

## Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park

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**Planning Region:** Suwannee River

**County:** Hamilton

**Lease/Management Agreement Number:** 3346

### Overview

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park memorializes the nineteenth-century American composer, Stephen Foster. A museum and working carillon tower showcase his prolific career. The park also preserves 12 natural communities which provide habitat for 23 imperiled species of plants and animals such as hooded pitcherplant, Gulf sturgeon, gopher tortoise and wood stork.

**Total Acreage:** 903.90

<b>Natural Communities</b>	<b>Acres</b>
Mesic Flatwoods	510.38
Upland Hardwood Forest	49.94
Upland Mixed Woodland	14.53
Alluvial Forest	50.5
Upland Pine	18.5
Basin Swamp	58.63
Floodplain Swamp	9.93
Blackwater Stream	0.36
Spring-Run Stream	0.01
Baygall	0.4
Bottomland Forest	43.76
Depression Marsh	3.14
Flatwoods/Prairie Lake	0.88
Seepage Stream	0.26

  

<b>Altered Landcover</b>	
Developed	90.92
Pine Plantation	31.3
Successional Hardwood Forest	20.45

**Acquisition:** Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park was initially acquired July 1, 1979 with funds from the Land Acquisition Trust Fund (LATF). The Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (Trustees) hold fee simple title to the park and on April 26, 1984, the Trustees leased (Lease Number 3346) the property to DRP under a 50-year lease. The current lease will expire on April 25, 2034. Additionally, the Suwannee River Water Management District currently leases 652.41 acres to DRP with a lease expiring on May 12, 2029.