

## Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park

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**Planning Region:** North Florida Highlands

**County:** Alachua

**Lease/Management Agreement Number:** 3241

### Overview

The Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings House and Farmyard is nationally significant in the area of literature as the home of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, a leading twentieth-century American writer whose works continue to interest scholars, students, and the general reading public. In 2006, Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park was designated a National Historic Landmark, the highest such recognition accorded to historic properties determined to be of exceptional value in representing or illustrating an important theme, event, or person in the history of the nation.

**Total Acreage:** 124.31

<b>Natural Communities</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Mesic Flatwoods	2.68
Mesic Hammock	50.65
Basin Marsh	34.40
Basin Swamp	7.91
Depression Marsh	0.13
Hydric Hammock	11.60
Marsh Lake	0.54

  

<b>Altered Land Cover</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Canal/Ditch	2.39
Clearing	6.57
Developed	7.43

**Acquisition:** Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park was initially acquired on July 1, 1970. The original 0.76-acre parcel was acquired from the University of Florida Foundation, Inc. (UFF), under a ten-year lease.

### Resource Management Component Objectives

#### Hydrology

- Assess the park's hydrological restoration needs.

#### Natural Communities

- Conduct natural community/habitat improvement activities on 0.25 acres of mesic hammock natural community.

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### **Imperiled Species**

- Update baseline imperiled species occurrence inventory lists.
- Monitor and document 1 imperiled animal species in the park.
- Monitor and document 1 imperiled plant species in the park.

### **Invasive and Nuisance Species**

- Annually treat 1 gross acre equaling about 0.1 infested acre of invasive plant species in the park.
- Implement control measures on invasive animal species in the park.

### **Cultural Resources**

- Annually assess and evaluate 3 of 5 recorded cultural resources.
- Compile reliable documentation for all recorded historic and archaeological resources.
- Bring 3 of 3 recorded cultural resources into good condition.

## **Land Use Component Objectives**

### **Conceptual Land Use**

#### Interpretive Homestead Entrance

- Construct a new interpretive area

#### Trails

- Develop new trail connections

#### Office Area

- Construct a new shop building and storage facilities

### **Optimum Boundary**

Parcels totaling approximately 52 acres to the north of the park on the east side of County Road 325 have been identified as desirable for acquisition. The addition of this land will ensure the continuation of a rural setting around the historic Rawlings homestead. This optimum boundary will also provide a buffer from future surrounding private development and expand the potential for public interpretation of the site. At this time there are no lands considered surplus to the management needs of the park.