

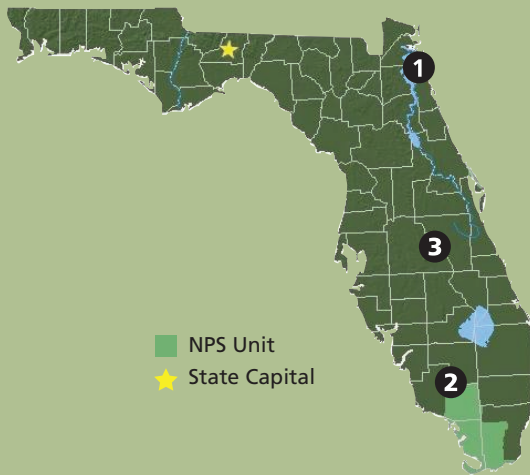


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Paddling along the St. Johns River. Photo: NPS

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2013



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CURRENT PROJECTS

- 1. St. Johns River Water Trail**
Naples Pathway Coalition
- 2. River of Grass Greenway**
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- 3. Wekiva Partnership Wild and Scenic River**
Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.

Current Projects

1. St. Johns River Water Trail

Project Partner: City of Jacksonville
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine
Location: City of Jacksonville
Congressional Districts: FL - 4, 5

Project Goal

Create a 40-mile water trail that will connect paddlers and the river with hiking/biking trails, camping sites, cultural/historic facilities, and environmentally significant lands on the St. Johns River. Additionally, the project will develop a concept plan for a park on an undeveloped 34-acre island.

NPS Role

Develop the concept plan for the water trail and park, as well as, create maps and a paddling guide for the St. Johns River Water Trail.

ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance (RTCA) Program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. RTCA staff provides technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

We're Here For You.

Could your project benefit from RTCA Staff Assistance? Contact us to find out.

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2012 Nationwide Partnership Success

- 2,154 Miles of Trail Developed
- 1,074 Miles of River Conserved
- 70,385 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected
- 94% Percentage of Community Partners Satisfied

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Current Projects cont.

2. River of Grass Greenway

Project Partner: Naples Pathway Coalition
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine
Location: Everglades City, Collier and Miami-Dade Counties
Congressional District: FL - 8, 25, 27

Project Goal

Form a steering committee, hold a series of public workshops, and prepare a conceptual plan/feasibility study based on a high degree of public involvement. The greenway itself will be approximately 75 miles long, with a separate hard surface trail that will parallel U.S. 41, connecting Collier and Miami-Dade Counties.

NPS Role

Continue to work with partners on developing a conceptual plan for the greenway, possibly including a design of a trail system. In addition, RTCA will conduct community outreach and help with facilitating public meetings for the project.

3. Wekiva Partnership Wild and Scenic River

Project Partner: Friends of Wekiva River, Inc.
NPS Contact: Jaime Doubek-Racine
Location: The 42.6-mile Wekiva River System, consisting of the Wekiva River and its tributaries, located northwest of Orlando within Orange, Seminole, and Lake Counties
Congressional District: FL - 9, 10, 13

Project Goal

Protect outstandingly significant resources throughout the Wekiva Wild and Scenic River System through the development of a plan with consensus and support from the multitude of stakeholders and partners who serve on the Federal Advisory Committee for this River System.

NPS Role

Continue to provide technical assistance for the project and help with oversight and coordination of the Wekiva River Advisory Management Committee.



Canoeists paddle along Rock Springs Run, part of the Wekiva River System. Photo: NPS