



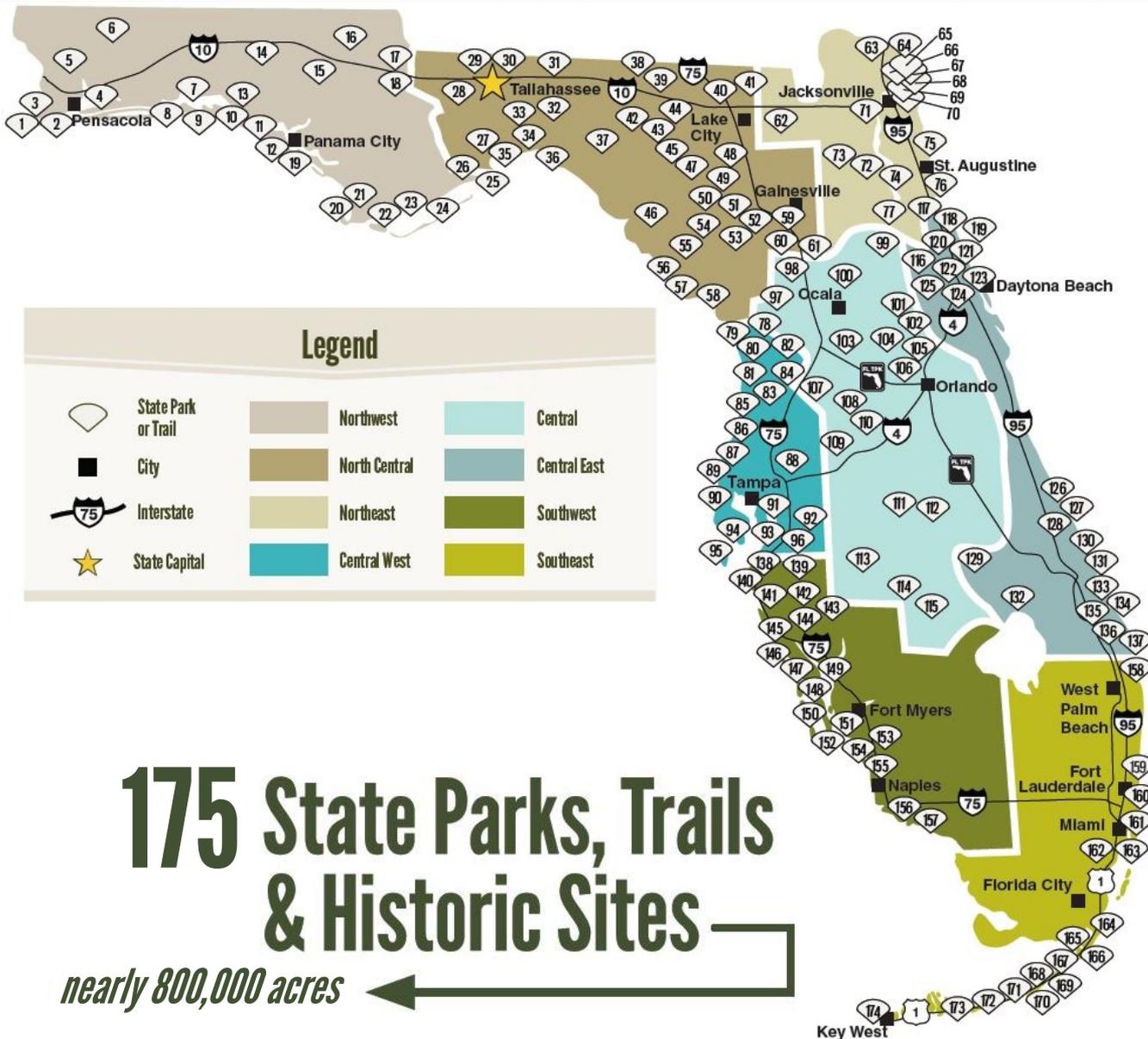
Florida State Parks

Volunteers - You Are Our Valued Park Team Members!!

Who Are We?

Florida State Parks

Fast Facts



175 State Parks, Trails & Historic Sites

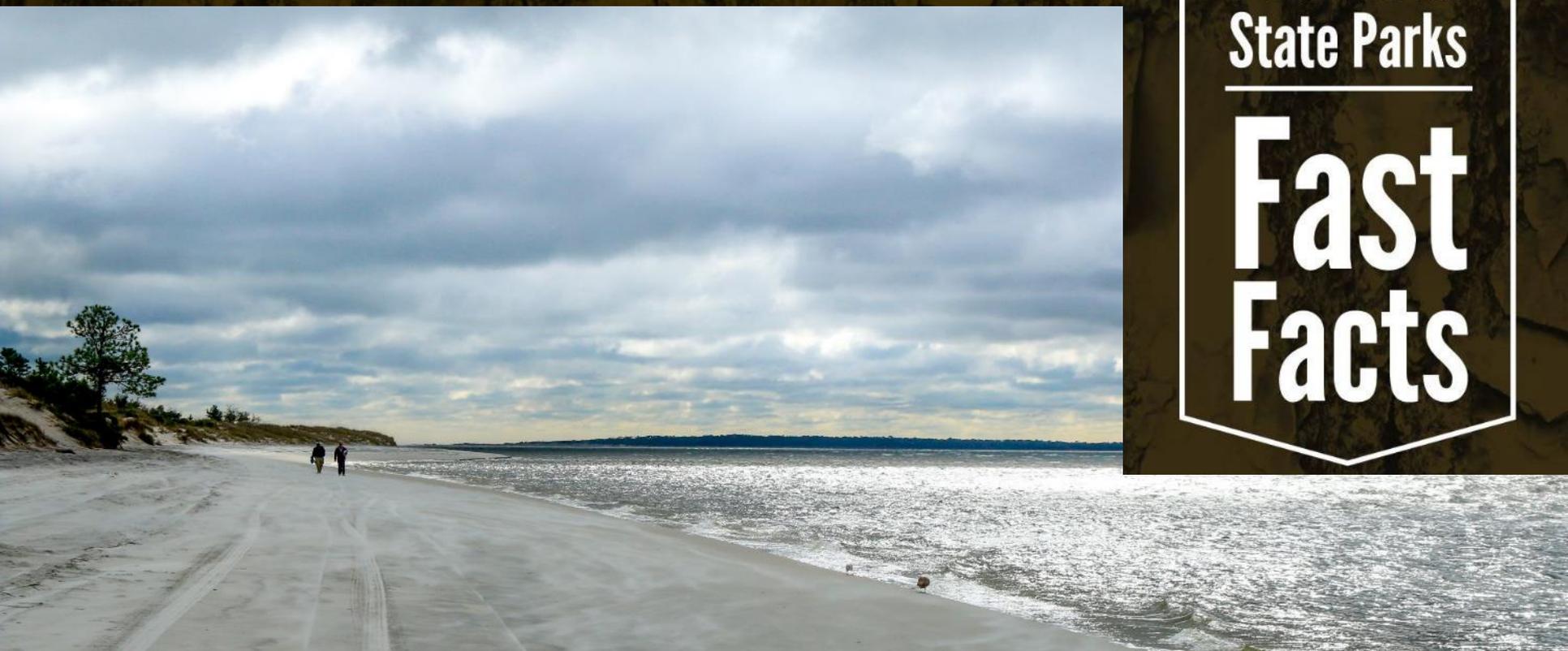
nearly 800,000 acres



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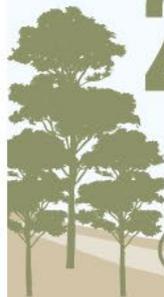
Fast Facts



100 Miles



of Sandy Beaches



2,200 Miles of Trails



92

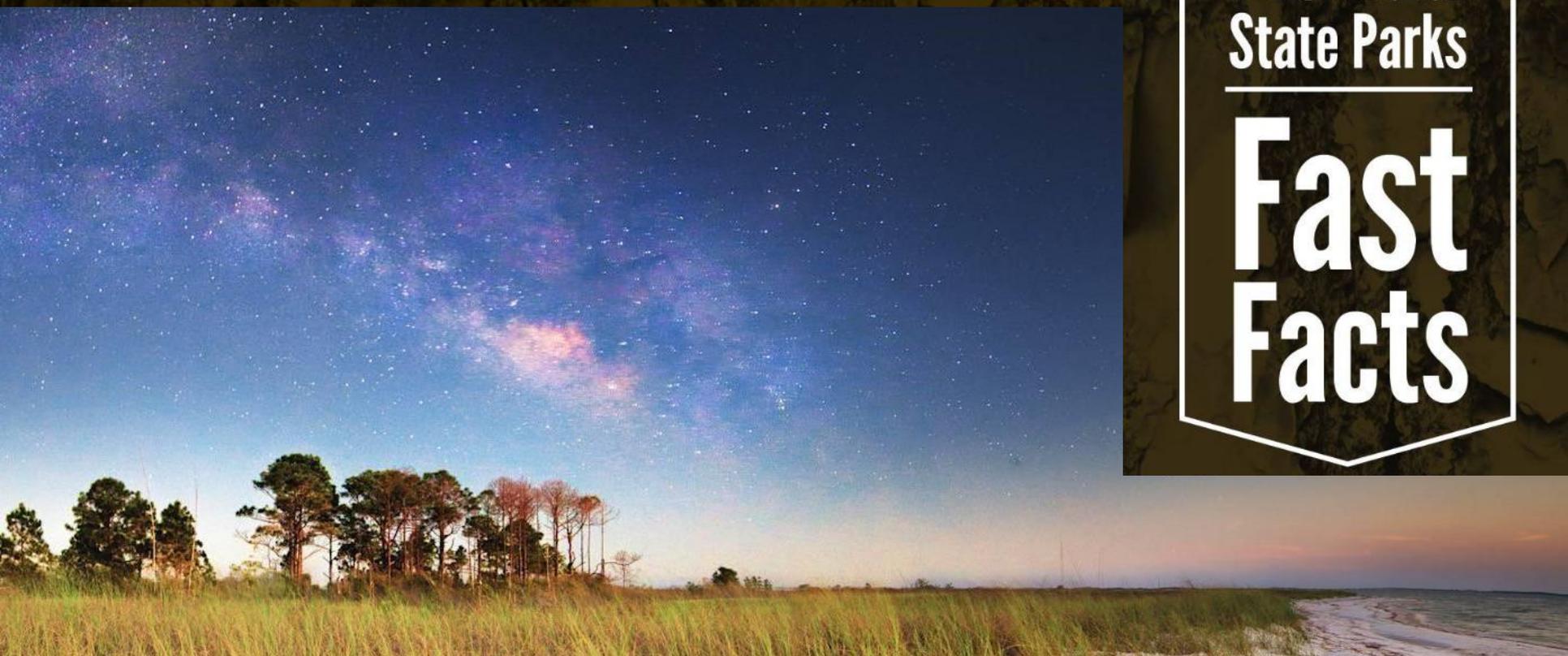
Concessions



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1
Lodge



205
Cabins

3,306 Full-facility
Campsites



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 24 Million
Visitors

 1,033
Employees

 80+ Friend
Groups

 10,411
Volunteers

 1,046,977
Volunteer Hours

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**4x Winner
of National
Gold Medal**

**Florida
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**Fast
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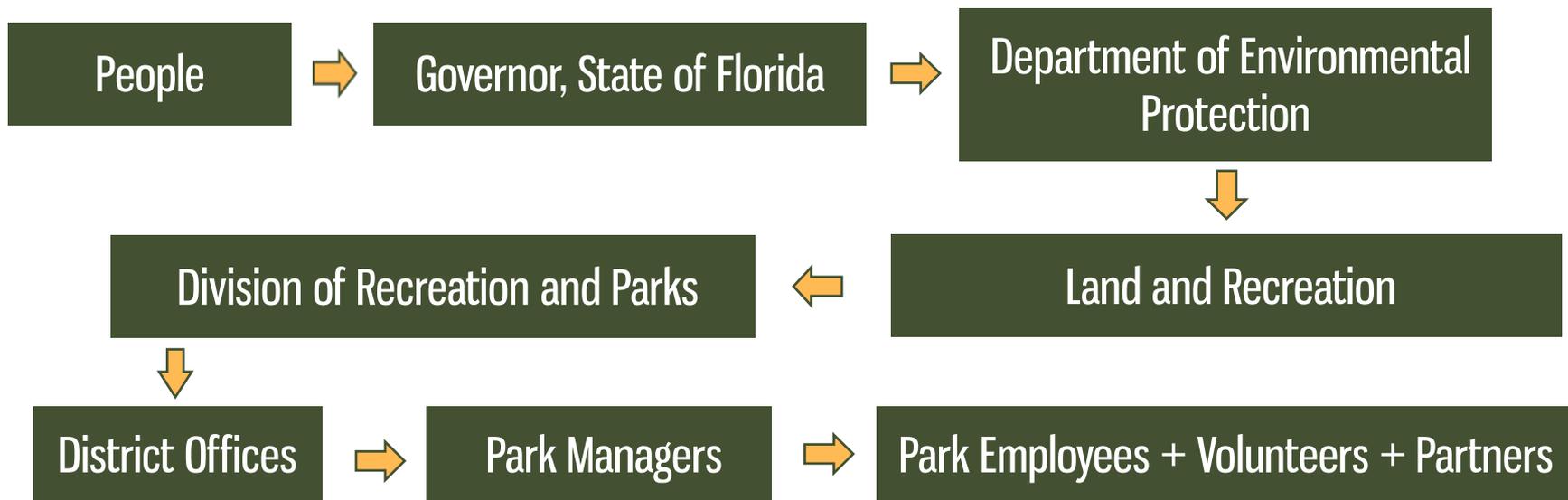
**\$66.7 Million
Total Revenue**



**\$2.6 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 Management



4. Protection



5. Maintenance

Our Valued Park Team Members

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



Each year, volunteers contribute over 1 million hours!

Individual “Regular Service” Volunteers

Opportunities are Diverse

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

Serve in an outstanding location

- Min. 20 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 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

Join a Friends Group



Florida State Parks Foundation and 80+ park “Friends,” also known as Citizen Support Organizations, are nonprofits that provide support by volunteering, educating visitors, hosting events, and raising funds for specific park projects.

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 served

- At 250, 500, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000, 7000, 8000, 9000+ hours
- 10,000, 20,000, 25,000 and 30,000 hours – plaque and letter from the Director
- Exceptional Service & Dedication certificate given at any time

Thank You for Making a Difference!

50 Hours Volunteer ID

Six free any park entries for you and your family



Name: _____

Park Issued: _____

Volunteer Coordinator: _____

Expiration Date: _____



250 Hours of Service

Presented to

<< **NAME** >>

In grateful appreciation for your volunteer contributions to the Florida Park Service

Park Manager


Eric Draper, Director

, of State Park Here >>

XX/XX/XXXX

State Park

Date



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, 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
- Provide input on the volunteer program
- Be recognized for contributions



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

NEW Volunteer Uniform – Transitioning in 2020/21



NEW Class B – Day to day uniform

NEW Class A – Dress uniform

- Transitioning old to new through 2021
- **NEW** nameplates, and pins when tracking service hours in the Volunteer Portal



NEW Volunteer Uniform – Symbol of Service



Class A – Dress uniform

- Green polo shirt (short sleeve only)
- Khaki pants, shorts, skirt or jeans
- Gold nameplate
- Black belt
- Black close-toed shoes/boots and socks
- Recognition award pin (if 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 (if applicable)

Cultural sites, programs & re-enactments

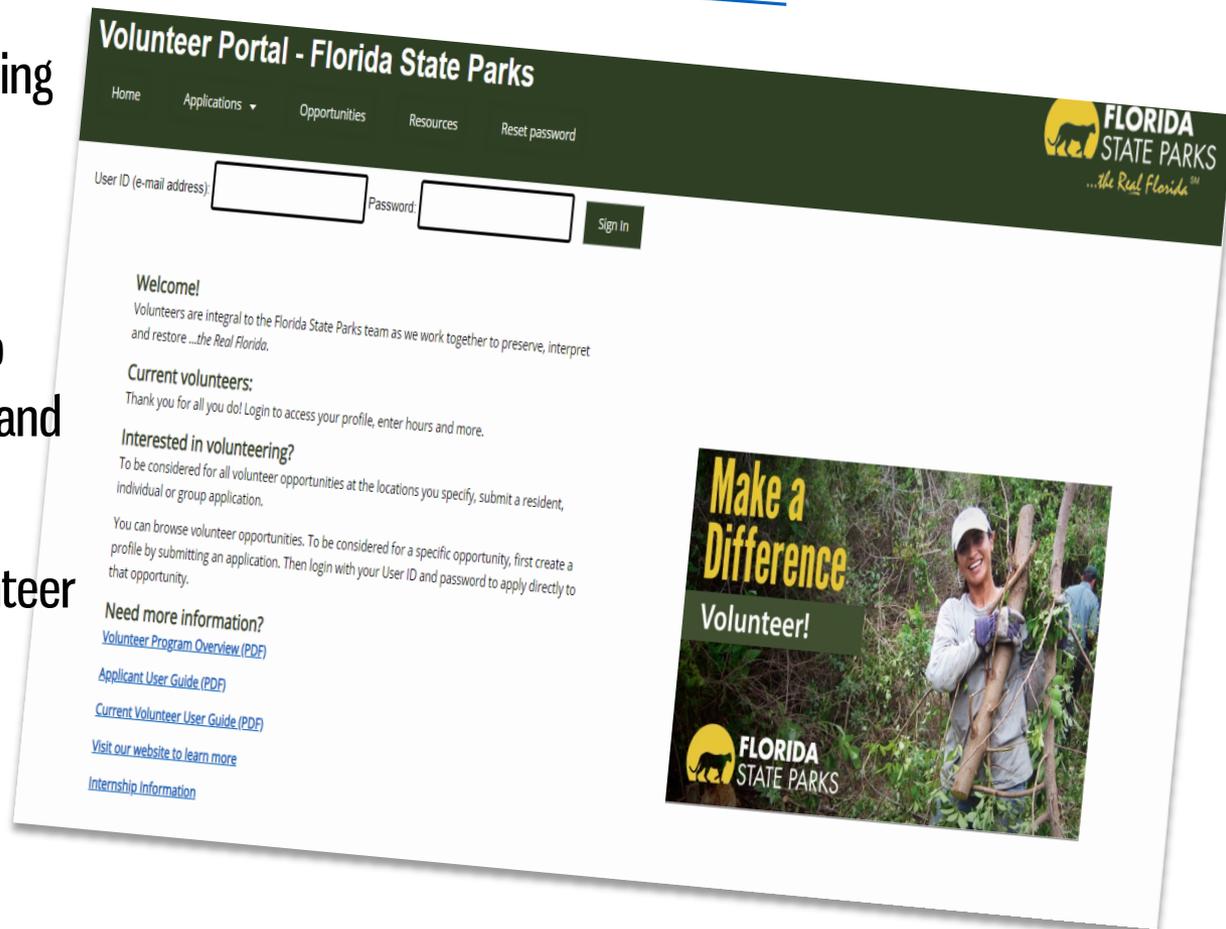
- Wear appropriate period clothing for living history interpretation
- Your park will specify what attire is approved and at what times



Easily track your service

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

Volunteer Portal



The screenshot shows the Volunteer Portal interface for Florida State Parks. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Applications, Opportunities, Resources, and Reset password. The Florida State Parks logo is in the top right corner. Below the navigation bar is a login section with fields for User ID (e-mail address) and Password, and a Sign In button. The main content area features a welcome message, followed by sections for Current volunteers, Interested in volunteering?, and Need more information?. The Need more information? section includes links for Volunteer Program Overview (PDF), Applicant User Guide (PDF), Current Volunteer User Guide (PDF), Visit our website to learn more, and Internship Information. On the right side of the page, there is a promotional image of a volunteer working in a field, with the text 'Make a Difference Volunteer!' and the Florida State Parks logo.



Welcome to the team!

Thank you for supporting Florida State Parks



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