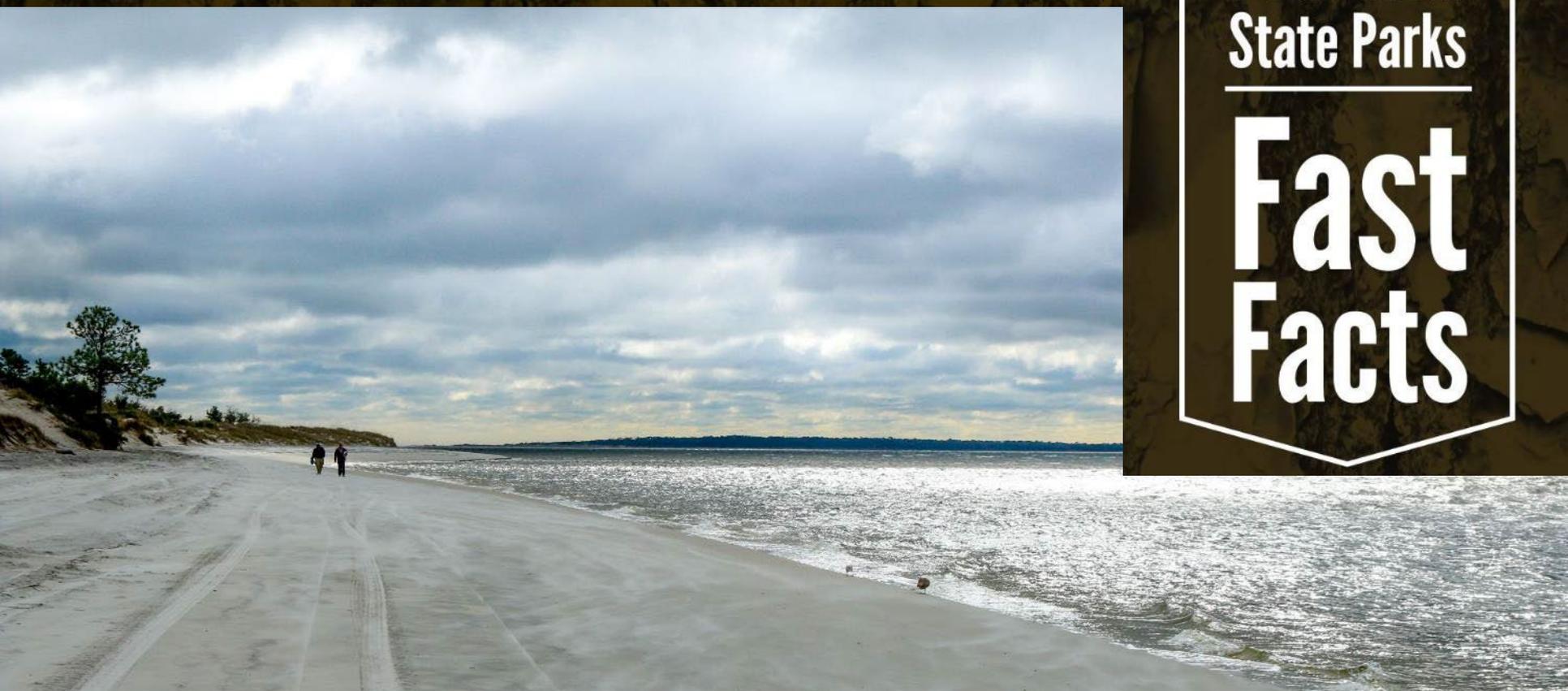


**175** State Parks, Trails  
& Historic Sites  
on 813,586 Acres

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101 Miles



of Sandy Beaches



2,275 Miles  
of Trails



65

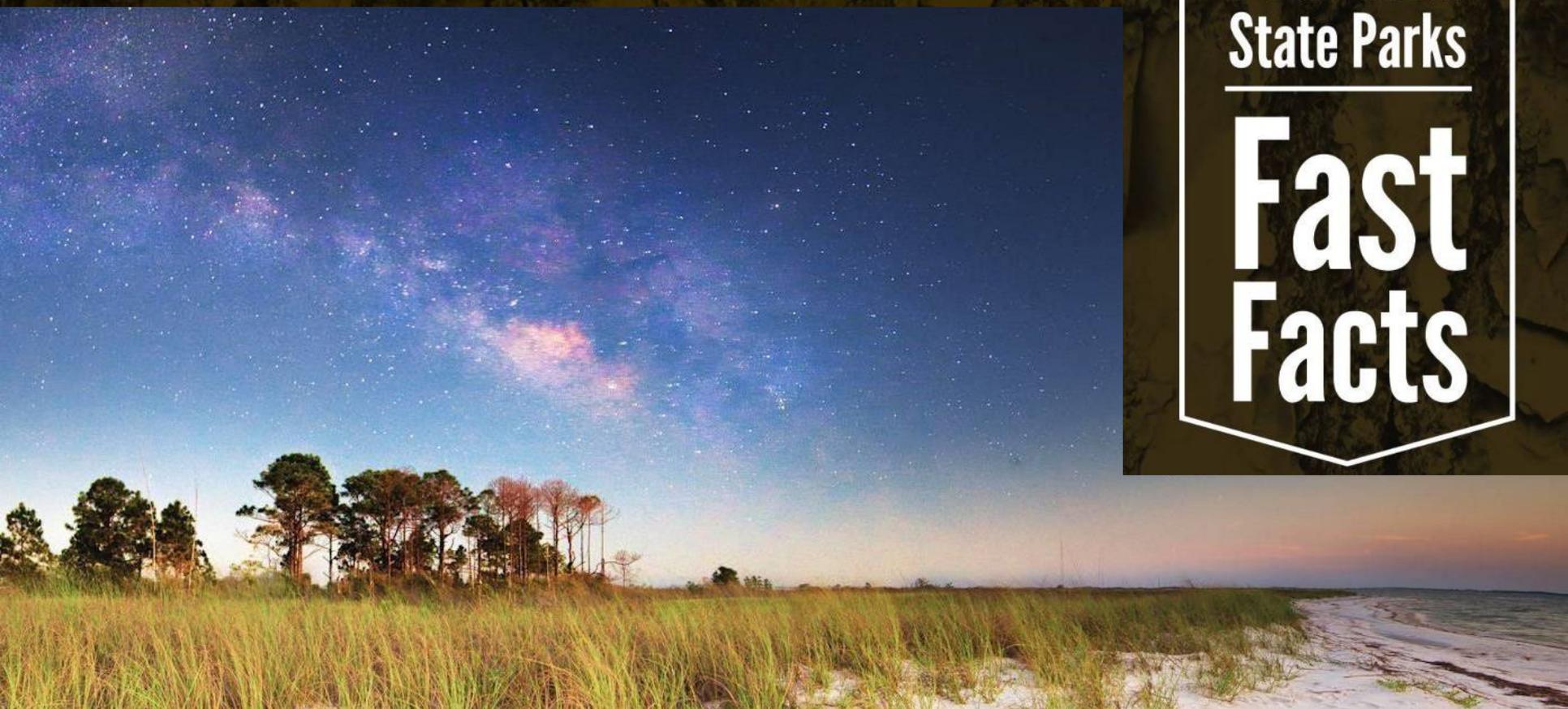
Concessions



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1  
Lodge



198  
Cabins

3,311 Full-facility  
Campsites



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**28,701,075**  
Visitors



**1,040**  
Employees



**19,854**  
Volunteers



**80+** Friends  
Groups



**1,038,878**  
Volunteer Hours

# Who Are We?



**4x Winner  
of National  
Gold Medal**

**Florida  
State Parks**

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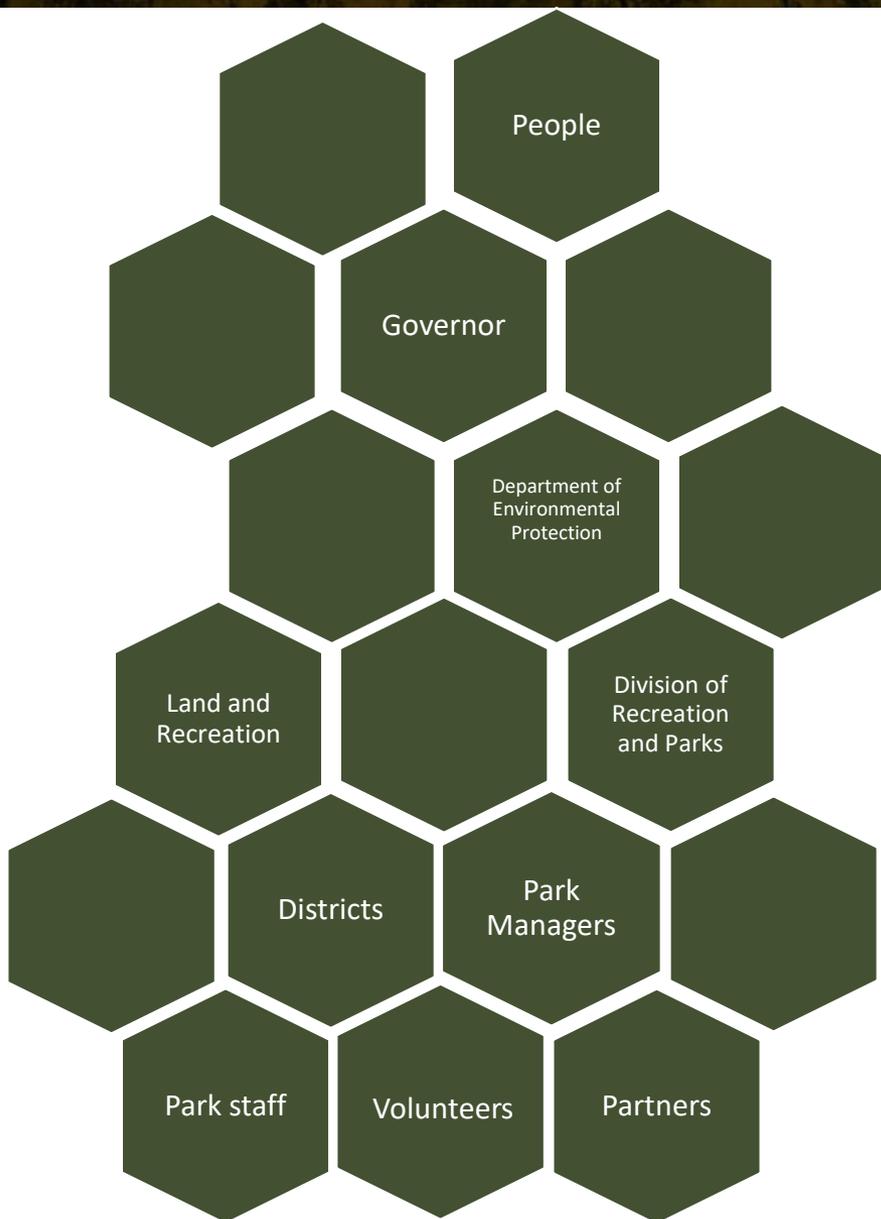
**\$83.13 Million  
Total Revenue**



**\$3.6 Billion  
Economic Impact**



# Who Are We?



Together  
We Make A  
Difference to Florida  
State Parks!



# Volunteers Assist With Our Mission



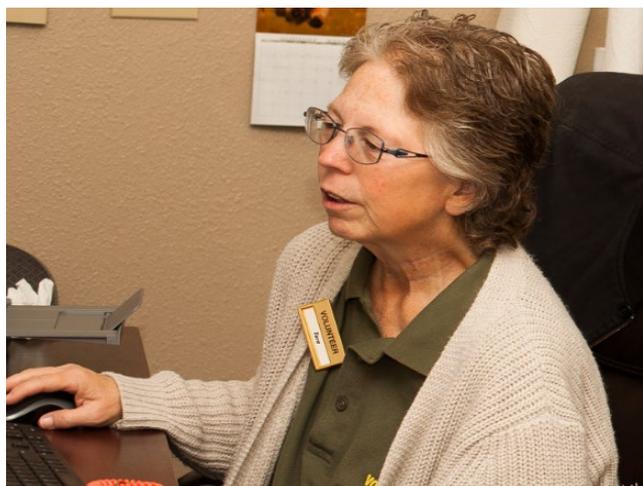
Provide resource-based recreation,  
while preserving, interpreting and restoring  
natural and cultural resources.



# Volunteers Serve All Areas “The Big 5”



1. Visitor Services



2. Administration



3. Resource



4. Protection



5. Maintenance

# Our Valued Park Team Members



You are **INTEGRAL** to the work we do to accomplish **OUR MISSION**



Each year, you contribute over 1 million hours!

# Individual “Regular Service” Volunteers

## Diverse opportunities

Examples of regularly scheduled positions:

- Ranger station attendant
- Park maintenance assistant
- Special event coordinator
- Guided tour or program leader
- Exotic plant removal
- Beach, waterway or trail rover
- Internships and more

Park volunteer policies vary for youth under the age of 18 - check with a park for details





## Serve in an outstanding location

- 24 volunteer hours per week per campsite
- Free campsite in exchange\*
- Up to 16-week stay at one park
- Enhance a visitor's experience
- Assist with facility maintenance
- Assist with various park projects
- [List of parks with park resident sites](#)

\*Parks without campgrounds may also have park resident volunteer opportunities

# Groups “Teams”



Large groups welcome!

- Beach clean-ups
- Remove invasive exotic plants
- Trail maintenance
- Repairs and maintenance
- Special events
- Citizen science... and more



Family, civic, community, church, scouting, corporate, and student groups are all invited to help outdoors



# Benefits & Recognition

## Free entry passes\*

- 50-hours Volunteer ID - free entry to your park & 6 additional state parks
- 250-hours – Special Volunteer Annual Pass

\*some restrictions apply

## Certificates and pins for hours

- At 250, 500, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000, 7000, 8000, 9000+ hours
- 10,000, 20,000, 25,000 and 30,000 hours; plaques 10K+ hours
- Exceptional Service & Dedication certificate given at any time



### Thank You for Making a Difference!

**50 Hours Volunteer ID**  **FLORIDA STATE PARKS**  
Six free any park entries for you and your family

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Park Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 250 Hours of Service

Presented to  
**<< NAME >>**  
In grateful appreciation for your volunteer contributions to  
the Florida Park Service

  
Park Manager \_\_\_\_\_ Chuck Hatcher, Director

<< Name of State Park Here >> \_\_\_\_\_ XX/XX/XXXX  
State Park \_\_\_\_\_ Date

 **FLORIDA STATE PARKS**  
...the Real Florida<sup>SM</sup>

# Orientation & Training

Build skills, abilities, and park knowledge and your position

- Park orientation and intro to the park's [Unit Management Plan](#)
- Annual required training: Sexual Harassment, Diversity, and Workers' Compensation
- Ongoing training for duties and for professional growth
  - Equipment use, UTV/ATV operation, canoe/kayak, trailering, species monitoring





## Volunteer rights

- Receive workers' compensation and liability under State of Florida law
- Be part of the Florida Park Service team
- Have opportunities for growth
- Be involved in a variety of experiences
- Be recognized for contributions
- Provide input on the volunteer program
- Meet people from all over the world
- Make a difference in your community

# Responsibilities & Expectations



## Volunteer professionalism

- Follow park policies and guidelines
- Complete annual agreement and training
- Provide top-notch visitor services
- Work as a team alongside staff and other volunteers
- Wear the uniform with pride
- Be reliable in fulfilling tasks and shifts
- Be a steward for park resources
- Work safely and smartly
- Attend training sessions and meetings
- Report service hours

# Volunteer Uniform



Class B – Day to day uniform



Class A – Dress uniform

- Nameplates and hours award pins when tracking your service hours in the Volunteer Portal



**VOLUNTEER**

Your name

# NEW Volunteer Uniform – Symbol of Service



## Class A – Dress uniform

- Green polo shirt (short sleeve only)
- Khaki pants, or shorts, or jeans
- Black or blue jeans at manager's discretion
- Gold nameplate
- Black belt
- Black close-toed shoes/boots and socks
- Recognition award pin (when applicable)

## Class B – Day to day uniform

- Green polo, t-shirt (short or long sleeve), or khaki vest
- Same as Class A – bottoms, nameplate, belt, shoes/boots and socks
- FPS cap or wide brim sunhat, and windbreaker (optional)
- Recognition award pin (when applicable)

# Uniform – Historical Period Clothing

## Cultural sites, programs, and re-enactments

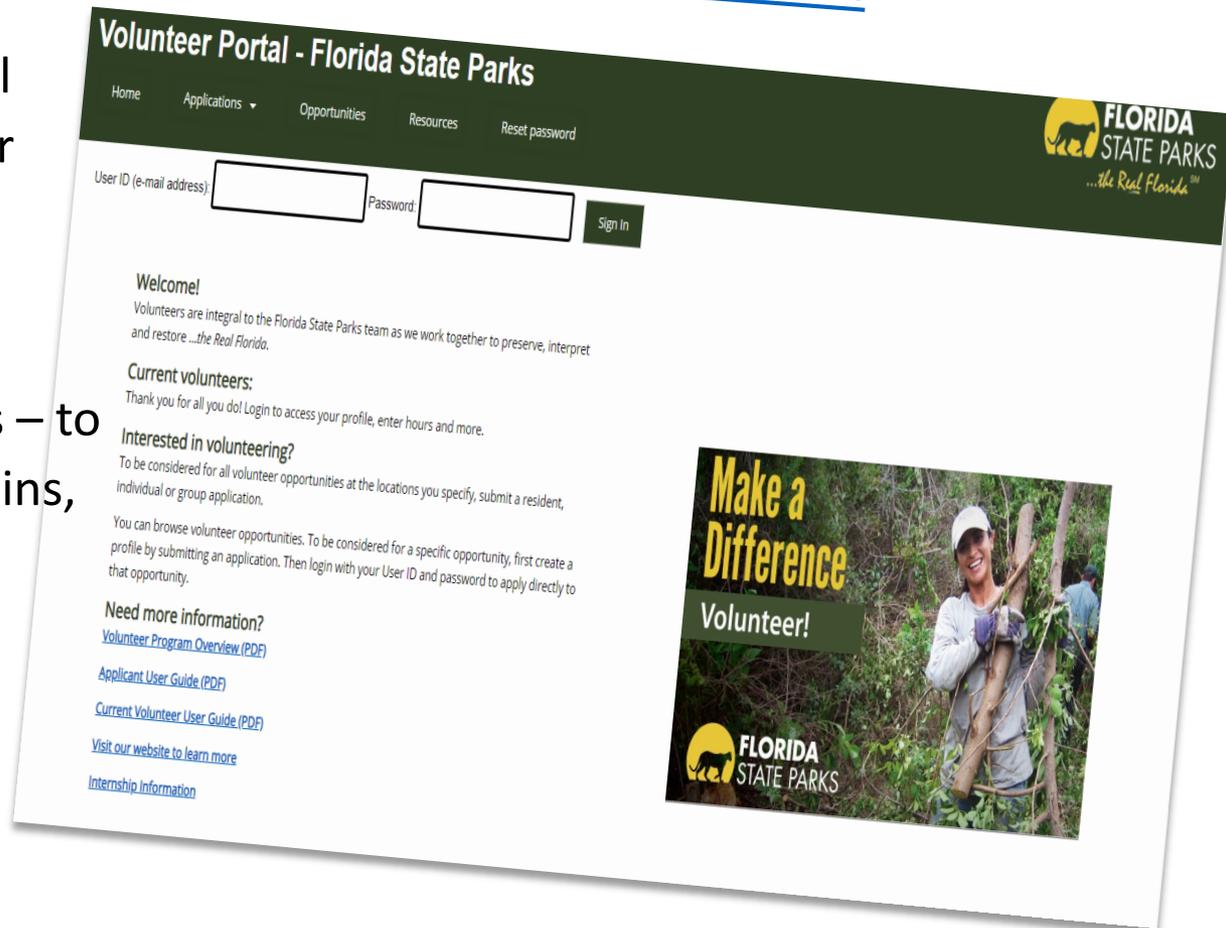
- Wear appropriate period clothing for living history interpretation
- The park will specify appropriate attire and at what times



## Easily track your service

- Update your information
- Complete required annual training and the Volunteer Agreement
- Enter your hours
  - See cumulative hours – to receive certificates, pins, and passes!
- Search and apply for new volunteer opportunities

## Volunteer Portal



**Volunteer Portal - Florida State Parks**

Home Applications Opportunities Resources Reset password

User ID (e-mail address):  Password:  [Sign In](#)

**Welcome!**  
Volunteers are integral to the Florida State Parks team as we work together to preserve, interpret and restore ...the Real Florida.

**Current volunteers:**  
Thank you for all you do! Login to access your profile, enter hours and more.

**Interested in volunteering?**  
To be considered for all volunteer opportunities at the locations you specify, submit a resident, individual or group application.  
You can browse volunteer opportunities. To be considered for a specific opportunity, first create a profile by submitting an application. Then login with your User ID and password to apply directly to that opportunity.

**Need more information?**  
[Volunteer Program Overview \(PDF\)](#)  
[Applicant User Guide \(PDF\)](#)  
[Current Volunteer User Guide \(PDF\)](#)  
[Visit our website to learn more](#)  
[Internship Information](#)

**Make a Difference Volunteer!**

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# Welcome to the team!

Thank you for supporting Florida State Parks



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