



SUMMARY OF FLORIDA CONSERVATION LANDS

Including Less-than-fee Conservation Lands
prepared by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory

March 2009

	Fee simple Acres ^{1,2}	Less-than-fee Acres ^{3,4}
FEDERAL CONSERVATION LANDS		
USDA Forest Service	1,183,133	1,696
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service	502,043	1,930
USDI National Park Service ⁵	1,683,954	1,337
US Dept. of Defense ⁶	664,239	0
US Other	4,811	0
TOTAL FEDERALLY MANAGED non-submerged lands	4,038,180	4,963
STATE CONSERVATION LANDS		
DACS Division of Forestry	1,046,474	0
DEP Division of Recreation and Parks	589,685	0
DEP Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas	54,936	0
DEP Office of Greenways and Trails	84,061	0
DEP Division of State Lands	0	94,225
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	5,103	7,404
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,413,997	41,596
Babcock Ranch (managed by Babcock Ranch Management, LLC)	73,239	0
Dept. of Corrections (managed by P.R.I.D.E.)	18,200	0
Dept. of Military Affairs	73,076	0
State Universities	13,771	66
Water Management Districts	1,441,217	395,544
<i>Undesignated State Lands</i> ⁷	4,752	0
TOTAL STATE MANAGED non-submerged lands	4,818,511	538,835
LOCAL (COUNTY & MUNICIPAL) CONSERVATION LANDS	432,586	5,885
<i>TOTAL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL non-submerged lands</i>	<i>9,289,277</i>	<i>549,683</i>
Private Conservation Lands	134,301	51,164

LAND AREA OF STATE OF FLORIDA 34,721,280 acres⁸

PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN FEDERALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	11.6%	0.01%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN STATE-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	13.9%	1.6%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN LOCALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	1.2%	0.02%

¹Acres are counted once under the primary managing agency even though there may be several owners and/or managers. For this reason, total acres for some agencies may be higher than the acres to which they hold title and others may be lower.

²Acres listed include terrestrial wetlands such as the Everglades but exclude 3,720,452 acres of submerged marine, lake, or river bottom (such as state aquatic preserves or Florida Bay) that are part of certain managed areas.

³Numbers include a total of 600,847 acres less-than-fee properties (6.0% of total conservation lands).

⁴Represents the less-than-fee lands included in the FNAI conservation lands database as of 1 March 2009. All properties are owned by either private individuals or private foundations or corporations. Lands are classified by the agency or organization that monitors the easement on the property. The same agency or organization usually holds title to the easement, but there are a few exceptions.

⁵Acres total includes all non-submerged acres within official federally designated boundaries of National Park Service lands.

⁶Acres of Tyndall Air Force Base was adjusted in 2009 to be consistent with digital boundaries; the acreage increase does not represent acquisition of additional lands.

⁷Lands owned by the State that are not currently leased to a governmental agency.

⁸Source: Atlas of Florida, 1996. E. A. Fernald and E. D. Purdum, eds., University Press of Florida, Gainesville, FL

SUMMARY OF MANAGED AREA ACREAGES March 2009
tracked by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory

All acreage figures are obtained directly from the land managing or owner agencies. The acreage of each managed area represents the entire management unit and may include some lands that are managed for purposes other than conservation.

<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>combined acres</u>	<u>submerged acres</u>	<u>non-submerged acres</u>
Dept. of Defense: Air Force & Navy	664,239	0	664,239
Dept. of Commerce: NOAA	10	0	10
Dept. of Transportation: Coast Guard	252	0	252
Dept. of Agriculture: Forest Service	1,184,829	0	1,184,829
Dept. of Agriculture (other)	4,236	0	4,236
Bureau of Land Management	313	0	313
Fish and Wildlife Service ¹	970,056	466,083	503,973
National Park Service ^{2,3}	2,598,311	913,019	1,685,291
	5,422,245	1,379,102	4,043,143
<u>STATE</u>			
DACS Division of Forestry	1,046,474	0	1,046,474
DEP Division of Recreation & Parks	702,406	112,721	589,685
DEP Office of Coastal & Aquatic MAs ⁴	2,283,383	2,228,447	54,936
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Comm	1,455,775	182	1,455,593
DEP Office of Greenways & Trails	84,061	0	84,061
Dept. of Military Affairs	73,076	0	73,076
Dept. of Corrections (P.R.I.D.E.)	18,200	0	18,200
Babcock Ranch	73,239	0	73,239
Universities	13,837	0	13,837
DEP Division of State Lands ⁵	94,225	0	94,225
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	12,507	0	12,507
	5,857,183	2,341,350	3,515,833

<u>WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS</u>	<u>total acres</u>
Northwest Florida WMD	218,137
St. Johns River WMD	530,934
South Florida WMD	482,665
Southwest Florida WMD	345,696
Suwannee River WMD	259,329
	1,836,761
<u>STATE AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	5,352,594
<u>LOCAL (COUNTY & MUNICIPAL) GOVERNMENTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	438,471
<u>PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	185,465

¹Submerged acres include Great White Heron NWR/National Key Deer Refuge (185,086 acres), Key West NWR (206,289 acres), Merritt Island NWR (55,000 acres), Pelican Island NWR (4,132 acres), Crystal River NWR (19 acres), J. N. Ding Darling NWR (2,100 acres), and Ten Thousand Islands NWR (13,457 acres). Acreage total excludes lands within Merritt Island NWR that are managed solely by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

²Totals include private properties within official federally designated boundaries of National Park Service lands. Numbers have been adjusted to account for overlap between Canaveral National Seashore and Merritt Island NWR.

³Submerged acres include Everglades National Park (625,000 acres), Biscayne National Park (168,477.84 acres), Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve (11,541 acres), Gulf Islands National Seashore (25,643 acres), Dry Tortugas National Park (64,596.62 acres), and Canaveral National Seashore (17,761 acres).

⁴Includes state aquatic preserves and national estuarine research reserves but not Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

⁵Division of State Lands is the monitoring agency for most conservation easements (less-than-fee lands) held by the State of Florida.