



# SUMMARY OF FLORIDA CONSERVATION LANDS

## Including Less-than-fee Conservation Lands

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	Fee simple Acres <sup>1,2</sup>	Less-than-fee Acres <sup>3,4</sup>
<b>FEDERAL CONSERVATION LANDS</b>		
USDA Forest Service	1,185,102	1,696
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service	504,224	2,402
USDI National Park Service <sup>5</sup>	1,683,886	1,337
US Dept. of Defense	664,239	0
US Other	4,829	0
<b>TOTAL FEDERALLY MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>4,042,280</b>	<b>5,435</b>
<b>STATE CONSERVATION LANDS</b>		
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,058,994	5,042
DEP Division of Recreation and Parks (state parks)	598,117	0
DEP Office of Greenways and Trails	74,262	0
DEP Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas	49,485	0
DEP Division of State Lands	0	102,699
DEP Northwest District	0	13,169
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	5,710	14,601
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,423,409	43,375
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
Dept. of Management Services	83	0
State Universities	14,307	66
Water Management Districts	1,468,168	406,317
<i>Undesignated State Lands<sup>6</sup></i>	4,627	0
<b>TOTAL STATE MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>4,861,677</b>	<b>585,269</b>
<b>LOCAL (COUNTY &amp; MUNICIPAL) CONSERVATION LANDS</b>	<b>478,852</b>	<b>7,531</b>
<b><i>TOTAL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL non-submerged lands</i></b>	<b><i>9,382,809</i></b>	<b><i>598,235</i></b>
Private Conservation Lands	<b>129,885</b>	<b>61,784</b>
Private Mitigation Banks	<b>30,152</b>	<b>0</b>

LAND AREA OF STATE OF FLORIDA 34,721,280 acres<sup>7</sup>

PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN FEDERALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	11.6 %	0.02%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN STATE-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	14.0%	1.7%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN LOCALLY MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	1.4%	0.02%

<sup>1</sup>Acres 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.

<sup>2</sup>Acres listed include terrestrial wetlands such as the Everglades but exclude 3,691,155 acres of submerged marine, lake, or river bottom (such as state aquatic preserves or Florida Bay) that are part of certain managed areas.

<sup>3</sup>Numbers include a total of 660,019 acres less-than-fee properties (6.5% of total conservation lands).

<sup>4</sup>Represents the less-than-fee lands included in the FNAI conservation lands database as of 1 February 2013. 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.

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

<sup>6</sup>Lands owned by the State that are not currently leased to a governmental agency.

<sup>7</sup>Source: Atlas of Florida, 1996. E. A. Fernald and E. D. Purdum, eds., University Press of Florida, Gainesville, FL

**SUMMARY OF MANAGED AREA ACREAGES February 2013**  
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 Agriculture: Forest Service	1,186,797	0	1,186,797
Fish and Wildlife Service <sup>1</sup>	972,710	466,083	506,627
National Park Service <sup>2,3</sup>	2,598,243	913,020	1,685,223
Dept. of Defense: Air Force & Navy	664,239	0	664,239
Dept. of Agriculture (other)	4,231	0	4,231
Dept. of Commerce: NOAA	10	0	10
Dept. of Transportation: Coast Guard	252	0	252
Bureau of Land Management	336	0	336
	<b>5,426,818</b>	<b>1,379,103</b>	<b>4,047,715</b>
<u>STATE</u>			
DACS Florida Forest Service	1,064,036	0	1,064,036
DEP Division of Rec. & Parks (state parks)	711,089	112,972	598,117
DEP Office of Greenways & Trails	74,262	0	74,262
DEP Office of Coastal & Aquatic MAs <sup>4</sup>	2,248,383	2,198,898	49,485
DEP Division of State Lands <sup>5</sup>	102,699	0	102,699
DEP Northwest District <sup>5</sup>	13,169	0	13,169
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	20,311	0	20,311
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,466,967	182	1,466,785
Babcock Ranch	73,239	0	73,239
Dept. of Corrections (P.R.I.D.E.)	18,200	0	18,200
Dept. of Military Affairs	73,076	0	73,076
Dept. of Management Services	83	0	83
Universities	14,372	0	14,372
	<b>5,879,886</b>	<b>2,312,052</b>	<b>3,567,834</b>

<u>WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS</u>	<u>total acres</u>
Northwest Florida WMD	224,260
St. Johns River WMD	540,412
South Florida WMD	496,049
Southwest Florida WMD	346,335
Suwannee River WMD	267,429
	<b>1,874,485</b>
<u>STATE AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>5,442,319</b>
<u>LOCAL (COUNTY &amp; MUNICIPAL) GOVERNMENTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>486,383</b>
<u>PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>191,669</b>
<u>PRIVATE MITIGATION BANKS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>30,152</b>

<sup>1</sup>Submerged 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.

<sup>2</sup>Totals 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.

<sup>3</sup>Submerged 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).

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

<sup>5</sup>DEP 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.