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## **Betsy Harris** **Owner, Surf Asylum Surf School**

Betsy Harris is a native Floridian and naturalist who grew up along the waterways and woods of NE Florida. Her passion lies in promoting and preserving the remaining fragmented pieces of what she refers to as her “botanical heritage”, specifically the native flora and natural communities that provide NE Florida it's distinct ecological character and make it unique from the rest of the state.

She has co-created and operated Surf Asylum Surf School, Fernandina Beach, since 2015.

She is a current student of the Florida Master Naturalist Program and an active member of the Florida Native Plant Society, Ixia Chapter. She recently started work on a digital herbarium of Amelia Island.

When she is not working or surfing, she can be found roaming around Cary State Forest admiring wildflowers or exploring the intersections of the environment and humanities through papermaking, printing, weaving and wildcrafting with local plants.