

## Welcome to Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve!

Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve was purchased by the State of Florida in 1979 under the Environmentally Endangered Lands Act. The Reserve is cooperatively managed by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Florida Division of Forestry, and the Florida Park Service.

Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve encompasses nearly 5000 acres of habitat with 10 different natural communities including coastal marsh and scrub. Florida Natural Areas Inventory (FNAI) defines a natural community as a distinct and recurring assemblage of populations of plants, animals, fungi, and microorganisms naturally associated with each other and their physical environment.

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Recreational opportunities at Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve include picnicking, hiking, off-road bicycling, horseback riding, bird watching, nature study, and canoeing or kayaking along the coast.

The Reserve contains nearly 14 miles of multi-use trails. These trails are shared by hikers, equestrians, and bicyclists- please obey the rules of the trail and yield the right of way.

There are two trailheads for the Reserve. The main parking is located off of SR 24 and has picnic tables, grills, and a restroom. The second trailhead is located on CR 347 and has no facilities. Canoe and kayak access is through the Lower Suwannee NWR at Shell-Mound ramp.

## Park Guidelines

- Park hours are 8 a.m. until sunset, 365 days a year.
- All plants, animals, and park property are protected. The collection, destruction or disturbance of plants, animals, or park property is prohibited.
- Pets must have current vaccinations, be on a leash no longer than 6 feet, and be well behaved. Please clean up after your pet.
- Fishing, boating, swimming and fires are allowed in designated areas only. Florida fishing license may be required.
- Fireworks are prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverage consumption is prohibited.
- A park entrance fee may be required.
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## Northeast Florida District

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*Florida Scrub Jay painting by J.W. Fitzpatrick*

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## Nature and History

Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve protects some of the last remaining scrub habitat in northern Florida. Many threatened and protected species depend on this habitat for survival.

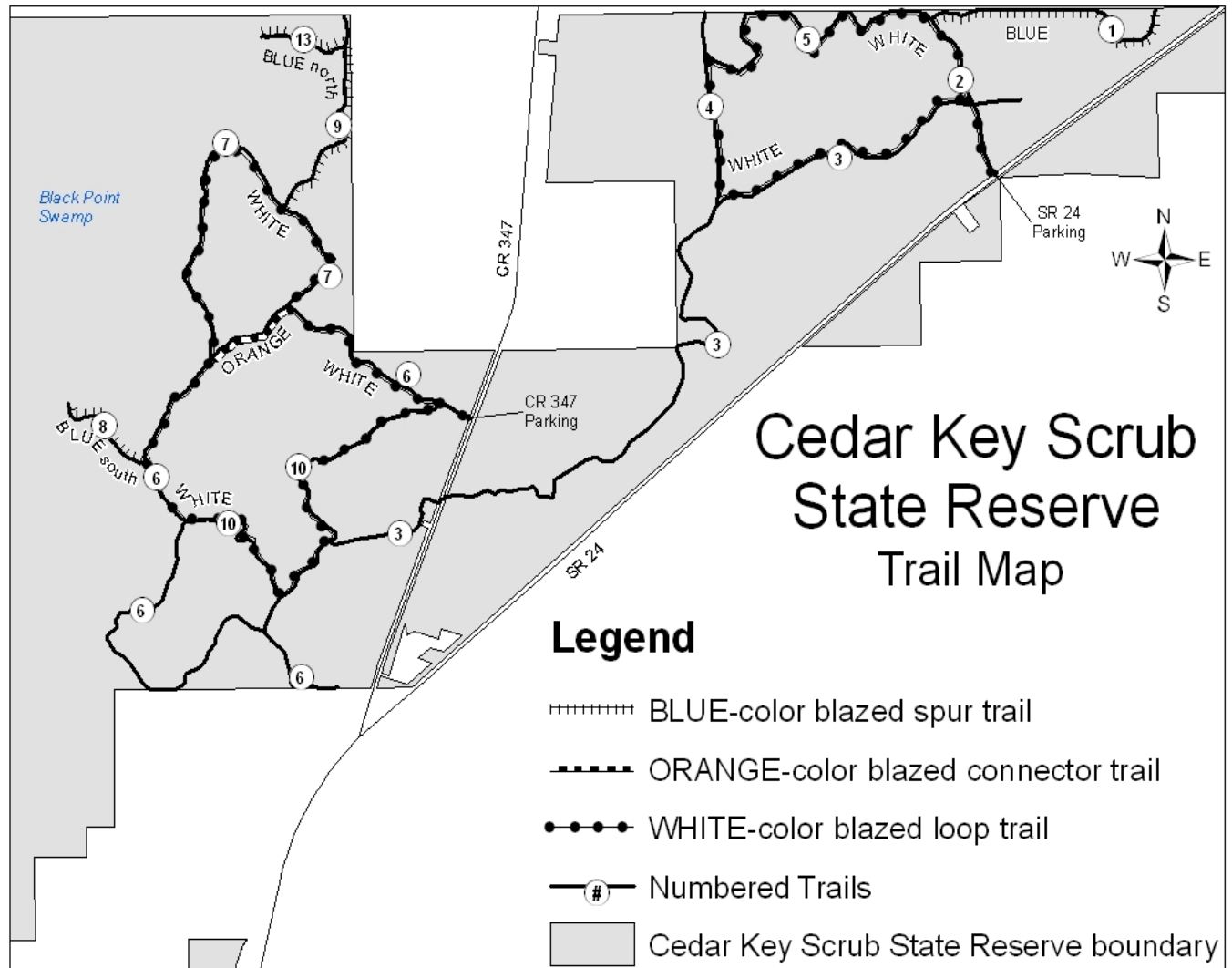
The Florida Scrub Jay, which is found only in Florida, is state and federally listed as a Threatened Species. The small population of Scrub Jays within the Reserve are near the northern range limit for the species and are genetically unique from other Scrub Jays in the state.

In addition to Scrub Jays, you may also encounter gopher tortoises, bald eagles, white-tailed deer, bobcats, foxes, snakes and alligators. Remember that all plants and animals are protected within the Reserve.

Protected plant species that can be found within the Reserve include coontie, prickly-pear cactus, and several ferns. Plants that are indicators of scrub habitat include Florida rosemary, sand pine, saw palmetto and a variety of oaks.

Scrub habitat occurs on sand ridges that were at one time coastal shorelines and dunes. Scrub usually has bare patches of sandy soil and sparse ground vegetation.

Scrub is a fire dependent natural community and therefore must burn on a regular basis to ensure that it does not change into hammock. The Florida Park Service practices prescribed burning on this property so that seasonality, weather conditions, and frequency can be taken into account to produce the most ecologically beneficial fires.



## Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve Trail Map

### Legend

- BLUE-color blazed spur trail
- ORANGE-color blazed connector trail
- WHITE-color blazed loop trail
- ( # )— Numbered Trails
- Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve boundary

### Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve Trails

There are 2 separate trail systems within Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve consisting of numbered and color blazed trails.

The numbered trails are shown on the map as solid black lines with the trail number in a circle. The color blazed trails use the existing numbered trails and follow the Florida Trail Association's standard of trail marking.

Trail	miles
Trail 1	0.8
Trail 2	0.5
Trail 3	3.3
Trail 4	0.6
Trail 5	1.1
Trail 6	3.3
Trail 7	1.7
Trail 8	0.4
Trail 9	0.7
Trail 10	1.5
Trail 13	0.3

SR 24 Trailhead	
Trail	miles
White	2.9
Blue	0.9
CR 347 Trailhead	
Trail	miles
White	4.2
Blue (north)	0.9
Blue (south)	0.4
Orange	0.3