

NERR by the numbers

73,256 acres
 255 active volunteers
 11,009 hours volunteered
 1,522 members
 244,300 annual visitors
 5,538 students educated



The Friends of the GTM Reserve

The Friends of the GTM Reserve is the 501(c)(3) support organization for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve (GTM NERR), also known as the GTM Research Reserve. Comprised of private citizens, the Friends give their time, treasure, and talents to help the Reserve staff achieve their mission. We accomplish this through community partnerships, volunteerism, financial support, and outreach.

What the Friends do



VOLUNTEERISM

Friends give their time and talents to the programs at the GTM NERR



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Friends give through sponsorship, membership, and donations to bridge the gap in funding at the GTM NERR



OUTREACH

Friends spread the word about the GTM NERR and are champions for education, research, and stewardship



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Friends work with other organizations to leverage the impact of the GTM NERR

Research.

Education.

Stewardship.

Support the GTM Research Reserve and be a champion for the estuaries and precious coastal ecosystems both in North Florida and throughout the country.

Be a Friend.

Support our oceans and estuaries. Join today.

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Why we support the GTM Research Reserve?

- The GTM Research Reserve's 74,000- acre boundary of conservation lands and waters run from Ponte Vedra to Palm Coast and is home to some of the best fishing, swimming, and boating in Northeast Florida.
- The Reserve is a dynamic collection of ecosystems and habitats that range from ocean to forest and protect a great diversity of plants and animals.
- Florida's wetlands and coastal systems are vital in ensuring our lakes, rivers, and estuaries continue to thrive and healthy estuaries defend against property and industry loss, sustain our businesses, and support recreational activities and water quality.
- The continuity of information and data provided by the GTM Research Reserve ensures the decisions made about our community are based in science and fact. Additionally, their research initiatives and education programs are crafted around the regional needs of our citizens, stakeholders, and officials.
- The Reserve is connected to a system of 29 National Estuarine Research Reserves so their research, education, and stewardship is locally relevant but also has a national impact.



National Estuarine Research Reserve System Sites

- ACE Basin (SC)
- Apalachicola (FL)
- Chesapeake Bay (MD)
- Chesapeake Bay (VA)
- Connecticut, in process
- Delaware
- Elkhorn Slough (CA)
- Grand Bay (MS)
- Great Bay (NH)
- Guana Tolomato Matanzas (FL)
- He'eia (HI)
- Hudson River (NY)
- Jacques Cousteau (NJ)
- Jobos Bay (PR)
- Kachemak Bay (AK)
- Mission-Aransas (TX)
- Narragansett Bay (RI)
- North Carolina
- North Inlet-Winyah Bay (SC)
- Lake Superior (WI)
- Old Woman Creek (OH)
- Padilla Bay (WA)
- Rookery Bay (FL)
- San Francisco Bay (CA)
- Sapelo Island (GA)
- South Slough (OR)
- Tijuana River NERR (CA)
- Waquoit Bay (MA)
- Weeks Bay (AL)
- Wells (ME)

