



SUMMARY OF FLORIDA CONSERVATION LANDS

Including Less-than-fee Conservation Lands

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	Fee simple Acres ^{1,2,3}	Less-than- fee Acres ^{4,5}
FEDERAL CONSERVATION LANDS		
USDA Forest Service	1,185,588	1,726
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service ⁶	0	142,797
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service	555,681	9,344
USDI National Park Service	1,691,963	1,337
US Dept. of Defense	665,091	0
US Other	976	0
TOTAL FEDERALLY MANAGED non-submerged lands	4,099,299	155,204
STATE CONSERVATION LANDS		
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,142,351	45,216
DEP Division of Recreation and Parks	680,068	0
DEP Florida Coastal Office	143,397	0
DEP Division of State Lands	0	136,013
DEP Northwest District	0	12,907
DEP Mining and Mitigation Program	7,208	14,416
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,419,222	44,832
Dept. of Military Affairs	70,867	0
Dept. of Management Services	84	0
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	105	0
State Universities	15,000	68
Water Management Districts	1,457,145	427,115
<i>Undesignated State Lands⁷</i>	4,673	0
TOTAL STATE MANAGED non-submerged lands	4,940,120	680,568
LOCAL (COUNTY & MUNICIPAL) CONSERVATION LANDS	495,959	9,737
<i>TOTAL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL non-submerged lands</i>	<i>9,535,379</i>	<i>845,509</i>
Private Conservation Lands	127,655	69,492
Private Mitigation Banks	85,706	0

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

PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN FEDERALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	11.8%	0.4%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN STATE-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	14.2%	2.0%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN LOCALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	1.4%	0.03%

¹Acres may be different from previous years due to introduction of GIS acres being used to determine land and submerged acres for most conservation lands. State park and state forest acreages come solely from the managing agencies.

²Acres 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.

³Acres listed include terrestrial wetlands such as the Everglades but exclude 3,451,520 acres of submerged marine, lake, or river bottom (such as state aquatic preserves or Florida Bay) that are part of certain managed areas.

⁴Numbers include a total of 906,524 acres less-than-fee properties (8.5% of total conservation lands).

⁵Represents the less-than-fee lands included in the FNAI conservation lands database as of 1 February 2019. 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.

⁶Acreage total includes all permanent easements (WRP, GRP, and Wetland Reserve Easements) held by USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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 CONSERVATION AREA ACREAGES February 2019
tracked by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory

Acreage figures are obtained directly from the land managing or owner agencies, or calculated from GIS boundary files. The acreage of each managed area may include some lands that are managed for purposes other than conservation. Non-submerged acres are the only acres considered in the previous fee simple/less-than-fee summary table.

<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>combined acres</u>	<u>submerged acres</u>	<u>non-submerged acres</u>
Dept. of Agriculture: Forest Service	1,194,832	7,519	1,187,313
Dept. of Agriculture: NRCS	143,034	237	142,797
Fish and Wildlife Service ¹	986,889	421,864	565,025
National Park Service ^{2,3}	2,574,678	881,378	1,693,301
Dept. of Defense: Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps	669,571	4,481	665,091
Dept. of Agriculture (other)	381	0	381
Dept. of Commerce: NOAA	10	0	10
Dept. of Transportation: Coast Guard	252	0	252
Bureau of Land Management	336	3	333
	5,569,983	1,315,481	4,254,502
<u>STATE</u>			
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,189,602	2,035	1,187,568
DEP Division of Recreation & Parks	795,772	115,704	680,068
DEP Florida Coastal Office ⁴	2,103,936	1,960,540	143,397
DEP Division of State Lands ⁵	136,036	23	136,013
DEP Northwest District ⁵	13,388	481	12,907
DEP Mining and Mitigation Program	21,624	0	21,624
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,470,998	6,944	1,464,054
Dept. of Military Affairs	73,143	2,276	70,867
Dept. of Management Services	84	0	84
Agency for Persons with Disabilities	124	19	105
Universities	15,515	447	15,068
	5,820,222	2,088,467	3,731,754

<u>WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS</u>	<u>total acres</u>
Northwest Florida WMD	221,286
St. Johns River WMD	535,985
South Florida WMD	498,944
Southwest Florida WMD	352,057
Suwannee River WMD	275,990
	1,884,261
<u>STATE AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	5,616,015
<u>LOCAL (COUNTY & MUNICIPAL) GOVERNMENTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	505,697
<u>PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	197,147
<u>PRIVATE MITIGATION BANKS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	85,706

¹Submerged acres include, but are not exclusive to Great White Heron NWR/National Key Deer Refuge (112,557 acres), Key West NWR (207,963 acres), Merritt Island NWR (56,253 acres), Chassahowitzka NWR (21,939 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 (572,072 acres), Biscayne National Park (168,478 acres), Gulf Islands National Seashore (59,178 acres), Dry Tortugas National Park (64,597 acres), and Canaveral National Seashore (16,614 acres).

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

⁵DEP Division of State Lands is the monitoring agency for most conservation easements (less-than-fee lands) held by the State of Florida. DEP Northwest District is responsible for monitoring several large state-held conservation easements in the Florida Panhandle.