



# **CHRISTINE SMALL**

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**Christine began a career with Florida State Parks as a volunteer at Wekiwa Springs State Park, Lower Wekiva Preserve State Park, and as board member of Wekiva Wilderness Trust. She also spent three years volunteering at Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park, and when moving to Tallahassee in 2003, as a volunteer at Maclay Gardens State Park and board member of that Friends Group. She spent 10 years working as a biologist for Defenders of Wildlife, a national non-profit conservation organization, and three years working at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. She completed an M.S. in Florida Ecology and Biology from the University of Central Florida and has studied migratory birds, gopher tortoises, Florida black bears, and sandhill cranes. She has worked for the Florida Park Service since 2012 and has been the Friends Groups & Volunteers Program Manager for 10 years. She enjoys hiking with her dogs, managing her family's historic Missouri farm, and yoga.**