

# St. Joe Community Foundation Grant Provides Accessible Mobility Mats and Rollers to Four Northwest Florida State Parks

*Deer Lake, Grayton Beach, St. Andrews and*

*Topsail Hill Preserve State Parks receive new mats through grant of more than \$27,000.*

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, UNITED STATES, May 9, 2023 /

EINPresswire.com/ -- Deer Lake State Park, Grayton Beach State Park and Topsail Hill Preserve State Park in Santa Rosa, as well as St. Andrews State Park in Panama City, are expanding their accessible experiences through new mobility mats and rollers provided by the St. Joe Community Foundation. The Florida State Parks Foundation worked with the St. Joe Community Foundation to secure a grant of \$27,630 for purchase and installation.

“Mobi-Mats” are made from recycled materials and are designed to make beach terrain easier to traverse and navigate for people with disabilities, people who use mobility devices, and anyone who has difficulty walking on sand. The mats’ accompanying rollers will allow park staff to deploy or temporarily remove the mats as necessary.

“Providing access for all is one of the most important aspects of our mission,” Florida State Parks Foundation CEO Julia Woodward said. “Some of the world’s best beaches are found within Florida’s state parks, and we want everyone to be able to experience and enjoy them.”

Since launching its Access for All campaign in 2012, the Florida State Parks Foundation has provided beach and trail-accessible wheelchairs, floating wheelchairs and trams at several parks,



Representatives from the Florida State Parks Foundation, the St. Joe Community Foundation and Deer Lake State Park celebrate the purchase and installation of new mobility mats in the park.

as well as an accessible fishing pier at Oscar Scherer State Park and the first ever accessible glass-bottom boat at Silver Springs State Park.

The St. Joe Community Foundation in 2021 awarded a grant of \$30,000 for an 11-person, accessible electric tram at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park.

“Enhancing access to our area state parks is perfectly aligned with the values of the St. Joe Community Foundation,” said April Wilkes, Executive Director of the St. Joe Community Foundation. “We are happy to team up again with the Florida State Parks Foundation to further accessibility and help ensure that everyone can enjoy the amazing beaches in Northwest Florida.”

“

Some of the world’s best beaches are found within Florida’s state parks, and we want everyone to be able to experience and enjoy them.”

*Julia Gill Woodward, Florida State Parks Foundation CEO*

Tim Linafelt  
Florida State Parks Foundation  
+1 850-559-8914  
[email us here](#)



New mobility mat along the beach at Deer Lake State Park.

“Everyone should have an opportunity to experience Florida’s white sand beaches,” said Chuck Hatcher, director of Florida State Parks. “We appreciate the efforts of the St. Joe Community Foundation and Florida State Parks Foundation to expand accessibility at these four parks.”



Park staff at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park unroll new mobility mat provided by the St. Joe Community Foundation.

---

This press release can be viewed online at: <https://www.einpresswire.com/article/632663647>

EIN Presswire's priority is source transparency. We do not allow opaque clients, and our editors try to be careful about weeding out false and misleading content. As a user, if you see something we have missed, please do bring it to our attention. Your help is welcome. EIN Presswire, Everyone's Internet News Presswire™, tries to define some of the boundaries that are reasonable in today's world. Please see our Editorial Guidelines for more information.

© 1995-2023 Newsmatics Inc. All Right Reserved.