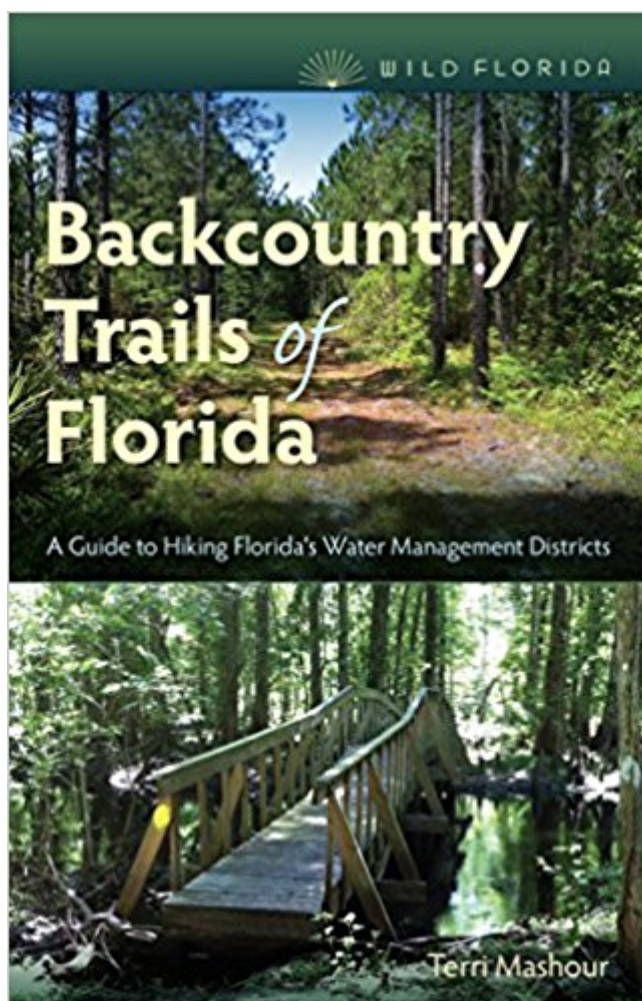


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# Backcountry Trails Of Florida: A Guide To Hiking Florida's Water Management Districts (Wild Florida)



## Synopsis

Experience wild Florida with this guide to 100 off-the-grid hikes from every corner of the state. Florida's five water management districts encompass millions of acres of public property that include thousands of miles of public trails. In *Backcountry Trails of Florida*, Terri Mashour explains where to find these little-known routes, which ecosystems they feature, and how to plan your perfect outdoor adventure. Mashour describes the hidden wonders hikers will discover in each district. Northwest Florida offers views of sandhills, clear and cold springs, and river bluffs. The Suwannee River area is crisscrossed with meandering creeks. In the St. Johns River watershed, conservation lands include large cattle ranches, lakeshores, and levee restoration projects. In Southwest Florida, manatee swim up rivers from the Gulf of Mexico. And the South Florida district is home to water treatment areas, pine flatwoods, and the mangrove islands of the Everglades. As a former land manager who has taken care of many of the areas these trails cross, Mashour shares her experiences working with cowboys and ranchers and her love of the Florida backcountry. Whether you are a hiker, trail runner, off-road bicyclist, or equestrian, this guidebook will help you locate and enjoy wide expanses of pristine nature not far from your own backyard.

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