

Friends of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve, Inc.
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

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Members must be at least 18 years old to vote. Youth members turning 18 must upgrade to another membership level. One vote in meetings and elections is assigned to each membership of whatever category, except for Youth. If a couple or family want to vote separately, they may wish to consider joining as separate individuals.

About Our Logo

The plants and trees depicted in our logo represent the many rare and endangered species found within the confines of the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve.

CENTER: The beautiful and aptly named **Ghost Orchid** is one of over 40 orchids that find the habitat of the Fakahatchee an ideal place to grow. Ask us or the Park personnel why this is viewed as the orchid capital of the U.S.A.

CENTER LEFT: Well over 5,000 native Florida **Royal Palms** prosper along the old logging roads, making this tree a stately presence throughout the Preserve. They are best viewed along Jane's Scenic Drive, of the famed logging roads.

CENTER RIGHT: Representative of the whole Everglades ecosystem, the **Bald Cypress** is the tallest and most easily identified tree in the Strand. One of the last remaining stands of old growth Bald Cypress is located along the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk on US41 (Tamiami Trail).

BOTTOM LEFT: from common Swamp Ferns to endangered Spring Ferns, the shady and humid conditions are perfect for many types of ferns. We have depicted the bold **Sword Fern** as the ferns' representative.

BOTTOM BACKGROUND: The darker blue represents the lifeblood of the Strand and the Everglades – **water**. Easily taken for granted, it is the everyday commodity that is the major reason the wonderful diversity of plants and animals exist in the Preserve.

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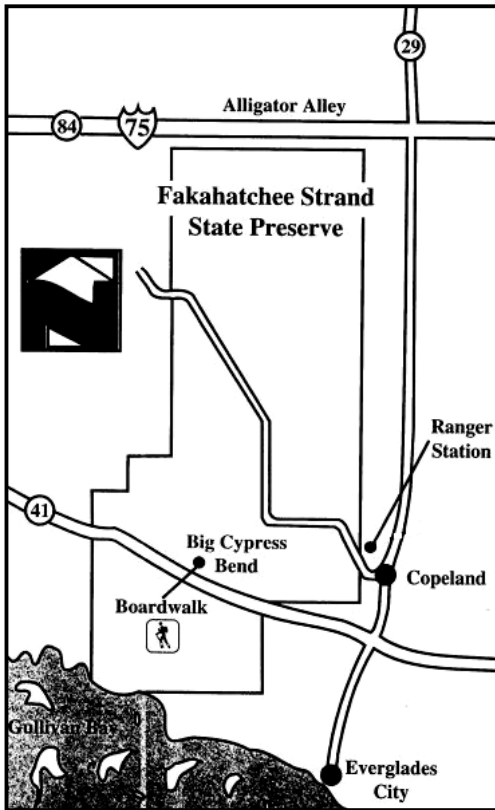


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The **Fakahatchee Strand** is approximately 20 miles long and 3 to 5 miles wide. It is the main drainage slough of the southwestern Big Cypress Swamp; the ***largest and most unusual of the strands***. The **cypress & mixed hardwood swamp** is a unique feature.

The natural values of the Fakahatchee are arguably greater than those of any other comparably-sized area in Florida. It contains the largest stand of **royal palms** and the largest concentration and variety of **orchids** in North America, as well as other species of plants that are extremely rare.

The wildlife of the Strand is equally rare. Endangered or threatened species include **Florida Panther, Black Bear, Everglades Mink, Wood Stork and Bald Eagle**.

The **Friends of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve** was founded to help maintain and protect this natural legacy. The Friends organization is a Florida not-for-profit 501(c)3 corporation that relies on membership fees and private donations to pursue activities on behalf of the Preserve.

As a Citizens' Support Organization, the Friends work closely with the Division of Recreation and Parks in order to accomplish the following:

- provide interpretive materials used by Park staff when making presentations
- obtain scientific equipment to support research in the Strand
- distribute Preserve information to the general public and local community
- solicit support (financial and moral) for preservation of the Strand

As a member of the Friends, you will be able to join in numerous activities:

- swamp walks led by a ranger/naturalist
- canoe trips through mangrove tunnels
- special bird and butterfly counts
- wildlife watching opportunities
- tram surveys, other volunteer work
- membership cookouts
- members' meetings and specialist committees (eg, Boardwalk, History)

MISSION STATEMENT

The Friends of Fakahatchee strive to aid in the preservation of this ecologically unique area and to educate the public about its importance.

Friends of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve, Inc. VOLUNTEER DATA

I would like to help with the following Fakahatchee Strand activities:

- Greeting visitors at Boardwalk
- Staffing booths at special events
- Publications and Public Relations
- Road Shoulder Mowing/Trimming
- Maintaining/Painting Signs
- Exotic plant removal
- Assisting in office and greeting public
- Swamp walk guide
- Canoe trip guide
- other _____

I am available on:

- Mon Tues Wed Thurs
- Fri Sat Sun

I prefer: mornings afternoons

I have filled in the Membership form on the reverse side of this page.

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