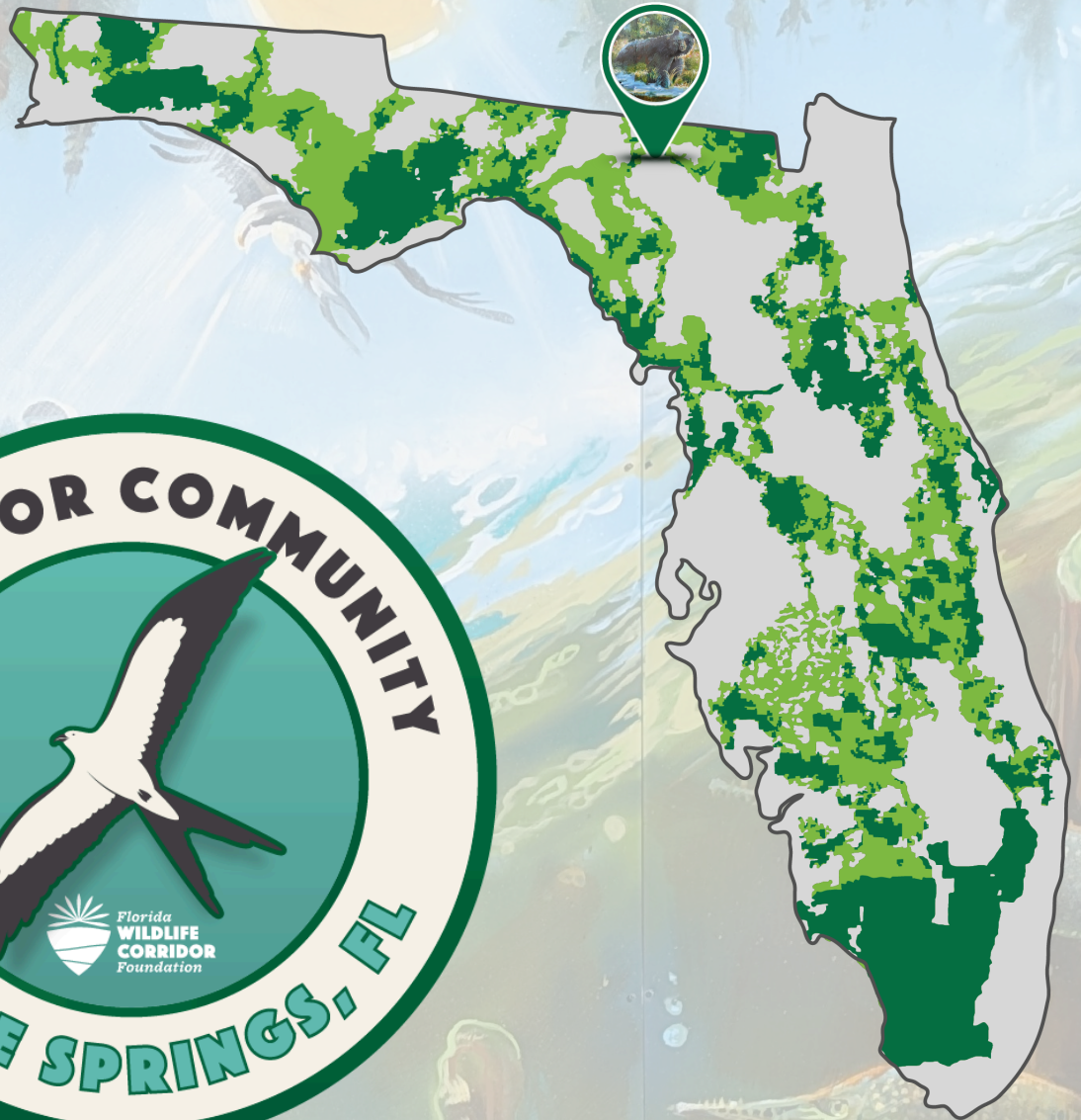
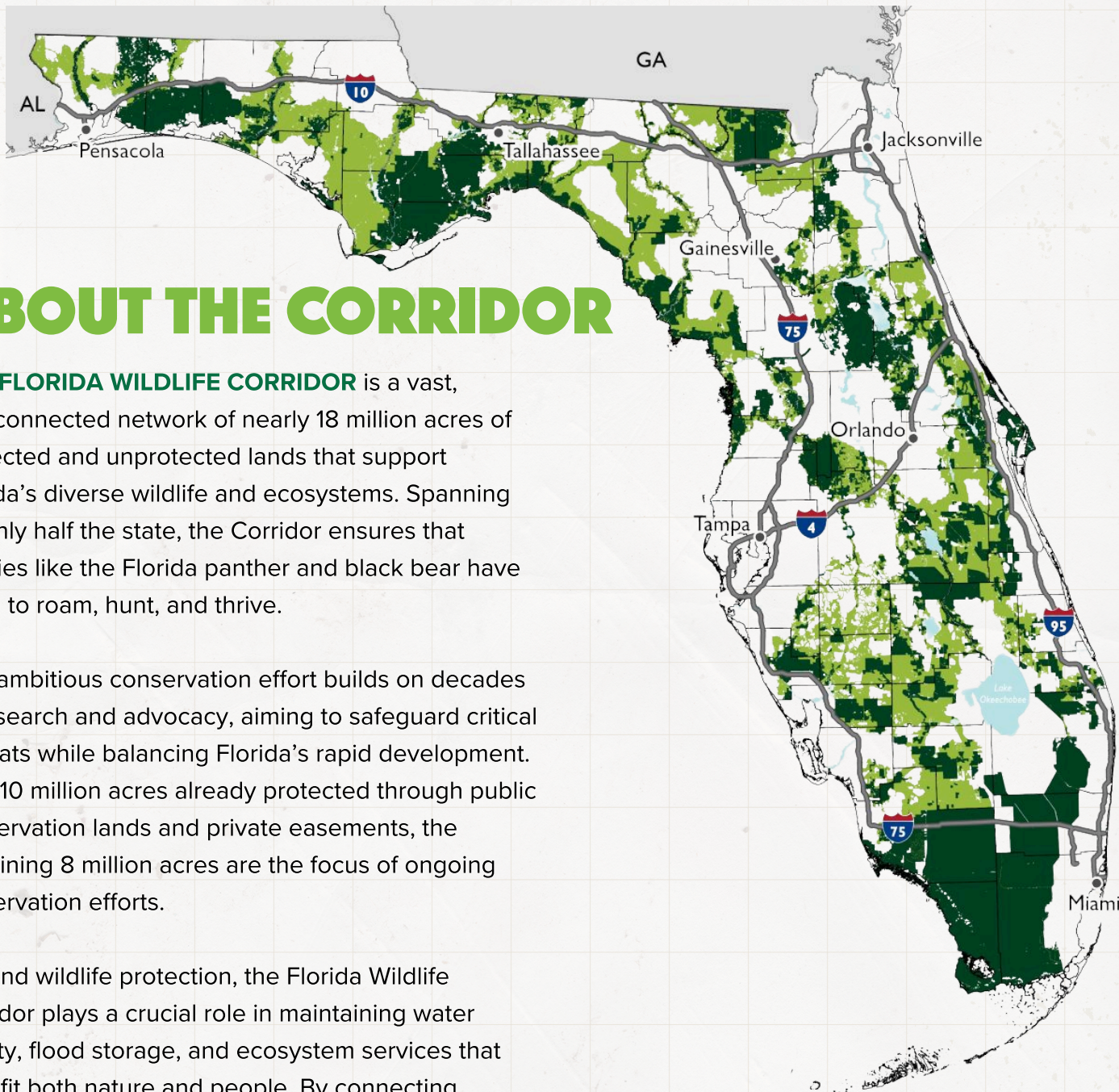


JOURNEY OF THE CORRIDOR GATEWAY COMMUNITIES

White Springs, Florida





ABOUT THE CORRIDOR

THE FLORIDA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR is a vast, interconnected network of nearly 18 million acres of protected and unprotected lands that support Florida’s diverse wildlife and ecosystems. Spanning roughly half the state, the Corridor ensures that species like the Florida panther and black bear have room to roam, hunt, and thrive.

This ambitious conservation effort builds on decades of research and advocacy, aiming to safeguard critical habitats while balancing Florida’s rapid development. With 10 million acres already protected through public conservation lands and private easements, the remaining 8 million acres are the focus of ongoing preservation efforts.

Beyond wildlife protection, the Florida Wildlife Corridor plays a crucial role in maintaining water quality, flood storage, and ecosystem services that benefit both nature and people. By connecting fragmented landscapes, it fosters biodiversity and strengthens Florida’s resilience against environmental challenges.

MEET THE BEAR THAT INSPIRED ACTION

M34, a young Florida black bear stalled by the barriers of I-4, unknowingly became a symbol of something much larger. His journey through fragmented landscapes inspired a deeper exploration of the Florida Wildlife Corridor and sparked a movement to protect the wild places that countless species call home.

The Florida Wildlife Corridor

- Corridor Conserved Lands
- Corridor Opportunity Areas

WELCOME TO THE FLORIDA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR

YOU'RE HOLDING A PASSPORT TO ADVENTURE— a guide to discovering one of Florida's Corridor Gateway Communities! These communities are a critical piece of the **Florida Wildlife Corridor**, a network of wild and working lands that connect wildlife and people across our beautiful state.

Each community in this series features a unique mural inspired by local wildlife and landscapes. As you explore, collect your **Corridor Gateway Community Sticker**, complete the activities inside, and visit our highlighted local spots.

Getting Started

1. **Visit the Corridor Gateway Community Murals**, observe the art and take note of the featured species.
2. **Collect Your Sticker!** Find it at the Suwannee Hardware Store
3. **Explore the Map** and visit local gems, from scenic trails to tasty eats!
4. **Take Photos and Share Your Journey** with **#WildlifeMural #WhiteSprings #CorridorGatewayCommunity**
5. **Collect** all of the Corridor Gateway Community stickers across the state!



WELCOME TO WHITE SPRINGS

Nestled along the Suwannee River, White Springs sits at a critical crossroads in the Florida Wildlife Corridor. As both a **Florida Trail Town**, and **Florida Wildlife Corridor Gateway Community**, White Springs is a haven for both outdoor adventurers who kayak, bike, camp, and explore, as well as the wildlife that depend on the natural environment.

As the region continues to grow and change, thoughtful conservation helps ensure that these natural spaces remain healthy and accessible, for future generations to enjoy!

FIND THE MURALS



GATEWAY TO WHITE SPRINGS: A NATURAL HAVEN

Suwannee Hardware Store
10572 Bridge St. White Springs,
Florida



FLORIDA'S LIVING GIANT

Old Fire Station
16552 Spring St. White Springs,
Florida



NATURE'S RHYTHYM

Bud's Suds
16760 Spring St. White Springs,
Florida

Meet the Artist

CHRSTIAN STANLEY is a Central Florida artist who's all about wildlife and the great outdoors. Raised in Stuart, FL and a proud UCF grad, he finds inspiration on the trail and loves exploring nature with his wife, Jessica. Find out more at CStanleyCreative.com



DISCOVER WHITE SPRINGS



GET OUTSIDE

Explore the wild side of this community!

- Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park
 - Falling Creek Falls
 - White Springs Historic District
 - Gar Pond Biking Trails
 - Suwannee Hardware and Feed
 - American Canoe Adventure
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GRAB A BITE

Refuel with some local flavor

- Big Wood BBQ and Grill
 - Whistlin Dixie Sweet Retreat
 - Milton's Country Store
 - Piesanos Stone Fired Pizza
 - Country Vibes Fusion Deli
 - Fat Bellys
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STAY AWHILE

Let the adventure roll into tomorrow

- White Springs Bed and Breakfast
- White Springs RV Park
- Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park
- Hipcamp: "Melba's Farm"
- Hipcamp: "Off Grid Rover Camping"
- Hipcamp: "Suwannee River Glamping"



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MURAL SPECIES SCAVENGER HUNT

Gateway to White Springs: A Natural Haven by Christian Stanley

THE FLORIDA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR is full of incredible flora and fauna! Look closely at the mural and see if you can find these animals hidden in the artwork, and check them off as you go, some may be harder to find than others, so make sure to look closely! Good Luck!

Fauna:

- Florida Black Bear**
Ursus americanus floridanus
- North American River Otter**
Lontra canadensis
- Swallow-Tailed Kite**
Elanoides forficatus
- Great Blue Heron**
Ardea herodias
- Spotted Gar**
Lepisosteus oculatus
- Suwannee Bass**
Micropterus notius
- Pileated Woodpecker**
Dryocopus pileatus



Flora:

- Bald Cypress**
Taxodium distichum
- Southern Live Oak**
Quercus virginiana
- Spanish Moss**
Tillandsia usneoides
- American White Waterlily**
Nymphaea odorata
- Wild Azalea**
Rhododendron canescens



Suwannee Hardware & Feed
10572 Bridge St Hwy 41
White Springs, FL 32096



MURAL SPECIES SCAVENGER HUNT

Florida's Living Giant by Christian Stanley

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Fauna:

- American Alligator**
Alligator mississippiensis
- Largemouth Bass**
Micropterus salmoides
- Sandhill Crane**
Grus canadensis
- Red Shouldered Hawk**
Buteo lineatus
- White-tailed Deer**
Odocoileus virginianus
- Swallow-tailed Kite**
Elanoides forficatus
- Channel Catfish**
Ictalurus punctatus
- Prothonotary Warbler**
Protonotaria citrea



Flora:

- Chanterelle**
Cantharellus
- Swamp Lilly**
Crinum americanum
- Saw Palmetto**
Serenoa repens
- Wild Azalea**
Rhododendron canescens



Old Fire Station
16552 Spring Street,
White Springs, FL



MURAL SPECIES SCAVENGER HUNT

Nature's Rhythm by Christian Stanley

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Fauna:

- Sandhill Crane**
Grus canadensis
- North American River Otter**
Lontra canadensis
- Swallow-Tailed Kite**
Elanoides forficatus
- Gopher Tortoise**
Gopherus polyphemus
- Eastern Pondhawk**
Erythemis simplicicollis
- Bobcat**
Lynx rufus
- Great Horned Owl**
Bubo virginianus



Flora:

- Longleaf Pine**
Pinus palustris
- Florida Tickseed**
Coreopsis floridana
- Saw Palmetto**
Serenoa repens
- Bald Cypress**
Taxodium distichum
- Southern Live Oak**
Quercus virginiana



Buds and Suds
16760 Springs St, White
Springs, FL 32096



WHAT'S NEXT ON YOUR JOURNEY

EXPLORE OTHER CORRIDOR GATEWAY COMMUNITIES

Your adventure doesn't stop here, there are more Corridor Gateway Communities to discover across Florida! Each one has its own mural, sticker, species, and local gems to explore.

Learn more at FloridaWildlifeCorridor.org

CHECK OUT OUR EXPEDITIONS AND FILMS

See the Corridor up close through exciting films and documentary adventures. From treks across wild Florida to stories of the people protecting it, find inspiration for your next journey!

Learn more at FloridaWildlifeCorridor.org/films

VOLUNTEER OR DONATE

Help keep the Corridor connected! Whether you give your time or a small gift, you're helping protect the Florida Wildlife Corridor for generations to come.

Learn more at FloridaWildlifeCorridor.org/contact-us

Thank You to Our Partners!

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WITHIN THE **FLORIDA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR**



OUR MURAL CAMPAIGN CREATES A SENSE OF PLACE

*that connects communities and their link
within the Corridor, inspiring its protection.*



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

*Discover artists and mural locations,
including along the Florida Trail,
at FloridaWildlifeCorridor.org/murals.*