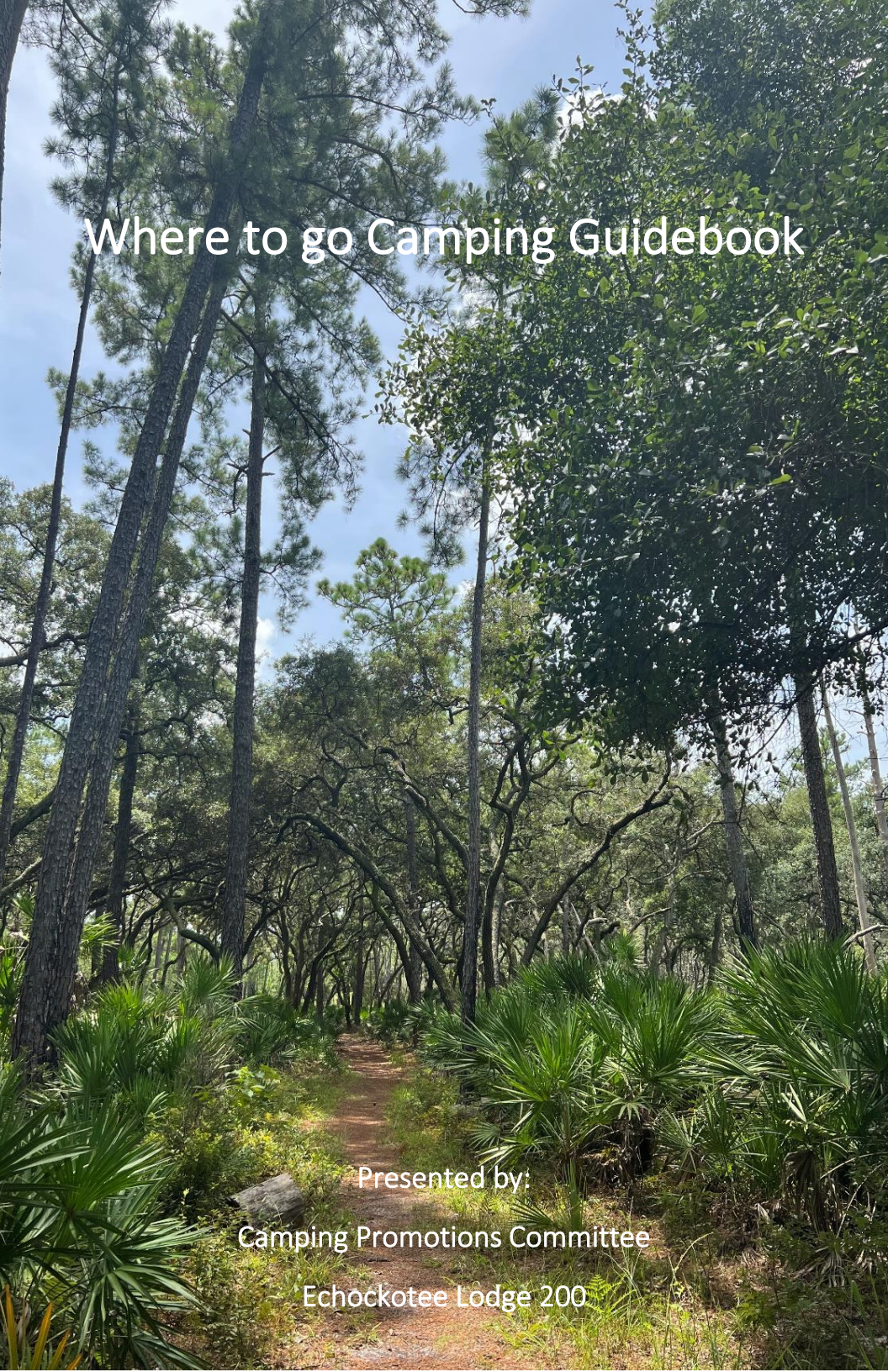


A dirt path winds through a dense forest. Tall, slender pine trees line the path, their branches reaching upwards. The ground is covered in a mix of dirt, pine needles, and green plants, including large, fan-like palm-like leaves in the foreground. The sky is visible through the canopy of trees.

Where to go Camping Guidebook

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Camping Promotions Committee

Echokotee Lodge 200

Foreword

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

I am honored to introduce this guidebook on where to go camping in the North Florida Council. As Scouts, we know that camping is not just about having fun in the great outdoors, but also about learning important skills, developing character, and fostering a deep appreciation for nature.

As you embark on your camping adventures, I urge you to remember the principles of cleanliness and leave no trace. These principles are not just important for preserving the beauty of our natural surroundings, but also for ensuring that future generations of Scouts can enjoy the same experiences that we do today.

This guidebook is a valuable resource for finding the best camping spots in North Florida, from the lush forests to the crystal-clear springs. You will discover hidden gems and popular destinations alike, each with their own unique features and challenges. Whether you are a seasoned camper or a first-timer, there is something for everyone in these pages.

But beyond just providing information on where to go, this guidebook also serves as a reminder of the spirit of Scouting. It reminds us of the importance of being prepared, respectful, and responsible, both in the wilderness and in our everyday lives. I hope that this guidebook will inspire you to explore the beauty of North Florida, while also reinforcing the values that we hold dear as Scouts.

Yours in Scouting,

Jessica Parker
Camping Promotions Committee Chairman

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How to Use this Guide

This guidebook is designed to help you find the perfect camping spot in North Florida. With detailed information on each campsite, including activities and geographic information, you can plan your camping trip with confidence.

To use this guidebook, simply browse through the pages to find the campsite that best suits your needs. Each page includes a description of the campsite, as well as information on the activities you can do there.

One of the most useful features of this guidebook is the QR codes that are included on each page. These codes will take you directly to the camp's website, where you can make a reservation and plan your visit. Simply scan the code with your smartphone and you'll be directed to each site's home page.

As you use this guidebook, keep in mind that the information provided is subject to change. It's always a good idea to check with the campsite directly to confirm any details, such as fees, availability, and park hours. You can find contact information for each campsite on their respective pages.

In addition to providing information on the campsites themselves, this guidebook also includes helpful tips for camping in North Florida. You'll find advice on topics such as packing for your trip, staying safe in the wilderness, and practicing Leave No Trace principles.

We hope that this guidebook will inspire you to explore the natural beauty of North Florida and make unforgettable memories with your fellow Scouts.

Happy camping!

Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace is a set of principles that guide outdoor ethics and promote responsible use and stewardship of natural resources. These principles are particularly important in Scouting, where we seek to instill a deep appreciation and respect for nature in our youth.

The Leave No Trace principles are:

1. **Plan ahead and prepare:** Proper planning and preparation can help prevent accidents and minimize damage to the environment. This includes researching the area you will be camping in, knowing the rules and regulations, and bringing appropriate gear and supplies.
2. **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Camping and hiking on durable surfaces, such as established trails and campsites, helps minimize impact on the environment. Avoid trampling on fragile vegetation and wildlife habitats.
3. **Dispose of waste properly:** Properly dispose of all waste, including human waste, in designated receptacles or by carrying it out with you. Leave the campsite cleaner than you found it.
4. **Leave what you find:** Leave natural and cultural features, such as rocks, plants, and artifacts, as you found them. Do not disturb or remove them from their natural setting.
5. **Minimize campfire impact:** Follow local regulations for building and using fires, and use established fire rings or stoves whenever possible. Keep fires small and avoid burning trash or wood with nails or other materials.
6. **Respect wildlife:** Observe wildlife from a distance and do not approach or feed them. Store food and trash securely to avoid attracting wildlife to your campsite.

7. Be considerate of other visitors: Respect other visitors' experiences and avoid making excessive noise or disturbing their solitude. Yield to others on the trail and follow established camping etiquette.

By following the Leave No Trace principles, Scouts can minimize their impact on the environment and help preserve natural resources for future generations to enjoy. These principles also promote responsible and ethical behavior, which are core values of Scouting.

How to Pack

Car Camping:

When car camping, you have the luxury of being able to bring more gear since you have easy access to your vehicle. Here are some tips for packing:

- ✓ Pack a larger tent, camp chairs, and a cooler filled with food and drinks. You can also bring a camping stove, larger pots and pans, and a grill for cooking.
- ✓ Bring a comfortable sleeping pad or air mattress, and a thick blanket or sleeping bag to stay warm at night.
- ✓ Consider packing some leisure items like games, books, or outdoor sports equipment such as frisbees, soccer balls, or fishing gear.

Primitive Camping:

When primitive camping, you'll need to pack lighter since you may not have easy access to your vehicle. Here are some tips for packing:

- ✓ Pack a lighter tent, a compact camping stove, and smaller cookware. Opt for lightweight, non-perishable food options.
- ✓ Bring a smaller sleeping pad or a hammock, and a lightweight sleeping bag. Dress in layers to stay warm at night.
- ✓ Consider packing a water filter or purification tablets, as potable water may not be available. Bring your own toilet paper and a portable camp toilet if there are no bathroom facilities available.

Backpacking:

When backpacking, every ounce counts. Here are some tips for packing:

- ✓ Opt for a lightweight, compact tent, and a lightweight stove and cookware. Bring dehydrated or freeze-dried meals to save weight.
- ✓ Invest in a high-quality, lightweight sleeping bag, and a sleeping pad that can be compressed to save space.
- ✓ Bring a water filter or purification tablets to ensure you have access to safe drinking water. Pack lightweight, quick-drying clothing and rain gear to stay dry.
- ✓ Only bring the essentials and avoid packing any unnecessary items that add weight to your pack. Consider sharing gear with your camping partners to reduce individual pack weights.

By following these tips for packing, you can ensure a comfortable and enjoyable camping experience, no matter what type of camping you choose.

North Florida Council Camps

The North Florida Council is fortunate to host four facilities for Scouting and camping usages. Please be sure to follow North Florida Council's policies regarding tour permits to these campgrounds and facilities, especially if your unit is participating/hosting an event in shooting sports, aquatics, or climbing. In addition, be certain leaders in your unit hold the specific trainings required to open and/or operate the high-risk areas available for use at these camps.

The four facilities owned by the North Florida Council are:

- Baden-Powell Scout Reservation (Camp Shands)
- St. Johns River Base at Echokotee
- Camp Davis
- Camp Francis

For more information regarding Camp Properties Policies & Usage refer to the North Florida Council's website.



Camp Shands

Address
1453 Baden Powell Road Hawthorne FL 32640
Open Season
September-April
To Begin Registration or For More Information


General Information:

Located on over 1,000 acres of diverse terrain, BPSR/Camp Shands is home to the North Florida Council's summer and winter camping programs in addition to many other programs offered throughout the year. Camp Shands offers 11 large campsite areas, housing, a beautiful lake, pavilions, a dining hall, and meeting rooms. Baden Powell Scout Reservation/Camp Shands is open for camping from September through April. Summer camp is May through August, while winter camp is in late December.

Additional Features:

- Shooting Sports Areas that offer rifle, shotgun, pistol, BB gun, and archery
- Waterfront on Lake Osborne, with opportunities for swimming, fishing, boating, and paddle craft
- Miles of hiking trails
- C.O.P.E course and a 65' climbing wall
- Xtreme Obstacle Course
- Water park equipped with swimming pool, water slides, wading pool, and pavilions

St. Johns River Base at Echokottee

Address
2513 Doctors Lake Drive Orange Park FL 32073
Open Season
September-April
To Begin Registration or For More Information


General Information:

Located in Orange Park, FL along the shores of Doctors Lake and the St. Johns River, the St. Johns River Base is home to the North Florida Council's Aquatics Camp, in addition to many other programs offered throughout the year. Founded in the early 1920's, SJRB has 8 large campsites, a dining hall, meeting rooms, plus many pavilions and program areas to fit your Scouting needs.

Additional Features:

- Shooting Sports Areas that offer archery, BB gun, and LaPorte
- Climbing Wall
- Swimming Pool
- Nature Trail
- Access to Doctor's Lake with a boat dock, available for sail boating, motorboats, canoeing, and kayaking

Camp Davis

Address
1453 Baden Powell Road Hawthorne FL 32640
Open Season
September-April
To Begin Registration or For More Information


General Information:

Camp Davis is a primitive camping area located within Camp Shands. Sites include a picnic table and potable water. The nearest bathroom is located at the entrance into camp Davis.

Camp Francis

Address
454 South Francis Street Interlachen FL 32148
Open Season
September-April
To Begin Registration or For More Information


General Information:

Camp Francis is owned by the Camp Francis Trust and is set aside for usage by Boy Scouts. Camp Francis features several wooded campsites, a large open field, a shelter at the old house site, pit latrines and city water. The site is perfect for advancement work with new Scouts or for troop games in a private setting. Please note all camp rules as posted on the side of the building. These rules are your responsibility to seek out and follow. The lake and dock are off limits and not available for Scout use. Quiet time is from 11 PM until 7 AM. Since there is no garbage service on the property, we ask that all trash must be packed out.

Additional Information

- To have water turned on, contact North Florida Ranger Staff.
- To make a reservation, please complete the Camp Francis Permit.

Where to go Camping: Florida State Parks



Anastasia State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 8.00
Camping	\$ 28.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
300 Anastasia Park Road St. Augustine FL 32080	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Anastasia State Park includes 1,600 acres of rich ecosystems and abundant wildlife. Explore up to four miles of pristine beach, the estuarine tidal marsh teeming with plant and animal life, or the self-guided nature trail which takes you through the maritime hammock and onto ancient sand dunes. You can also visit the Coquina Quarry, an archaeological site where coquina rock was mined to help construct the nearby Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, earning it a spot on the National Register of Historic Places.

Activities:

- Bicycling
 - Bird Watching
 - Fishing
 - Geocaching
- Hiking
 - Paddling
 - Swimming
 - Wildlife Viewing

Big Lagoon State Park

Fees		
Admittance	\$	6.00
Camping	\$	20.00
Reservation	\$	6.70
Address		
12301 Gulf Beach Highway Pensacola FL 32507		
To Register or For More Information		
		

General Information:

Think of Big Lagoon State Park as a gateway. It not only offers swimming, boating, fishing, camping, hiking and paddling, but adventurers also can begin or end a 1,515-mile sea kayaking journey on the Florida Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail around the entire state. The top half of a kayak embedded in sand marks the launch site along with a box containing a weathered log book.

The park is also a gateway for the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail. The park is a stopover for more than 23 species of wood-warbler and a variety of ducks, sandpipers and black-bellied plovers.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Boating
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Blue Springs State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 6.00
Camping	\$ 24.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
2100 W. French Ave. Orange City FL 32763	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

In 1970, two years before Blue Spring State Park was established, researchers tracked 14 manatees in the spring run. By 2005, after years of park improvements and manatee protection efforts, wintering manatee numbers exceeded 200, and by 2022 that number skyrocketed to a record 724. Besides "sea cows," fish abound in the spring run and attract a variety of wading birds, ospreys, eagles and kingfishers. To see the park’s wonders, visitors can hike along the spring run or on the 4.5-mile Pine Island Trail. Visitors can also launch a canoe or kayak (rentals are available at the park) or take a guided river boat cruise.

Activities:

- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Colt Creek State Park

Fees		
Admittance	\$	4.00
Camping	\$	24.00
Reservation	\$	6.70
Address		
16000 State Road 471 Lakeland FL 33809		
To Register or For More Information		
		

General Information:

Comprised of large strands of vulnerable longleaf pine flatwoods, lakes and winding creeks, thick cypress domes and open vistas, Colt Creek State Park is home to many species of plant and animal. Native residents include bald eagles, white-tailed deer, American alligators, otters, and many birds and butterflies. Notably, we are home to threatened species such as the gopher tortoise and the Sherman’s fox squirrel. Visitors can enjoy more than 15 miles of multi-use trails, shared by hikers, bicyclist and those riding horseback, that meander through the pine flatwoods and natural creeks and wetlands. Park lakes afford views of wading birds and alligators, as well as offer a place for anglers to cast their line from the lake's edge or from our 75-foot accessible dock. Canoes and kayaks are available to rent at the ranger station.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Falling Waters State Park

Fees		
Admittance	\$	5.00
Camping	\$	18.00
Reservation	\$	6.70
Address		
1130 State Park Road Chipley FL 32428		
To Register or For More Information		
		

General Information:

Falling Waters Sink is a 100-foot-deep, 20-foot-wide cylindrical pit into which flows a small stream that drops 73 feet to the bottom of the sink. The water's final destination is unknown. Only a few miles south of I-10, the park provides travelers with a quiet, serene stop on their journey. While on the Sink Hole Trail, visitors can visit Florida’s highest waterfall. Visitors can see beautiful native and migrating butterflies in the butterfly garden, take a dip in the lake or have a family picnic. Hikers can experience the verdant, gently sloping landscape of North Florida.

Activities:

- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Faver-Dykes State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 18.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
1000 Faver-Dykes Road St. Augustine FL 32086	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Faver-Dykes State Park is conveniently located on the outskirts of St. Augustine, America’s oldest city, and close to the highway. Enjoy relaxing, picnicking or fishing under the towering longleaf pines in a sandhill ecosystem that once dominated the Florida landscape. Pellicer Creek is our southern border and accessible at the boat ramp for canoes, kayaks and small boats. It is a Florida Designated Paddling Trail, and you can either head east to the Pellicer flats and Matanzas River or west to the freshwater beginnings. It is one of the most pristine estuarine tidal marshes on the east coast of Florida, with abundant salt and freshwater fish plus magnificent birding and wildlife viewing opportunities.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Florida Caverns State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 20.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
3345 Caverns Road Marianna FL 32034	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Florida Caverns offers visitors a rarity in the state, a chance to explore stunning caves. While moving between the large underground rooms, one can observe the many chisel marks made by 1930s-era Civilian Conservation Corps workers. These hard-working men enlarged the cave passageways by hand so visitors could stand upright during the guided tours. They also built the park’s spacious visitor center.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Boating
- Cavern Tours
- Geocaching
- Paddling
- Swimming

Fort Clinch State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 6.00
Camping	\$ 26.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
2601 Atlantic Ave. Fernandina Beach FL 32034	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

A row of cannons pointing across the St. Mary’s River into Georgia are silent testimony to the strategic importance of Fort Clinch during the Civil War. Visitors can explore the fort’s many rooms, galleries and grounds, and learn about the life of a Union soldier through unparalleled living history programs. Make plans to visit on the first weekend of every month when a soldier garrison fires cannons and demonstrates other battlefield skills. Maritime hammocks with massive arching live oaks provide a striking backdrop for hiking and biking on the park’s many trails. Camping, fishing, shelling and shark-tooth hunting are popular activities.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Boating
- Fishing
- Fort Clinch Museum
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Highlands Hammock State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 6.00
Camping	\$ 22.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
5931 Hammock Road Sebring FL 33872	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:
Highlands Hammock - with more rare and endemic species than any other Florida State Park - is a place where wilderness and history are preserved. To see these natural wonders, hike any of our nine trails, including an elevated boardwalk through a cypress swamp. Make sure to travel our 3-mile bike loop, or take the tram for those who prefer to sit back and leisurely take it all in. At the Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, visitors can experience the Great Depression and learn about the lives of the young men who built Florida’s eight CCC parks. The park has a significant number of New Deal era structures and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

- Activities:**
- Bicycling
 - Birdwatching
 - Geocaching
 - Hiking
 - Primitive Camping
 - Wildlife Viewing

Hillsborough River State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 6.00
Camping	\$ 24.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
15402 U.S. 301 North Thonotosassa FL 33592	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Just minutes from downtown Tampa, this diverse park offers a refuge from city life with seven miles of nature trails and wonderful wildlife viewing. Stroll along the river rapids, enjoy camping, explore historic structures, share a picnic or view scenic landscapes. Hillsborough River State Park provides many opportunities for outdoor recreation. From fishing in the Hillsborough River to hiking or biking on the trails or picnicking under pavilions built in the 1930s. Besides enjoying a living history lesson, visitors can view Class II river rapids, which are rare in Florida, and canoe or kayak along the scenic Hillsborough River.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Hontoon Island State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ -----
Camping	\$ 18.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
2309 River Ridge Road DeLand FL 32720	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Evidence of Native American habitation over thousands of years can be witnessed as visitors hike through the park. Walk through the impressive visitor center to learn more about the many inhabitants and uses of Hontoon Island over the years. The island is accessible only by private boat or park ferry. Paddling, fishing, hiking, biking and camping are popular activities. Canoe, kayak and bicycle rentals are available from the island store. Picnic areas include tables, grills and a playground.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Boating
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping

Lake Griffin State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 18.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
3089 U.S. Highway 441-27 Fruitland Park FL 34731	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Lake Griffin encompasses 620 acres and allows visitors to explore in several ways. Anglers or birders may want to rent a canoe or a kayak to explore Lake Griffin’s marshes. Concessionaire "Epic Water boat Tours" offer guided pontoon boat tours. The park boasts two hiking trails totaling two miles in length. Along the way you’ll have the opportunity to see several different habitats including swamp and sandhill. Call the ranger station to inquire about the availability of guided hikes. Of course you can’t leave without seeing the state’s second largest live oak tree, which is approximately 400 years old.

Activities:

- Boat Tours
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Wildlife Viewing

Lake Kissimmee State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 20.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
14248 Camp Mack Road Lake Wales FL 33898	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Florida's heritage comes alive with living history demonstrations of the early Florida cow hunters in an 1876-era cow camp. Visitors enjoy boating, canoeing and fishing in the picturesque lakes. Visitors can hike over 13 miles of trails to observe and study the abundant plant and animal life. The park has full-facility campsites as well as a primitive camping facility. The youth camping area can accommodate up to 50 people. The dark skies make stargazing a popular nighttime activity for campers.

Activities:

- Bird watching
- Boating
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping

Lake Louisa State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 24.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
7305 U.S. Highway 27 Clermont FL 34714	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The park is home to 11 distinct natural plant communities and lies within the eastern boundary of the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern and the northern boundary of the Lake Wales Ridge. The park’s three major lakes, Louisa, Hammond and Dixie, transform idle observers into active participants with opportunities for canoeing, kayaking and paddleboarding. Bicycling is popular on the park’s seven miles of paved roads over rolling hills and on the 20 miles of unpaved multi-use trails.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Boating
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Little Manatee River State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 22.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
215 Lightfoot Road Wimauma FL 33598	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The Little Manatee River begins in a swampy area near Fort Lonesome and flows almost 40 miles before emptying into Tampa Bay. The park boasts one of the premier hiking trails of Southwest Florida, a 6.5-mile stacked loop located in the wilderness area in the north half of the park. The Oxbow Nature Trail, accessible from the main picnic area in the south half of the park, makes a 1-mile loop along scrub ridges that skirt the main river and an oxbow wetland. In addition, over 15 miles of equestrian and multi-use trails meander through the southern half of the park.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Little Talbot State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 24.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
12157 Heckscher Drive Jacksonville FL 32703	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Little Talbot Island is one of a handful of undeveloped barrier islands remaining in Northeast Florida. Boasting more than 5 miles of pristine beaches and 3 miles of bike trails, Little Talbot offers untouched natural beauty and diverse ecosystems for visitors to explore. Enjoy beachcombing, surfing, fishing, hiking, birdwatching, a winding kayak journey along the bluffs of Myrtle Creek and camping in a lush forest hammock.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Manatee Springs State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 6.00
Camping	\$ 20.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
11650 N.W. 115 St. Chiefland FL 32626	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

People have enjoyed the cool waters of Manatee Springs for more than 10,000 years, from early Paleo Indians to modern park visitors. The first-magnitude spring releases an astounding 100 million gallons of water daily. This makes it a popular cooling-off spot and a great place to stroll on the park boardwalk and gaze into watery depths. True to its namesake, manatees can be seen in the cooler months, and birds, mammals and fish are spotted year-round. The park also offers 8.5 miles of nature trails and a safe connection to the 32-mile Nature Coast State Trail, so don't forget to bring your bicycles!

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Boating
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 20.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
6239 State Road 21 Keystone Heights FL 32656	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

One of Florida's first state parks, the Civilian Conservation Corps developed the 600-acre site during the 1930s. Gold Head is located on rolling sandhills on the north central ridge of Florida with one of the few remaining examples of an old-growth stand of longleaf pines. A steep head ravine with seepage springs forms Gold Head Branch and bisects the park. Visitors to the park can enjoy hiking and wildlife viewing along the park's nature trails and a 5.44-mile stretch of the Florida National Scenic Trail. Visitors also can swim or fish in Little Lake Johnson or spend a lazy afternoon canoeing. Primitive campsites for small or large groups are available.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway

Fees	
Admittance	\$ -----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
8282 S.E. Highway 314 Ocala FL 34470	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The Cross Florida Greenway is unique in many ways. Occupying more than 70,000 acres of land formerly known as the Cross Florida Barge Canal, the Greenway is a 110-mile linear park that is more than a mile wide in places. It hosts more than 300 miles of trails of all types — paddling, hiking, mountain biking, equestrian and paved multi-use.

The Greenway is also a wildlife corridor and the first in Florida to have a “land bridge” across a major interstate that both trail users and wildlife utilize. Black bears use the Greenway as a major corridor, especially on the eastern end near the Ocala National Forest. The Greenway protects unspoiled segments of the Ocklawaha River and it offers campgrounds, too.

Campgrounds:

- Ross Prairie Trailhead and Campground
- Shangri-La Trailhead and Campground
- Santos Trailhead and Campground
- Rodman Campground

O’Leno State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 18.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
410 S.E. O’leno Park Road High Springs FL 32643	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

One of Florida's first state parks, O'Leno State Park was developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. The park is located along the banks of the scenic Santa Fe River, a tributary of the Suwannee River, and features sinkholes, hardwood hammocks, river swamps and sandhills. As the river courses through the park, it disappears underground and reemerges over three miles away in River Rise Preserve State Park. O’Leno State Park offers visitors the opportunity to unwind in a natural setting. Enjoy a day of hiking or biking on the park’s shaded trails. The Santa Fe River is a beautiful spot to launch a canoe or try your hand at fishing along its banks.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ 18.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
100 Savannah Blvd. Micanopy FL 32667	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Far from the Far West, herds of wild horses and bison roam the prairie in this surprisingly diverse preserve south of Gainesville. Nowhere else in Florida can visitors experience wild-roaming bison and horses. Nearly 300 species of birds also frequent the park along with alligators, deer and many other animals. The park’s eight trails, including the 16-mile paved Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail, allow one to explore the park’s interior and observe wildlife, while a 50-foot high observation tower provides for panoramic views. Fishing and canoeing on Lake Wauburg are popular along with a shaded campground.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Rodman Campground

Fees	
Admittance	\$ -----
Camping	\$ 12.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
108 Rodman Dam Road Palatka FL 32177	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

This campground provides optimal access to some of Florida’s finest freshwater fishing. The 9,500-acre Rodman Reservoir is perennially rated in the Top 10 Trophy Bass Lakes in Florida by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The campground and reservoir were originally created during the 1960s-era Cross Florida Barge Canal project. The mammoth public works project was started in 1964 when President Lyndon B. Johnson flew into Palatka and started the project with a ground-breaking explosion at the nearby Rodeheaver’s Boys Ranch.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Boating
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping (\$5 per person/per night)
- Wildlife Viewing

Ross and Prairie Trailhead and Campground

Fees	
Admittance	\$ -----
Camping	\$ 22.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
10660 S.W. State Road 200 Dunnellon FL 34432	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The day-use trailhead facilities include an equestrian staging area plus bike and hike trailheads for the natural surface mountain bike and Florida Trail hiking trails. There are restrooms with potable water and a picnic pavilion as well. An on-site campground host is available 365 days a year. The trails in this area meander through beautiful oak hammocks and islands interspersed around the edge of Ross Prairie.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Primitive Group Camping (\$5 per adult, \$1 per youth/per night)
- Wildlife Viewing

Santos Trailhead and Campground

Fees	
Admittance	\$ -----
Camping	\$ 22.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
3080 S.E. 80 th St. Ocala FL 34470	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Explore some of the best mountain biking in Florida and even internationally. Santos includes 80-plus miles of single-track diverse bike trails for beginners as well as expert-level trails that will challenge even the most elite riders. The Santos Trailhead has restrooms, potable water, a bike wash rack, and several picnic pavilions. The Florida National Scenic Trail hiking trail also traverses through the Santos Trailhead and runs westward to Dunnellon from Santos for approximately 24 miles and eastward 10-plus miles before entering the Ocala National Forest. As one of only 11 National Scenic Trails nationwide, this congressionally designated trail crosses approximately 1,300 miles through diverse ecological communities throughout Florida, from the Gulf National Seashore near Pensacola Beach to the Fakahatchee Strand in southwest Florida.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Hiking
- Primitive Group Camping (\$5 per adult, \$1 per youth/per night)
- Wildlife Viewing

Sebastian Inlet State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 8.00
Camping	\$ 28.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
9700 South Highway A1A Melbourne Beach FL 32951	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Visitors stroll untouched beaches, collecting shells and observing sea turtle nests, or try their luck fishing from one of the jetties that slice into the Atlantic. Calmer waters on the Indian River Lagoon beckon kayakers to explore wild beauty. Two museums provide area history. The McLarty Treasure Museum highlights the 1715 Spanish treasure fleet, while the Sebastian Fishing Museum chronicles the history of the area's fishing industry. Primitive Camping is available through Bayside Marina.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Birdwatching
- Boating
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Silver Springs State Park

Fees		
Admittance	\$	8.00
Camping	\$	24.00
Reservation	\$	6.70
Address		
1425 N.E. 58 th Ave. Ocala FL 34470		
To Register or For More Information		
		

General Information:

Explore one of America’s largest and best loved springs from the park’s famous glass bottom boats and see an underwater world. The main spring is surrounded by serene gardens and historic structures reminiscent of the days when Silver Springs was a major destination for Northerners arriving by steamship. The park is still a favorite destination and the home of the annual Springfest celebrating protection and restoration of all Florida springs and waterways. The Silver River allows kayakers to experience a primeval forest wilderness surrounded by some of the state’s best managed sandhills, accessible by trails and dotted with friendly campgrounds.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Boat Tours
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Group
Camping (\$5 per adult,
\$1 per youth/per night)
- Wildlife Viewing

Shangri-la Trailhead and Campground

Fees	
Admittance	\$ -----
Camping	\$ 18.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
12788 S.W. 69 th Court Ocala FL 34476	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Situated just south of one of the historic sea-level Cross Florida Ship Canal diggings, Shangri-La provides optimal access and overnight opportunities to explore the myriad network of well-marked trails through xeric hammock. Shangri-La has an ample day-use equestrian and bike trailhead with a picnic pavilion and restrooms with potable water. The compacted shell sites have communal water and a full bathhouse facility. The sites do not have power; however, generators are acceptable to use except during quiet hours.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Birdwatching
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Wildlife Viewing

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 20.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
11016 Lillian Saunders Drive/ U.S. Highway 41 White Springs FL 32096	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Situated on the banks of the legendary Suwannee River, this center honors the memory of American composer Stephen Foster, who wrote "Old Folks at Home," the song that made the river famous. The museum features exhibits about Foster's most famous songs, and his music can be heard emanating from the park's 97-bell carillon throughout the day. Hiking, bicycling, canoeing and wildlife viewing are popular activities. Miles of trails wind through some of the most scenic areas of North Florida. Overnight visitors can stay in the full-facility campground or in a cabin.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Group Camping (\$% per adult, \$1 per youth/per night)
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Suwannee River State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 22.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
3631 201 st Path Live Oak FL 32060	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

On foot or by canoe, experiencing the park’s historical significance is its own timeless reward. At the intersection of the Suwannee and Withlacoochee rivers, patches of rain lilies spring up on earthen mounds built to defend against Union Navy gunboats. This park is alive with history. Visitors can see remnants of a 19th-century steamship and two ghost towns that have been reclaimed by the sandhill wilderness, which is home to diverse and imperiled native species. Look out over the river or stop by Little Gem Spring, and you are treading on storied ground.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Boating
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Group Camping (\$5 per adult, \$1 per youth/per night)
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Tomoka State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 24.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
2099 N. Beach St. Ormond Beach FL 32174	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Native Americans once dwelled here, living off fish-filled lagoons. Today, these waters are popular for canoeing, boating and fishing. Tomoka is a bird-watcher's paradise, with over 160 species sighted, especially during the spring and fall migrations. Visitors can stroll a half-mile nature trail through a hardwood hammock that was once an indigo field for an 18th-century British landowner. A boat ramp gives boaters and canoeists access to the river. The park store offers snacks, camping supplies and canoe rentals. For overnight stays, the park has full-facility campsites and youth camping.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Boating
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Group Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Torrey State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 3.00
Camping	\$ 16.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
2576 N.W. Torrey Park Road Bristol FL 32121	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Developed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, Torrey is popular for camping, hiking and picnicking. Bird-watching is also a popular activity. Over 100 species of birds have been spotted in the park. Forests of hardwood trees provide the finest display of fall color found in Florida. The park is named for an extremely rare species of Torrey tree that grows only on the bluffs along the Apalachicola River. Today, the park plays a critical role in preserving unique plant and animal species and natural communities that are of regional importance, and protecting the water quality of the Apalachicola River, which feeds the productive Apalachicola Bay.

Activities:

- Birdwatching
- Boating
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping (\$5 per person)
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Wekiwa Springs State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 6.00
Camping	\$ 24.00
Reservation	\$ 6.70
Address	
1800 Wekiwa Circle Apopka FL 32712	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

With emerald springs feeding the Wekiwa River and lush tropical hammocks, this unique park just minutes from downtown Orlando is perfect for observing abundant wildlife or cooling off on a summer day. Wekiwa Springs contains miles of trails waiting to be explored on foot, bike or horseback, and canoes and kayaks are available on-site. It’s easy to see why visitors have been flocking to beautiful Wekiwa Springs since the mid-19th century. From the dense, almost tropical hammocks near where the springs feed into the Wekiva River to the scenic sandhill uplands, the park offers ample opportunities to see many kinds of animals.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Birdwatching
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive (\$5 per adult, \$1 per youth/per night)
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Where to go Camping: Georgia State Parks



Crooked River State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 36.00
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
6222 Charlie Smith Senior Highway St. Marys GA 31558	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Located just a few miles from I-95 on the southern tip of Georgia’s Colonial Coast, this park is the perfect spot for enjoying the Intracoastal Waterway and maritime forest. Just down the road is the ferry to famous Cumberland Island National Seashore known for secluded beaches and wild horses. The park’s nature trail winds through forest and salt marsh, and hikers may see gopher tortoises, fiddler crabs, herons and other birds. A nature center features fish, snakes, turtles and other animals native to coastal Georgia. Visitors may venture to the nearby ruins of a tabby mill, built around 1825 and later used as a starch factory during the Civil War.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Boat Tours
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Wildlife Viewing

General Coffee State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 32.00
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
46 John Coffee Road Nicholls GA 31554	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

One of southern Georgia’s “best kept secrets,” this park is known for agricultural history shown at Heritage Farm, with log cabins, a corn crib, tobacco barn, cane mill and other exhibits. Seventeen-Mile River and a boardwalk wind through cypress swamp where rare and endangered plants grow. Pitcher plants, shy indigo snakes and gopher tortoises make their homes in this wiregrass community. Birding and nature photography are exceptional.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Boating
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Pioneer Camping (\$35 per night)
- Primitive Camping (\$12 per night)
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Kolomoki Mounds State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 30.00
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
205 Indian Mounds Road Blakely GA 39823	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

This historically significant park is the oldest and largest Woodland Indian site in the southeastern United States, occupied by Indians from 350 to 750 A.D. Georgia’s oldest great temple mound, standing 57-feet high, dominates two smaller burial mounds and several ceremonial mounds. The park’s museum showcases who these people were and how they lived. Inside, visitors will find numerous artifacts and a film. Kolomoki Mounds is also known for its wide range of outdoor activities. Two lakes provide fishing and boating, and a campground is nestled under hardwoods and pines. Hikers can choose from three scenic trails.

Activities:

- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping(\$35 per night)
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Laura S. Walker State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 32.00
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
5653 Laura Walker Road Waycross GA 31815	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Located near the northern edge of the mysterious Okefenokee Swamp, this park is home to fascinating creatures and plants, including alligators and carnivorous pitcher plants. Walking along the lake’s edge and nature trail, visitors may spot the shy gopher tortoise, saw palmettos, yellow shafted flickers, warblers, owls and great blue herons. The park’s lake offers opportunities for fishing, swimming and boating, and kayaks and bicycles are available for rent. The park’s namesake was a Georgia writer, teacher, civic leader and naturalist who loved trees and worked for their preservation.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Pioneer Camping (\$35 per night)
- Swimming

Providence Canyon State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
8930 Canyon Road Lumpkin GA 31815	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Georgia's "Little Grand Canyon" is a testament to the power of man's influence on the land. Massive gullies as deep as 150 feet were caused simply by poor farming practices during the 1800s, yet today they make some of the prettiest photographs within the state. Visitors can enjoy views of the canyons from the rim trail, taking care to stay behind fences and off the fragile canyon edge. Hikers who explore the deepest canyons will usually find a thin layer of water along the trail, indication of the water table below.

Activities:

- Astronomy
- Hiking
- Museum
- Pioneer Camping (\$40 per night)
- Backcountry Camping (\$10 per night)

Reed Bingham State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 28.00
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
542 Reed Bingham Road Adel GA 31620	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

A 375 acre lake is popular with boaters and skiers, and fishing. Paddlers can rent canoes and kayaks to explore this beautiful lake. Visitors to this pretty park usually see abundant wildlife, including species such as gopher tortoises, yellow bellied sliders and indigo snakes. Nearly 80 percent of the Coastal Plain’s plant community can be found along the park’s Coastal Plain Nature Trail, making this park’s habitat some of the most diverse in the country.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Boating
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Pioneering Camping (\$35 per night)
- Primitive Camping (Paddle-In Island Camping; \$35 per night)
- Swimming
- Wildlife Viewing

Reynolds Mansion on Sapelo Island State Park

Fees		
Admittance	\$	15.00
Camping	\$	35.00
Reservation	\$	-----
Address		
Route 1, Box 1500 Darien GA 31305		
To Register or For More Information		
		

General Information:

This small barrier island is a unique destination along Georgia's famed Colonial Coast. Guests begin their day at the mainland visitor center, where they can learn about Sapelo's cultural history, coastal wildlife, and complex beach and dunes systems. After a 30-minute ferry ride, they arrive at this 12-mile-long island. Guided tours highlight the African-American community of Hog Hammock, Reynolds Mansion, Nanny Goat Beach, University of Georgia Marine Institute and a restored 1820 lighthouse. Groups may stay overnight on the island at the historic Reynolds Mansion or Cabretta Campground.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Pioneer Camping (Cabertta Campground; \$35 per night)
- Swimming
- Tours

Stephen C. Foster State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 35.00
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
17515 Highway 177 Fargo GA 31631	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

This remote park is a primary entrance to the legendary Okefenokee Swamp. Here, paddlers and photographers will enjoy breathtaking scenery and abundant wildlife. Stargazers will appreciate the particularly dark skies. Same-day reservations are recommended for guided boat tours of the famed swamp. Sunset and night tours may be available. More adventurous visitors may wish to rent canoes, kayaks or Jon boats for further exploration of the swamp, including a trip to historic Billy’s Island.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Boating
- Boat Tours
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Pioneer Camping (\$55 per night)
- Stargazing
- Wildlife Viewing

Fort McAllister State Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 33.00
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
3894 Fort McAllister Road Richmond Hill GA 31324	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Nestled among giant live oaks, Spanish moss and salt marsh, this park is a beautiful location for camping, fishing, boating and picnicking. Seven cabins sit on stilts near the marsh, surrounded by palm trees and palmettos. The shaded campground is bordered by tidal Redbird Creek, a boat ramp, fishing dock and nature trail. A large picnic area offers river views and playgrounds, while another boat ramp provides access to the Ogeechee River.

Activities:

- Backcountry Camping (\$10 per night)
- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Boating
- Pioneer Camping (\$50 per night)
- Fort Tours
- Geocaching
- Hiking
- Paddling

Where to go Camping: Florida State Forests

Camping in Florida state forests can be a unique and rewarding experience for nature enthusiasts and outdoor adventurers alike. There are many state forests throughout Florida that offer primitive and group campsites, each with their own unique features and amenities.

Primitive campsites in Florida state forests are perfect for those looking to get away from the hustle and bustle of city life and immerse themselves in nature. These campsites typically accommodate between 5 and 10 people and are set in remote locations that offer a true wilderness experience. Most primitive campsites offer little to no amenities, which means campers must bring all of their own supplies, including water, food, and camping gear.

For larger groups, group campsites are available in many Florida state forests. These sites can accommodate between 10 and 20 people and typically offer amenities such as picnic tables, fire rings, and nearby restrooms.

Fees for camping in Florida state forests vary depending on the forest and type of campsite. Admission fees, camping night rates, and reservation fees can all be found on the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services website. Certain state forests may also require a permit to stay at. Permits can be acquired by calling the park you want to visit.

Overall, camping in Florida state forests can be a great way to enjoy the state's natural beauty and experience the outdoors. With options for both primitive and group camping, there's something for everyone in Florida's state forests.

Cary State Forest

Fees	
Day Use	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ 17.86
Reservation	\$ 9.00
Address	
7465 Pavilion Road Bryceville FL 32009	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Cary State Forest was established as Florida’s second state forest in 1937. Cary is known for its scenic mature flatwoods, sandhill and basin marsh. Using sound forest management, the Florida Forest Service provides for multiple uses of the forest resources. The forest is managed for timber production, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation and ecological restoration.

Activities:

- Bird Watching
- Group Camping (\$17.86 per night)
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping (\$10)
- Wildlife Viewing

Charles H. Bronson State Forest

Fees	
Day Use	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ 8.89
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
1350 Snow Hill Road Geneva FL 32732	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

On July 1, 2008, the Charles H. Bronson State Forest was established by legislative direction and is named after Charles H. Bronson, who served as the ninth Commissioner for the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services from 2001 to 2011. The forest is approximately 11,246 acres. It was purchased by the Board of Trustees (Florida Forever Funds), St. Johns River Water Management District, Natural Resource Conservation Service and Orange County.

Activities:

- Fishing
- Hiking (40 miles of unpaved trail)
- Primitive Camping (**By permit only, hike-in/hike-out; \$8.89 per night)

Goethe State Forest

Fees	
Day Use	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ varies by site \$8.80-9.17
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
9110 S.E. County Road 37 Dunnellon FL 34431	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Goethe is a 54,873-acre state forest and was named for Mr. J.T. Goethe, from whom most of the land was purchased in 1992 under Florida's Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL) program. Using sound forest management, the Florida Forest Service provides for multiple uses of the forest resources. The forest is managed for timber production, wildlife habitat, outdoor recreation and ecological restoration.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping (Site locations: Tidewater, Black Prong, and Watermelon Pond trailheads)
- Stargazing
- Wildlife Viewing

Indian Lake State Forest

Fees	
Day Use	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ 10.00
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
7728- 8126 N.E. 58 th Ave. Silver Springs FL 34488	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Indian Lake State Forest is approximately 4,568 acres of gently rolling sandhills and pastures just north of historic Silver Springs in Marion County. The forest is named after Indian Lake, a deep sinkhole lake that drains into the aquifer. Indian Lake State Forest is just a few miles from the heart of Ocala. The forest is managed by the Florida Forest Service under the multiple-use management concept so as to restore, protect and manage ecosystem functions while allowing compatible public uses.

Activities:

- Bird Watching
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping (\$10 per night)
- Wildlife Viewing

Jennings State Forest

Fees	
Day Use	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ 9.09
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
Bootleggers: 1337 Long Horn Road Middleburg FL 32068 Hammock: 682 Wheeler Branch Road Middleburg FL 32068	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:
Jennings State Forest was purchased through Florida's Conservation and Recreation Lands (CARL), Preservation 2000, and Save Our Rivers programs in cooperation with the St. Johns River Water Management District. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service has management responsibility for Jennings State Forest.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping (Two sites: Bootleggers campground and Hammock campground)
- Wildlife Viewing

Lake George State Forest

Fees	
Day Use	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ 8.89
Reservation	\$ ----
Address	
5458 U.S. 17 De Leon Springs FL 32130	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Lake George State Forest holds four tracts of land primarily comprised of slash pine, longleaf pine, bottomland hardwoods, and interspersed cypress and bay depressions. In 1998, nearly half the acreage of Lake George State Forest was damaged during the Firestorm wildfires. Restoration efforts included harvesting salvage timber and reforestation with longleaf pine and slash pine.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping (site location: river road campground)
- Wildlife Viewing

Lake Talquin State Forest

Fees	
Day Use	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
Details on Next Page	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Lake Talquin State Forest is located just west of Tallahassee and is composed of 10 main tracts of land, along with several smaller tracts. Most of the forest adjoins the Ochlockonee River and Lake Talquin, the body of water that gives the forest its name.

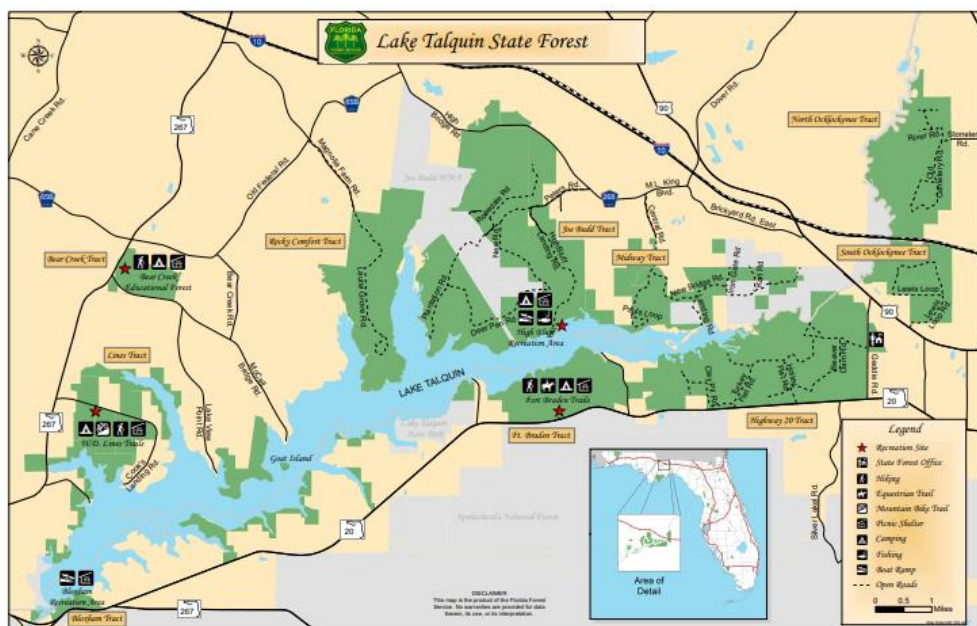
Lake Talquin hosts four primitive camping areas. Location and pricing rates are located on the following page.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Lake Talquin State Forest Campgrounds

Fees		
High Bluff	\$	9.13
Fort Braden	\$	8.89
Bear Creek	\$	18.26
Lines Group Camp	\$	18.26
Address		
High Bluff	2565 High Bluff Road Midway FL 32351	
Fort Braden	14188 Blountstown Highway Tallahassee FL 32310	
Bear Creek	8125 Pat Thomas Parkway (SR 267) Quincy FL 32351	
Lines Group Camp	730 Cooks Landing Road Quincy FL 32351	



Little Big Econ State Forest

Fees	
Day Use	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
1350 Snow Hill Road Geneva FL 32732	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The Little Big Econ State Forest is approximately 10,336 acres and was established on March 24, 1994, by the Florida Legislature. The forest's name comes from combining the names of the Little Econlockhatchee River and the larger Econlockhatchee River, which come together just south of the forest.

Activities:

- Bird Watching
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Group Camping (location: West Camp)
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping (East Camp and West Camp (\$8.93))
- Wildlife Viewing

Matanzas State Forest

Fees		
Day Use	\$	2.00
Camping	\$	9.05
Reservation	\$	-----
Address		
6840 US-1 St. Augustine FL 32086		
To Register or For More Information		
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General Information:
Matanzas State Forest was created from the Matanzas Marsh Northeast Florida Blueway Florida Forever Project. The forest protects the last remaining undisturbed salt marsh within the Guana-Tolomato-Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve. Since the initial acquisition was completed in 2003 from Rayonier (a timber company), additional parcels have been acquired. Among them is a 20-acre linkage to Moses Creek Conservation Area. Matanzas State Forest currently comprises 4,699 acres.

Activities:

- Bicycling
 - Bird Watching
 - Group Camping (\$17.86 per night)
 - Hiking
- Primitive Camping (site: Cedar Creek campground, \$9.05)
 - Wildlife Viewing

Seminole State Forest

Fees	
Day Use	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ varies (9.01-18.02)
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
41238 Royal Trails Road Eustis FL 32736	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Since 1990, Seminole State Forest has been managed by the Florida Forest Service, with the goal of protecting and maintaining the forest's native biological diversity while integrating public use of the resources. Multiple-use management promotes recreation, timber, wildlife, endangered species, environmental education and many other values that benefit Florida's citizens and visitors.

Activities:

- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Group Camping (\$18.02 per night)
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping (sites: Black Water, Bunk, Corral, Jumper, Moccasin, Shelter, Sulphur, and Oaks Camp)
- Wildlife Viewing

Tiger Bay State Forest

Fees	
Day Use	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ 8.89
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
4316 W. International Speedway Blvd. Daytona Beach FL 32124	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Tiger Bay State Forest consists of large areas of swamp with embedded pine islands and a large pine ridge area. The purchase of this forest began in 1977 under the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program, with additional acquisitions made in 1994 and 1998. Tiger Bay State Forest is located among several publicly owned lands that create wildlife corridors for species listed as endangered, threatened or of special concern. Roaming habitat is available for the Florida black bear as well as potential nesting and foraging area for the bald eagle.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Group Camping (\$17.78)
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping (\$8.89)
- Wildlife Viewing

Welaka State Forest

Fees	
Day Use	\$ 2.00
Camping	\$ 8.90
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
794 County Road 309 Welaka FL 32193	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Welaka State Forest is located along the east bank of the historic St. Johns River. In 1935, under the Federal Resettlement Administration, the United States government started the Welaka Forestry and Wildlife Conservation Project on a state of Florida fish hatchery site. The Welaka property was later transferred to the University of Florida as the “University of Florida Conservation Reserve, Welaka” for the study of forestry and wildlife. In 1992 the lease was transferred from the University of Florida to the Florida Forest Service to manage as a state forest.

Activities:

- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping (\$8.90; sites: Orange Point, John’s Landing)
- Wildlife Viewing

Where to go Camping: Florida National Forests



Ocala National Forest

Ocala National Forest offers a variety of camping opportunities for youth organizations. Group camping and dispersed camping (primitive) are both offered for large groups.

Group camping is available by reservation only.

Locations:

- Buck Lake Group Camp
- Doe Lake Recreation Area
- Lake Shore Group Campground
- Mill Dam Recreation Area

Dispersed Camping

Many people enjoy the solitude and primitive experience of dispersed camping - camping away from developed campgrounds and other campers with few services or facilities.

Locations:

- Alexander Springs Wilderness
- Billie Bay Wilderness
- Davenport Landing
 - Davenport Landing Trail
- Juniper Prairie Wilderness
- Little Lake George Wilderness
- St. Francis Trailhead

For more information on camping and usage in the Ocala National Forest scan the QR code below:



Osceola National Forest

Group camping in the Osceola National Forest includes locations that can be utilized during hunting season. Be prepared before making a reservation in one of the following areas to ensure that these sites are still open to the general public for use.

Locations:

- Big Camp Hunt Camp
- East Tower Hunt Camp
- Sandhill Hunt Camp
- The Group Landing
- West Tower Hunt Camp

Dispersed Camping

Locations:

- Big Camp Hunt Camp
- Big Gum Swamp Wilderness
- East Tower Hunt Camp
- Sandhill Hunt Camp
- Seventeen Mile Hunt Camp
- West Tower Hunt Camp
- Wiggins Hunt Camp

For more information on camping and usage in the Osceola National Forest scan the QR code below:



Where to go Camping: Local Areas



Blythe Island

Fees	
Admittance	\$ -----
Camping	\$ 19.00
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
6616 Blythe Island Hwy. Brunswick GA 31523	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Blythe Island Regional Park is a 1,100-acre public park developed and managed by Glynn County with the help of Georgia's Department of Natural Resources. Located just 5 minutes from Exit 29 on I-95 between Savannah and Jacksonville, the park is surrounded by attractions such as St. Simons Island, Sea Island, Jekyll Island, wonderful restaurants, great shopping, and award-winning golf courses.

Activities:

- Boating
- Fishing
- Horseback tours available (<https://www.threeoaksfarm.org/>)
- Primitive Camping (\$19.00, priced based on 4 people: \$3 per additional person)
- Swimming

Camp Chowenwaw Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ -----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ 2.00
Address	
1517 Ball Rd. Green Cove Springs FL 32043	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Camp Chowenwaw (Cho'-wen-waw), is a beautiful 150-acre recreation site on Black Creek, located in Green Cove Springs near its confluence with the St. Johns River. In 2006, Clay County purchased the camp from the Girl Scouts of the Gateway Council with assistance from Florida Communities Trust using Florida Forever funds. The camp is now managed to preserve its historical and natural resources while offering recreational opportunities.

Activities:

- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Swimming (fee charged if not staying overnight)

Canaveral National Seashore

Fees		
Admittance	\$	20.00
Camping	\$	20.00
Reservation	\$	----
Address		
S Washington Ave. Titusville FL 32796		
To Register or For More Information		
		

General Information:

Canaveral National Seashore contains nearly 58,000 acres of barrier island, open lagoon, coastal hammock, pine flatwoods, and offshore waters. With 24 miles of pristine beach, it is prime habitat for many threatened and endangered species providing nesting beaches for several thousand protected marine turtles. Two thirds of the park is in Mosquito Lagoon. The lagoon is designated an estuary of national significance and an outstanding Florida water-way. It is one of the most diverse and productive estuaries in North America. The national seashore also contains cultural resources that reflect human history in the Florida peninsula from 2000 BC to early 20th century Florida settlement.

Activities:

- **Permits required
- Backcountry camping
- Boating
- Fishing

Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park

Fees	
Admittance	\$ 5.00
Camping	\$ 18.00
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
500 Wonderwood Dr. Jacksonville FL 32233	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Hanna Park offers some of the most scenic and popular trails in Northeast Florida. More than 13 miles of off-road bike trails have something to offer to all skill levels, including more challenging bike trails characterized by lots of tight turns, short hills, and exposed roots. The park also offers four miles of scenic hiking trails that meander through maritime forest with majestic live oaks draped in Spanish moss that are enjoyed by both nature lovers and trail runners.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Canoeing
- Hiking
- Swimming

Princess Place Preserve

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
2500 Princess Place Road Palm Coast FL 32137	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

Princess Place Preserve, with its rich history and 1500 pristine acres, attracts nature enthusiasts from near and far. It provides a glimpse of old Florida. Visitors can take in its splendor while on one of the many hiking trails, fishing the salt marshes along the Matanzas River and Pellicer Creek, or camping out under the stars. The preserve is a popular spot for horse enthusiasts, with an equestrian campsite and plenty of trails that make it is easy to embrace nature while enjoying a ride. This beautiful 1,500-acre preserve is situated in the northern part of Flagler County

Activities:

- Bicycling
 - Bird Watching
 - Canoeing
 - Fishing
- Hiking
 - Paddling
 - Primitive Camping
 - Wildlife Viewing

Where to go Camping: St. Johns Water Management District



Bayard Conservation Area

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
649 County Road 226 Green Cove Springs FL 32043	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

This conservation area’s importance is magnified by its closeness to the St. Johns River and the Jacksonville metropolitan area. One of the special highlights of this property is its two campsites within area 1 in the northern section of the property. The Hammock campground is tucked back into the flatwoods with an ephemeral stream directly to the east of the camp site. The Riverside campsite is located directly along the St. Johns River with fantastic views of the cypress trees that flank the banks of the river. The Riverside campsite and the trail leading to it can be wet due to seasonal flooding.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Black Creek Ravines of St. Johns River WMD

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
5640 Green Road Middleburg FL 32068	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The property’s most distinctive characteristics are the seepage slopes and steep ravines that result from a series of naturally eroding seepage streams. These sensitive ecosystems support a wide variety of native aquatic and wetland-dependent species. The property exhibits a diversity of natural communities, some classified as being imperiled in Florida because of their rarity and vulnerability to natural or man-made factors. Bicycles are not allowed on Black Creek Ravines because of the sensitive nature of the property.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Crescent Lake Conservation Area of St Johns River WMD

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
616 Raulerson Road 1 Seville FL 32190	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The Crescent Lake Conservation Area serves as a buffer for Crescent Lake, protecting 75 percent of the lake’s floodplain as well as providing water storage. Adjacent to Haw Creek Preserve and Haw Creek Preserve State Park, the property protects wetlands and water quality for approximately 2 miles along Haw Creek. One of the special highlights of this property is the more than 4 miles of quiet, shaded trails offering opportunities to view nice open vistas of the upland pine forests and hardwood swamps across the property.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Dunns Creek Wildlife Management Area of St Johns

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
Tram Road San Mateo FL 32187	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The large floodplain areas along Dunns Creek on this 3,156-acre property provide water storage. The district bought this property in 1992 with Preservation 2000 funding to protect water resources and provide upland buffering of Dunns Creek, a tributary to the St. Johns River. The majority of the area is floodplain swamp and hydric hammock, which protects about five miles of shoreline on Dunns Creek. Pine flatwoods and upland mixed forests with small strand swamps and dome swamps are interspersed. This property is adjacent to the 6,302-acre Dunns Creek State Park, which was named for John Dunn, an attorney and coffee planter who received a grant in 1765 that allowed him to farm an area between the two lakes in Putnam County, as noted on the Florida State Parks website.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Heart Island Conservation Area of St Johns River WMD

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
6777 Lake Winona Road De Leon Springs FL 32130	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The district acquired this property in 1994 with Preservation 2000 funds to protect water resources. Prior to the district’s purchase, the property had undergone extensive clear-cutting for its timber resources. The district has focused on planting longleaf pine to restore the area’s native plant community. This conservation area is part of the 39,642-acre Lake George Wildlife Management Area. Hunting on the property is managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. One of the special highlights of this property is its more than 5 miles of trails, perfect for hiking, biking or horseback riding.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Lake George Barrs Hammock Campsite

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
1 Barrs Road Seville FL 32190	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The Lake George Conservation Area protects more than half of the eastern shore of Lake George and its associated watershed that flows into the lake. Adjacent to property purchased in partnership with Volusia County, the conservation area also protects a wildlife corridor of more than 20 miles along Lake George and the St. Johns River. The property is primarily composed of mixed hardwood swamp and pine flatwoods and is included in the wildlife management area managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, enhancing wetlands and upland habitats. One of the special highlights of this property is its high concentration of eagles’ nests. This site does not have restroom facilities, so please go prepared.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Lake George Jumping Gully Campsite

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
359 S. Georgetown Point Rd Georgetown FL 32139	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The Lake George Conservation Area protects more than half of the eastern shore of Lake George and its associated watershed that flows into the lake. Adjacent to property purchased in partnership with Volusia County, the conservation area also protects a wildlife corridor of more than 20 miles along Lake George and the St. Johns River. The property is primarily composed of mixed hardwood swamp and pine flatwoods and is included in the wildlife management area managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, enhancing wetlands and upland habitats. One of the special highlights of this property is its high concentration of eagles’ nests.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Lake George Pine Island Campsite

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
845 Lake George Road Seville FL 32190	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The Lake George Conservation Area protects more than half of the eastern shore of Lake George and its associated watershed that flows into the lake. Adjacent to property purchased in partnership with Volusia County, the conservation area also protects a wildlife corridor of more than 20 miles along Lake George and the St. Johns River. The property is primarily composed of mixed hardwood swamp and pine flatwoods and is included in the wildlife management area managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, enhancing wetlands and upland habitats. One of the special highlights of this property is its high concentration of eagles’ nests.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Longleaf Flatwoods Reserve of St Johns River WMD

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ varies
Reservation	\$ -----
Address	
8980 S. County Road 325 Hawthorne FL 32640	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The property is a diverse area of intact natural communities. The uplands are comprised mainly of wet and mesic flatwoods and sandhill. Several small wetlands drain to the southwest into a larger basin swamp, which drains to the River Styx, then drains to Orange Lake. The St. Johns River Water Management District and Alachua County cooperatively purchased the property to aid protection of the Orange Creek and Ocklawaha River basins and to acquire and improve environmentally sensitive lands to protect drinking water sources, water quality and wildlife habitat as a part of the Alachua Forever program. One of the special highlights of this property is the variety of upland and wetland ecosystems that can be viewed from the trail systems.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Moses Creek Conservation Area

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ varies
Address	
1300 Florida 206 St. Augustine FL 32086	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The Moses Creek Conservation Area preserves one of the few remaining undeveloped tidal creeks — Moses Creek, a tributary to the Matanzas River — in the north Florida region. The tidal marshes here served as an important resource to Native Americans who occupied the area thousands of years ago. The district purchased this land, which surrounds Moses Creek, to protect important water resources and ecological functions, as well as to protect wildlife habitat. Eight natural communities — scrub, sandhill, upland mixed forest, freshwater tidal swamp, mesic flatwood, depression marsh, dome swamp and estuarine tidal marsh — can be found on the land. The diverse vegetative communities provide habitat for a variety of wildlife.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Bird Watching
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Paddling
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Murphy Island Conservation Area of St. Johns River WMD

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ 0.00
Address	
136 East Buffalo Bluff Road Satsuma FL 32189	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The Murphy Creek Conservation Area is predominantly hardwood swamps associated with Murphy Creek and the St. Johns River, with the limited uplands containing sandhill, flatwoods and hardwood hammock. The Murphy Creek and Murphy Island parcels that make up this conservation area protect the water resources of both the St. Johns River and Murphy Creek. The island portion contains one of the few upland areas along the St. Johns River, providing visitors an opportunity for a spectacular view of the river.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Canoeing
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Newnans Lake North Tract of St. Johns River WMD

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ 0.00
Address	
MRW4+8H Gainesville FL 32609	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

This property is part of a large group of publicly owned conservation lands within the Orange Creek Basin. These conservation lands include Austin Cary Memorial State Forest, Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, Lochloosa Wildlife Conservation Area, Orange Creek Restoration Area, and several natural areas owned by the city of Gainesville. All of these areas protect extensive, diverse upland and wetland natural communities and provide important wildlife corridors. This area encompasses nearly 2 miles of Newnans Lake shoreline and parts of its two major tributaries — Hatchet Creek and Little Hatchet Creek — protecting a large area of floodplain wetlands.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Canoeing
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Orange Creek North Restoration Area of St. Johns River WMD

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ 0.00
Address	
5290 East Highway 318 Citra FL 32113	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

The Orange Creek Restoration Area is within the Orange Creek Basin, an area that has been hydrologically altered, with varying impacts to the water and natural resources since the beginning of the 20th century. From the 1940s until the St. Johns River Water Management District purchased it in 1998, the land had been used for farming. One of the special highlights of this property is the marsh edge trails. The abundance as well as diversity of wading birds is remarkable. The trail systems are very popular with equestrian users for their shady canopy and resemblance to “Olde Florida.”

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Sunnyhill Restoration Area of St. Johns River WMD

Fees	
Admittance	\$ ----
Camping	\$ 0.00
Address	
Southeast 182 nd Ave. Road Umatilla FL 32784	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:

This restoration area was purchased to restore wetland functions on more than 2,800 acres of the historic Ocklawaha River floodplain. In 2008, the St. Johns River Water Management District completed several water control structures and levee projects to allow better long-term management of water levels on the property, which also improves water quality, provides limited flood storage and improves wildlife habitat. The property features picnic and primitive camping sites, boat launches and an observation platform. Visitors may also enjoy about 20 miles of trails that traverse multiuse trails throughout the two tracts that make up this property.

Activities:

- Bicycling
- Boat launch
- Fishing (on bank only)
- Hiking
- Primitive Camping
- Wildlife Viewing

Where to go Camping: Special Recommendations



Cumberland Island National Seashore

Fees		
Ferry (16+)	\$	34.00
(6-15)	\$	24.00
Camping	\$	varies (\$9.00-40.00 per night)
Entrance Fee (16+)	\$	10.00
Address		
113 St. Marys Street W. St. Marys GA 31558		
To Register or For More Information		
		

General Information:

St Marys is the gateway to Cumberland Island, Georgia's largest and southernmost barrier island. Here pristine maritime forests, undeveloped beaches and wide marshes whisper the stories of both man and nature. Natives, missionaries, enslaved African Americans and Wealthy Industrialists all walked here. Cumberland Island is also home to over 9,800 acres of Congressionally designated Wilderness. Fees as of July 1st, 2022 are all paid online. If your unit plans on staying overnight on Cumberland Island, a unit leader must have a camping permit for the trip.

Activities:

- Beachcombing
- Bird Watching
- Bicycling
- Hiking

USS Alabama

Fees		
Per Person	\$	20.00
Minimum charge	\$	300.00
Deposit	\$	100.00
Address		
2703 Battleship Parkway Mobile AL 36602		
To Register or For More Information		
		

General Information:

Our Overnight Adventures are quite an adventure! Step back in history as you explore the decks of the USS ALABAMA and learn about the men who served aboard this mighty battleship. Sleep in the bunks that real sailors slept in during WWII. Experience what one calm night aboard the ship would have felt like for these sailors during your overnight stay with us. For updated berthing policy, please see our information under berthing.

Activities/Additional Information:

- Each Unit is responsible for their own food
- Self-Guided tour of USS ALABAMA, USS DRUM, and Aircraft Pavilion

USS Yorktown

Fees	
Admittance	\$ -----
Overnight Fee	\$ varies (\$85-145)
Deposit	\$ 500.00
Address	
1517 Ball Rd. Mt. Pleasant SC 29464	
To Register or For More Information	
	

General Information:
Become a United States sailor aboard by participating in Operation Overnight aboard the historic USS Yorktown on Charleston Harbor. You'll walk among some of our military's most notable airplanes and ships during your adventure while learning what life was like for Navy sailors. You'll sleep in traditional Navy berthing compartments and eat meals in one of the ship's many galleys. While aboard, you'll hear stories of heroism and experience the WWII aircraft carrier like no other as you go behind the scenes to Live Like a Sailor.

Activities:

- Admission to the museum to tour the USS YORKTOWN, USS LAFHEY, Vietnam Experience, and Medal of Honor Museum
- Interactive and educational "Life Like a Sailor" program
- Operation Overnight
- Scavenger Hunt

Summer Camp Options

Listed below are summer camps recently visited by units in the North Florida Council during the summer 2022 season.

Barton
Bert Adams
Black Creek
Bowers
Boxwell
Buck Tom's
Camp Ho Non Wah
Daniel Boone
Davy Crockett
Frank G. Lumpkin
La No Che
Old Indian
Otari
Powhatan
Rainey Mountain
Raven Knob
Skymont
Thunder
Woodruff

High Adventure Bases



Florida Sea Base

Fees	
	Varies by program -----
Address	
73800 Overseas Highway Islamorada FL 33036	
To Register or For More Information	
	

Programs Offered:

Bahamas Adventure
Brinton Environmental Center
Order of the Arrow Ocean Adventure
Sailing Adventure
Scuba Adventure
St. Croix Adventure
St. Croix Scuba Adventure
St. Thomas Adventure
St. Thomas STEM ECO sailing

Trainings Offered:

- Divemaster Academy
- Instructor Development Course

Northern Tier High Adventure Base

Fees	
	Varies by program -----
Address	
14790 Moose Lake Road Ely Minnesota 55731	
To Register or For More Information	
	

Programs Offered:

Summer Canoe Treks
Winter Adventures
Autumn Canoe Treks
Okpik Program

Locations:

- Atikokan, Ontario
- Ely, Minnesota
- Bissett, Manitoba

Trainings Offered:

- Leave No Trace Master Educator
- Wilderness First Aid Training
- Wilderness First Responder Training
- Adult Canoe Trips

Philmont Scout Ranch

Fees	
	Varies by program -----
Address	
17 Deer Run Road Cimmaron NM 87714	
To Register or For More Information	
	

Programs Offered:

Traditional Trek (7,9, or 12 day)
Cavalcade
Order of the Arrow Trail Cre Trek
Trail Crew Trek
Ranch Hands Trek
Rayado Trek
Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS) Trek
STEM Trek

Additional Opportunities:

- Autumn Adventure
- Winter Adventure

Philmont Scout Ranch - Philmont Training Center

Fees	
	Varies by program -----
Address	
17 Deer Run Road Cimmaron NM 87714	
To Register or For More Information	
	

Programs Offered:

BSA Family Adventure Camp
Conferences
National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience
Philmont Leadership Challenge
Fly Fishing Invitational
LNT Master Educator Course

Summit Bechtel Reserve

Fees	
	Varies by program -----
Address	
2550 Jack Furst Dr Glen Jean WV 25846	
To Register or For More Information	
	

Programs Offered:

New River Experience
Summit Experience
Bikepacking Experience
Polaris ATV Experience
The Marksman Experience
Pack N’ Paddle Experience

Training Opportunities:

- National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience
- NYLT Leadership Academy
- LNT Master Educator Course