

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to state reserves; creating s.  
3           258.166, F.S.; establishing the George  
4           Kirkpatrick State Reserve; directing the Office  
5           of Greenways and Trails of the Department of  
6           Environmental Protection to develop  
7           multipurpose recreational opportunities and  
8           provide supervision of the area; allowing  
9           public hunting; authorizing the Division of  
10          State Lands to acquire adjacent or contiguous  
11          property; providing an effective date.

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13 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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15           Section 1. Section 258.166, Florida Statutes, is  
16           created to read:

17           258.166 George Kirkpatrick State Reserve  
18           designated.--There is designated and established a state  
19           reserve to be known as George Kirkpatrick State Reserve, in  
20           Marion and Putnam Counties, which shall include all  
21           state-owned lands within the floodplain of the Oklawaha River  
22           and those hereafter acquired by the state from Eureka Dam in  
23           Marion County to Buckman Lock in Putnam County. Those lands  
24           are deemed and held to be a state reserve, under the  
25           supervision of the Office of Greenways and Trails of the  
26           Department of Environmental Protection. The office is charged  
27           with the duty of providing for the development of multipurpose  
28           recreational opportunities at this reserve and the care,  
29           upkeep, maintenance, and beautification of the George  
30           Kirkpatrick State Reserve, including all those dams, locks,  
31           and other structures transferred by the Federal Government to

1 the state. Any action that would substantially alter the area  
2 encompassing the reserve as the area existed on January 1,  
3 2003, must be approved by general law. However, nothing in  
4 this section precludes the Office of Greenways and Trails of  
5 the Department of Environmental Protection from performing  
6 necessary maintenance and improvements as required for the  
7 continued operation of the dams, locks, or other structures  
8 and facilities within the state reserve.

9 (1) Public hunting is allowed in the state reserve as  
10 authorized by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

11 (2) The Division of State Lands of the Department of  
12 Environmental Protection may acquire in the name of the Board  
13 of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund any  
14 additional property adjacent or contiguous to the George  
15 Kirkpatrick State Reserve from private owners or from the  
16 United States Government for improved management and  
17 recreational opportunities.

18 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2004.  
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