Kaley Kirk was born and raised in Ocala, FL. After graduating high school she moved to Orlando, FL where she got her Associate's degree in History from Valencia College and then transferred to the University of Central Florida where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in 2017.

In early 2018, she took a trip to San Diego, CA where she visited Joshua Tree National Park for the first time and finally found her love and passion for the national parks and wanting to work outdoors. Soon after, she began volunteering with the Florida Trail Association cleaning up local central Florida state parks and has become an advocate for our nation's public lands and preserving and protecting their rich histories.

She eventually found the CVA position while looking through different AmeriCorps opportunities that would help jump start her new career and allow her the ability explore new places, meet new people, and learn about different cultures and their pasts. During her time as a CVA, Kaley hopes to bring more outreach to local minority communities and to continue to spread her love and passion for the outdoors.