



# SUMMARY OF FLORIDA CONSERVATION LANDS

prepared by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory  
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Area in acres<sup>1,2,3</sup>

## FEDERAL CONSERVATION LANDS

USDA Forest Service	1,184,040
USDI Fish and Wildlife Service <sup>4</sup>	501,236
USDI National Park Service <sup>5</sup>	1,685,032
US Dept. of Defense	651,669
US Other	4,771
<b>TOTAL FEDERALLY MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>4,026,748</b>

## STATE CONSERVATION LANDS

DACS Division of Forestry	1,032,525
DEP Division of Recreation and Parks	588,246
DEP Office of Coastal and Aquatic Managed Areas	54,936
DEP Office of Greenways and Trails	83,875
DEP Division of State Lands ( <u>Conservation Easements</u> )	94,225
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	12,507
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	1,447,410
Babcock Ranch (managed by Babcock Ranch Management, LLC)	73,239
Dept. of Corrections (managed by P.R.I.D.E.)	18,200
Dept. of Military Affairs	73,076
State Universities	13,881
Water Management Districts	1,777,634
<i>Undesignated State &amp; Water Management District Lands</i> <sup>6</sup>	11,686
<b>TOTAL STATE MANAGED non-submerged lands</b>	<b>5,281,440</b>

**LOCAL (COUNTY & MUNICIPAL) CONSERVATION LANDS** **408,197**

***TOTAL STATE, FEDERAL, AND LOCAL non-submerged lands*** **9,716,385**

Private Conservation Lands 175,661

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

PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN LOCALLY-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	1.2%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN STATE-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	15.2%
PERCENT OF FLORIDA IN FEDERALLY-MANAGED CONSERVATION LANDS	11.6%

<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>Numbers include a total of 531,698 acres less-than-fee properties (5.4% of total conservation lands).

<sup>3</sup>Acres listed include terrestrial wetlands such as the Everglades but exclude 3,720,310 acres of submerged marine, lake, or river bottom (such as state aquatic preserves or Florida Bay) that are part of certain managed areas.

<sup>4</sup>Acres were adjusted in 2008 to exclude lands within Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge that are managed solely by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

<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, and lands owned by a water management district that are not being actively managed.

<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 March 2008**  
tracked by the Florida Natural Areas Inventory

All acreage figures are obtained directly from the land managing or owner agencies. Only lands managed for conservation are included.

<u>FEDERAL</u>	<u>combined acres</u>	<u>submerged acres</u>	<u>non-submerged acres</u>
Dept. of Defense: Air Force & Navy	651,669	0	651,669
Dept. of Commerce: NOAA	10	0	10
Dept. of Transportation: Coast Guard	252	0	252
Dept. of Agriculture: Forest Service	1,184,040	0	1,184,040
Dept. of Agriculture (other)	4,236	0	4,236
Bureau of Land Management	273	0	273
Fish and Wildlife Service <sup>1</sup>	967,319	466,083	501,236
National Park Service <sup>2,3</sup>	<u>2,598,052</u>	<u>913,019</u>	<u>1,685,032</u>
	<b>5,405,850</b>	<b>1,379,102</b>	<b>4,026,748</b>
<u>STATE</u>			
DACS Division of Forestry	1,032,525	0	1,032,525
DEP Division of Recreation & Parks	700,825	112,579	588,246
DEP Office of Coastal & Aquatic MAs <sup>4</sup>	2,283,383	2,228,447	54,936
Fish & Wildlife Conservation Comm.	1,447,592	182	1,447,410
DEP Office of Greenways & Trails	83,875	0	83,875
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	13,881	0	13,881
DEP Division of State Lands <sup>5</sup>	94,225	0	94,225
DEP Bureau of Mine Reclamation	<u>12,507</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,507</u>
	<b>5,833,328</b>	<b>2,341,208</b>	<b>3,492,120</b>

<u>WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS</u>	<u>total acres</u>
Northwest Florida WMD	216,385
St. Johns River WMD	546,171
South Florida WMD	414,810
Southwest Florida WMD	343,853
Suwannee River WMD	<u>256,414</u>
	<b>1,777,634</b>
<u>STATE AND WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>5,269,754</b>
<u>LOCAL (COUNTY &amp; MUNICIPAL) GOVERNMENTS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>408,197</b>
<u>PRIVATE CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS (total non-submerged acres)</u>	<b>175,661</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>Division of State Lands is the monitoring agency for most conservation easements (less-than-fee lands) held by the State of Florida.