

Nationwide Water Conservation Road Trip Arrives in Florida for Grand Finale

United By Nature and Local Partners Highlight Water Solutions while Calling for Action and Investments

MIAMI, FL, UNITED STATES, August 10, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- United By Nature is concluding its cross-country campaign to protect America's waters with a series of community events across Florida, bringing together local partners and residents to celebrate the people and places leading the way on water conservation.



[The Great American Water Road Trip](#) is a 60-day cross-country journey documenting local solutions to water challenges in more than 30 communities. Along the way, more than nine thousand Americans have already signed the campaign van and the online petition calling for leaders to protect the nation's waters.

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and the places Americans call home.

“No state tells the story of bipartisan conservation better than Florida,” said Benji Backer, United By Nature’s founder and CEO. “For generations, Floridians, red and blue, have fought for this land and water. We're proud to end our journey here, in a state that proves what's possible when people put places before politics.”

While in Florida, United By Nature will spotlight the ecosystems and wildlife that make the state's waters unlike anywhere else. Carlyle will lead a community paddle at Silver Springs, visit Christopher Gillette’s Wildlife Sanctuary in Putnam County, and speak at the final reception at

Gramps Getaway in Key Biscayne with partners such as Oceana and Miami Waterkeeper.

The campaign's arrival in Florida comes as communities across the country face mounting water challenges. Florida's waters are experiencing growing pressures from nutrient pollution, harmful algal blooms, declining spring flows, sea level rise, and proposals to expand offshore oil drilling in the Gulf.

At the same time, Florida is demonstrating how large-scale conservation can restore both ecosystems and communities. The Everglades Restoration Project, the largest ecosystem restoration effort in U.S. history, is accelerating through new state and federal commitments to restore the natural flow of water from Lake Okeechobee south through the Everglades. The state is also investing in nature-based resilience solutions like mangroves, oyster reefs, and salt marshes that strengthen coastlines while improving habitat and water quality.

"Projects like offshore drilling in the Gulf have threatened Florida's coast for decades, and every new proposal puts our beaches, fisheries, and tourism economy at risk," said Hunter Miller, Oceana deputy field director and sixth-generation Floridian. "Gatherings like this remind people that protecting these waters isn't optional; it's essential to our future. Oceana is proud to stand with United By Nature in pushing decision-makers to ensure our waters are protected from threats like offshore drilling."

While this road trip concludes in Florida, the movement to protect America's waters and natural resources is just beginning. This campaign is part of United By Nature's broader mission of building a stronger conservation movement by making action more engaging, hopeful, and accessible to Americans from every walk of life.

Americans can continue to [virtually sign the petition](#) and follow along on social media. Now through August 12, all signatures automatically enter for a chance to win the campaign van, a rafting trip, or Ticketmaster vouchers. To participate, visit unitedbynature.eco.

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About United By Nature

United By Nature, powered by Nature Is Nonpartisan, is a nonprofit building the next generation of America's conservation movement. Through fun, accessible, and gamified experiences, people of all backgrounds can take meaningful action to protect the outdoors they love. For more information, visit unitedbynature.eco.

About Oceana

Oceana is the largest international advocacy organization dedicated solely to ocean conservation. Oceana is rebuilding abundant and biodiverse oceans by winning science-based policies in countries that control one-third of the world's wild fish catch. With more than 225 victories that stop overfishing, habitat destruction, pollution, and the killing of threatened

species like turtles and sharks, Oceana's campaigns are delivering results. A restored ocean means that 1 billion people can enjoy a healthy seafood meal, every day, forever. Together, we can save the oceans and help feed the world. Visit oceana.org to learn more.

About Miami Waterkeeper

Miami Waterkeeper protects South Florida's waters by advocating for resilient solutions grounded in science, rooted in nature, and driven by community. The organization envisions a resilient South Florida that is a global leader in clean water solutions, where thriving communities and nature coexist. Learn more at miamiwaterkeeper.org.

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