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***Expertise: Environmental Education & Conservation***

Miri Hardy is an entrepreneur with a unique mix of academic, artistic, and business experience. She's the first Executive Director of Friends of Myakka River, a non-profit organization that supports Myakka River State Park and the Wild and Scenic Myakka River. A Sarasota resident since 2014, She holds a doctorate in social psychology from Washington University in St. Louis.

Miri is happiest exploring wild Florida, often on her bike, and capturing its beauty with her camera. And she recently rediscovered the joys of climbing trees.