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Mission: provide financial and volunteer support to preserve the unique ecology and cultural heritage of the Fakahatchee Strand preserve State Park and educate the public about its importance.

MISSION:

STATUS:

Opening of the Renovated Visitor Center

Mission accomplished!
With grants from LCEC & the Florida Parks Foundation, furniture was purchased, assembled and installed by the Friends. The visitor center was ready for 2024!



Opening of the new Boardwalk site

Vision accomplished!
In a span of 15 years, the Friends invested \$300,000 for site survey, architectural design and the exhibit master plan, all part of the Friends vision for the new boardwalk.

The Boardwalk opened in January 2024!



Tours & Education

Raising funds by education since 2013.
Interpretive tours continue to serve both the Friends mission to educate the public about the importance of the Fakahatchee's ecosystem and raise funds to support needs identified by the park manager.



Natural Resource management

Support the Park biologist in need of equipment to monitor hydrology, track wildlife, imperil and invasive species. With the Oil Well Road Trust Fund facilitate aerial surveys to plan for exotic removal and prescribe burns.



Biologist Cole Luttrell & Steven Bass Park Service Specialist-burn boss.