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# GreenDex

To help our readers 'go green,' Lonely Planet has compiled this GreenDex. The following Florida businesses and organizations were selected by this guide's authors because they demonstrated active sustainable-tourism policies. There is no cut-and-dried criteria for inclusion. Some are involved in conservation or environmental education, while others are owned by local or native peoples and aim to preserve regional and traditional cultures. For more information on the specific ecological and sustainability issues confronting Florida, visit the website of the state's **Department of Environmental Protection** (DEP; [www.dep.state.fl.us](http://www.dep.state.fl.us)). DEP also runs a **Green Lodging Program** ([www.dep.state.fl.us/greenlodging](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/greenlodging)) that certifies ecofriendly Florida hotels. For an overview of how to lessen the impact of outdoor activities in Florida, see the boxed text, A Kinder, Gentler Wilderness Encounter (p75).

We want to keep developing our sustainable-tourism content. If you think we've omitted someone who should be listed here, or if you disagree with our choices, email us at [talk2us@lonelyplanet.com.au](mailto:talk2us@lonelyplanet.com.au). For more information about sustainable tourism and Lonely Planet, see [www.lonelyplanet.com/responsibletravel](http://www.lonelyplanet.com/responsibletravel).

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