



# DELNOR-WIGGINS PASS STATE PARK

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# 2025 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## DELNOR-WIGGINS PASS STATE PARK

- Increased visitation & revenue
- Elevated routine interpretation
- Restored Annual Pass Sales
- Added Mobi-Matt to all parking lots
- Returned all parking lots to operational
- Established shore/sea bird resting/nesting area
- Improved sea turtle habitat
- Completed dune plantings for resiliency
- Increased volunteer engagement and opportunities
- Completed build out mobile plant nursery
- Restored utilities and improved resiliency of current facilities





# Weather Impacts

## DELNOR-WIGGINS PASS STATE PARK

### Post hurricane opening

- Parking lots one, two, and boat ramp opened February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025
- Parking lot three and four opened April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- Area five returned to natural habitat due to landscape change



### Mangroves & Water Management

- Sand infiltration of Mangrove habitat
- Redesign of storm water management underway due to habitat changes



### Tidal Influence

- Tidal water comes over road near area four during seasonal higher tides
- Tidal water comes up to road shoulder through most of park during seasonal tides.



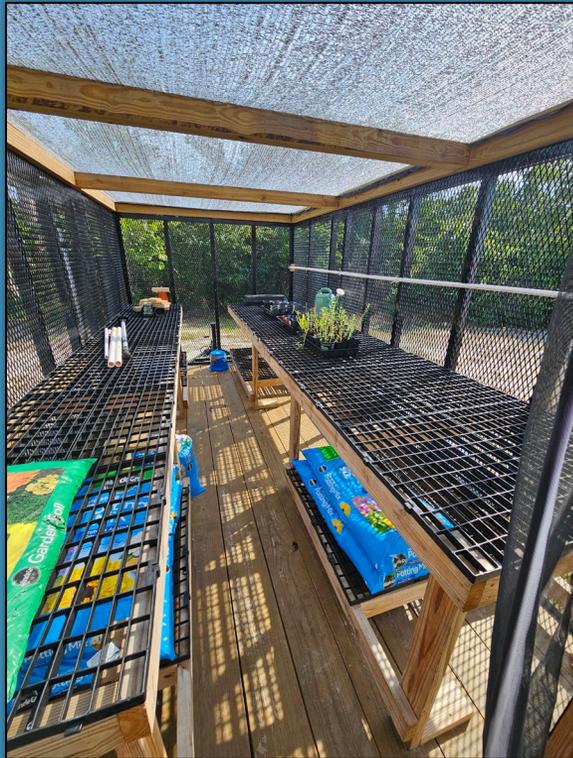


# CSO Support

## DELNOR-WIGGINS PASS STATE PARK

### Resource Management

- Native dune planting
- Native plant propagation
- Non-native plant removal



### Interpretation

- Restoration of taxidermy sea turtle
- Pop-up shelling program
- Interpretation sandwich boards
- Restoration of sea turtle display to improve entrance appearance



### Visitor Services

- Mobile Ranger Station
- Annual pass sales
- Social media communications
- Pop-up boutique on beach
- Volunteer appreciation programs





# Volunteer Support

## DELNOR-WIGGINS PASS STATE PARK

### Resource Management

- Dune planting
- Native plant propagation
- Non-native vegetation removal
- Shore bird surveys
- Sea turtle surveys
- Sea turtle/sea bird rescues



### Visitor Services - Interpretation

- Roving/Pop-up interpretation booths
- Annual Pass Sales
- Signage posting/maintenance
- Traffic management



### Maintenance

- Daily facility maintenance
- Daily garbage removal
- Safety repairs of structures
- Dune barrier installation
- Equipment repair and maintenance
- Vegetation management





# 2025 Natural Resources

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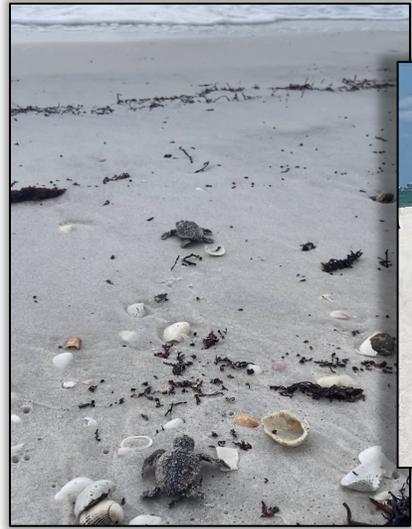
- Sea Turtles
  - 65 Loggerhead nest laid (Record Year)
  - 99 false crawls
  - 0 predation attempts
- Shore Birds
  - Increased shore bird awareness
  - Partnered with Audubon to provide interpretation and training
  - Flagged off nesting and resting area
- Non-native plant removal
  - Increased staff and volunteer support
- Dune restoration





# Natural Resources

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**The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the greatest intention."**

Khalil Gibran



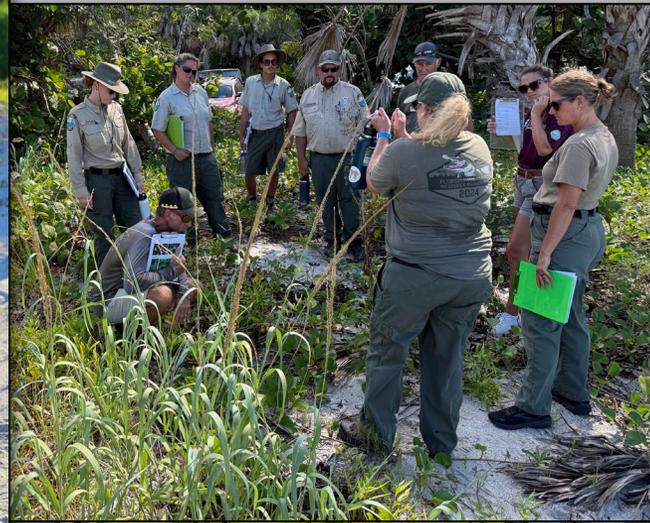


# FUTURE OF THE PARK

## DELNOR-WIGGINS PASS STATE PARK

### Goals for Delnor-Wiggins

- Increase resiliency
- Increase interpretation
- Increase volunteer support
- Improve habitat of park





# Thank YOU for supporting Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park!

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