It's May 30, 1539...

Spanish conquistador Hernando de Soto has arrived here in La Florida, Land of Flowers, and stepped ashore —
My men can now offload our nine ships. We have sailed with 500 tons of materials needed for our long expedition ahead. Several scouting parties will be sent into the surrounding countryside to find a suitable place to establish a fortified camp.

The Native Path

The native Tocobaga people, living near present-day Tampa Bay, were in a no-man’s-land between two warring Indian chiefdoms. To the south, the Calusa laid claim to all the land from Sarasota Bay to the Florida Keys. To the north, the Timucuan peoples controlled Central and North Florida to the Aucilla River.