FLORIDA WILDLIFE CORRIDOR EXPEDITION

Carlton Ward, Jr. | Conservation Photographer

Carlton Ward Jr is a conservation photographer from Tampa, Florida. His passion for nature was born from the Florida landscape, where eight generations of family history have grounded his perspective.

Carlton is a founding fellow of the International League of Conservation Photographers (ILCP) and founded the Legacy Institute for Nature & Culture (LINC), a non-profit organization with the purpose of celebrating and protecting Florida's natural and cultural heritage through art. While completing a Master's degree in Ecology, Carlton wrote Conservation Photography, the first thesis on the emerging field. His 2009 Book, Florida Cowboys, won a silver medal in the Florida Book Awards and for that work Popular Photography Magazine featured him as one of three photographers working to save vanishing America.

Carlton's current focus is the Florida Wildlife Corridor, a public awareness initiative he established in 2009. In 2012, he co-led the Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition – a 100-day, 1000-mile trek that explored the last remaining natural path through the length of the Florida peninsula. Carlton's book about the trek, Florida Wildlife Corridor Expedition: Everglades to Okefenokee, won a silver medal in the 2014 Florida book awards. In September of 2014, Carlton and the expedition team will embark on another 700 mile trek from the Everglades Headwaters around the Gulf to Alabama.

The expedition's mission remains the same in 2014. Carlton and the team, which includes Conservationist, Mallory Lykes Dimmitt, Biologist, Joe Guthrie and Videographer, Elam Stoltzfus, will be walking, biking and paddling their way through the Florida landscape. Their 2014 journey will begin outside of Orlando, trek to the Gulf Coast then continue up near Tallahassee, and conclude in the Florida Panhandle near Pensacola.

For more information on the Florida Wildlife Corridor journey, please go to the website at floridawildlifecorridor.org.