



Florida SEE Grapevine

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New FLSEE Intern



Winter Katterhenry is an undergraduate student at the University of Florida who's working on completing a BS in Natural Resource Conservation. Her main areas of study include environmental education, human dimensions in natural resources, and ecological restoration.

As a lifelong Floridian and nature lover, Winter is passionate about encouraging others to practice responsible ecotourism in their travels throughout the sunshine state."

#HikeForYourHealth

February is Florida Hiking Trails Month and American Heart Health Month. To celebrate, take a heart-healthy hike with your sweetheart and explore the trails found in [Florida's state](#)

Florida State Parks Announces 2022 Photo Contest

Florida's 175 state parks, trails and historic sites offer beautiful backdrops for recreational and nature-based photos, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) want to see them from your point of view by competing in this year's annual photo contest, [Explore Florida State Parks](#).



The contest is open to all, and submissions will be accepted on [the photo contest website](#) from **Jan. 13, 2022**, through **Mar. 10, 2022**. Each entrant can submit up to five photos, one in each of the following categories:

- Explore Nature.
- Explore New Points of View.
- Explore Parks in Motion.
- Explore Trails.
- Explore Wildlife.

Winners will be selected from all submissions by a panel of employees from FDEP. The winners will be announced in early April 2022.

For a full list of prizes, please visit the [photo contest website](#).

Let's Prepare for Purple Martins!



25th Anniversary

Purple martins are the largest swallows in North America and are known for their aerial acrobatics and the glossy purple feathers

[parks](#) or on a statewide list from [DEP's Office of Greenways and Trails Online Trail Guide](#).



Hikers are also invited to complete a virtual 5K to celebrate Hiking Trails Month. [Register](#) when you complete a 5K, or 3.1 miles, any given day in February and list which trail(s) you enjoyed. You will receive cool race gear for your photos on social media.

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adoring the males of this species.



These birds are a migratory, arriving in Florida as of early February. Providing houses for purple martins has become increasingly popular... and it is beneficial to the success of this species. Due to a lack of habitat in the eastern U.S., they are dependent on human-made housing.

For information on providing homes for purple martins, including nest construction, choosing a site location, and maintaining a nest, click [here](#).

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