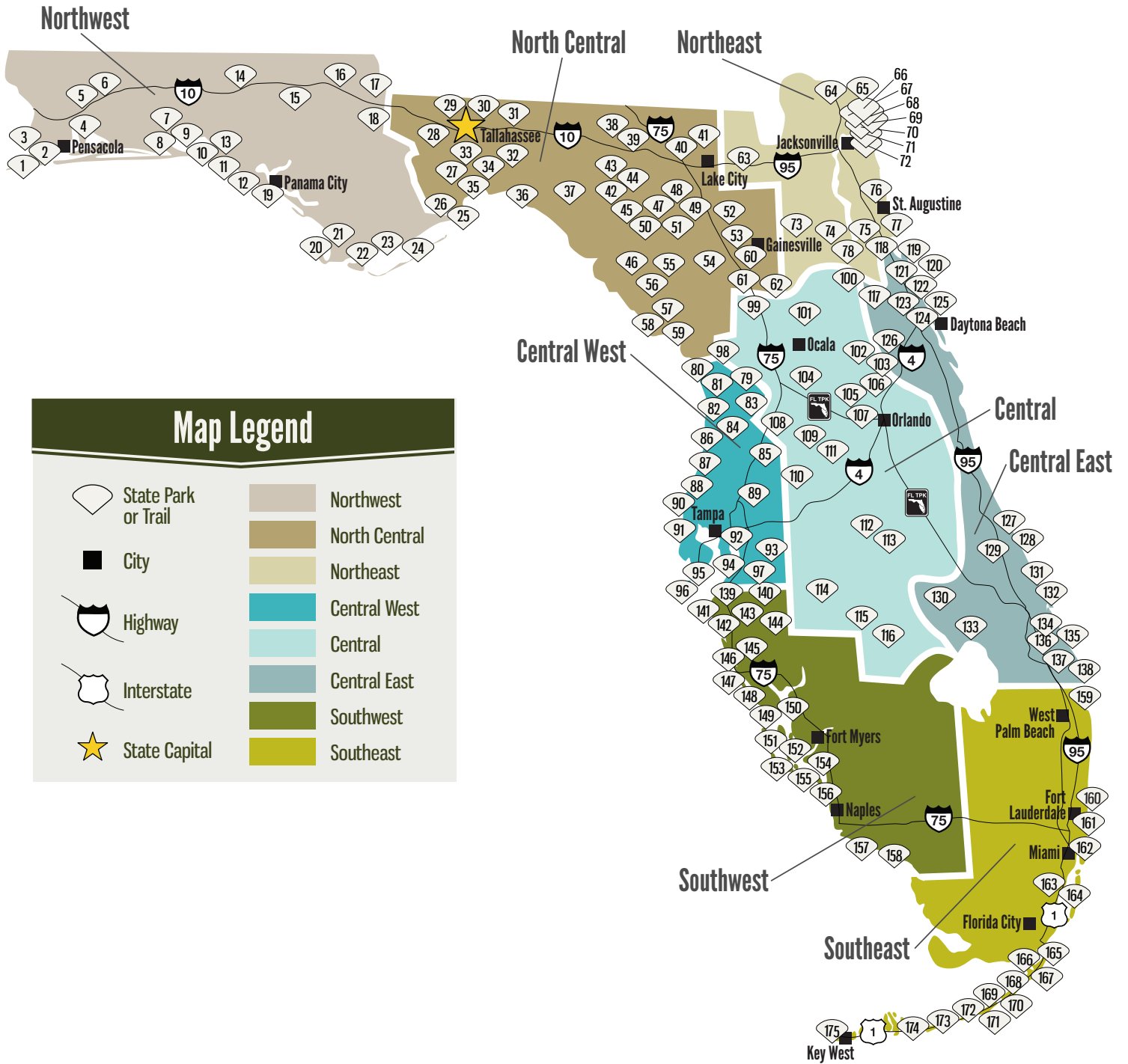




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EXPERIENCES & AMENITIES KEY

 Beach	 Camping Tent/RV	 Museum
 Bicycling	 Primitive Group Camping	 Picnic Area
 Birding	 Primitive Camping	 Playground
 Boating	 Canoe/Kayak Launch	 Scuba Diving
 Boat Ramp	 Paddling	 Shelling
 Boat Tours	 Concession or Restaurant	 Showers
 Cabins/Lodging	 Fishing	 Snorkeling
 Campfire Circle	 Hiking	 Swimming
 Boat Camping	 Historic Site	 Tubing
 Developed Group Camping	 Equestrian Trail	 Visitor Center
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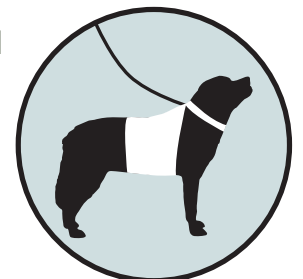
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PETS IN PARKS



Several parks have specific rules regarding pet-friendly areas.

For specific information and rules, please speak to a park ranger and ask for a Pet Brochure or visit FloridaStateParks.org/PetPolicy so you and your pet can safely enjoy ...the Real Florida.

AROUND THE PARK

Some areas where pets are not allowed include:



Buildings



Beaches



Food Service Areas



Playgrounds



Swimming Areas



Restroom Facilities

IN THE CAMPGROUND

Please check specific park and campground rules before bringing your pet with you to sleep under the stars.

- Pets must be on a leash when outside of a camping unit
- Pets must be confined inside the owner's camping unit during quiet hours, 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Do not leave pet food outside overnight

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS



FAMILY

Florida's state parks offer more than 50 campgrounds statewide for tents, campers and RVs.

GROUP, PRIMITIVE AND EQUESTRIAN

Many parks offer areas for youth and group camping. Backpackers may wish to hike to secluded areas for primitive camping. Call the park to discuss availability, facilities, rules and fees.

CABINS

From rustic to modern, state park cabins provide overnight accommodations in a variety of settings—near beaches or peaceful wooded communities. Cabin styles vary from park to park.

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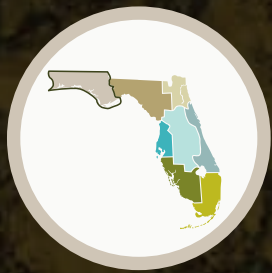
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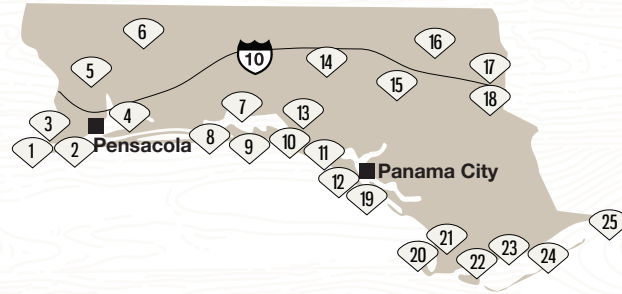
For up to eight people in a group; only allows up to two people at Homosassa Springs and Weeki Wachee Springs.

- Use in lieu of the daily entrance fee
- Honored at all state parks*
- Purchase for the family or for yourself

** Except for Skyway Fishing Pier State Park, where they are valid for a 33 percent discount. See FloridaStateParks.org for details.*



NORTHWEST REGION



1 Perdido Key State Park



Located on Perdido Key, the park covers 290 acres of white sand beaches and rolling dunes covered with sea oats. Surf fishing is a popular activity, along with late-summer crabbing. Birders will be pleased to see the species of herons, plovers and gulls which can be spotted at the park year-round. Two parking areas, Perdido Key East and West both offer restroom facilities, outdoor showers and water fountains.

Park Location:
15301 Perdido Key Dr.
Pensacola, FL 32507



2 Big Lagoon State Park



This coastal park sits on the northern shoreline of its namesake, Big Lagoon, which separates the mainland from Perdido Key and the Gulf of Mexico. Enjoy birding, especially during the spring and fall migrations. The park beckons visitors with opportunities for camping, swimming, fishing, boating, kayaking, paddleboarding, canoeing and hiking.

Park Location:
12301 Gulf Beach Hwy.
Pensacola, FL 32507



3 Tarkiln Bayou Preserve State Park



The preserve is home to many rare and endangered plant species. One is the carnivorous white-top pitcher plant, which is unique to the Gulf Coast and found only between the Apalachicola and Mississippi rivers. Almost 100 other rare plants and animals depend on the wet prairie habitat for survival. An accessible boardwalk offers visitors a view of the wild and beautiful Tarkiln Bayou. A covered pavilion is available.

Park Location:
2401 Bauer Rd.
Pensacola, FL 32507



4 Yellow River Marsh Preserve State Park



This preserve protects one of Florida's last remaining tracts of wet prairie, including the largest community of pitcher plants in the state. Along with nearly 20 other rare and endangered plants and animals, carnivorous plants flourish here. A small parking area and public access point is located on Dickerson City Road.

Park Location:
Dickerson City Rd.
at Garcon Point Rd. (CR-191)
Milton, FL 32583



5 Blackwater Heritage State Trail



This rail-trail extends eight miles from Milton to the junction of the Whiting Field Naval Air Station's Military Heritage. The trail passes through pine woods, a cypress/bay swamp and several areas with white-topped pitcher plants. This asphalt paved trail welcomes non-motorized users for walking, running, skating, cycling, horseback riding, geocaching, birding and photography.

Park Location:
5533 Alabama St.
Milton, FL 32570



6 Blackwater River State Park



The Blackwater River is well known as one of the purest sand-bottom rivers in the nation. The large sugar white sand bars and tea colored water are popular for swimming, paddling and fishing. Shaded campsites are a short walk from the river. Nature enthusiasts will enjoy strolling along the nature trails. Picnic facilities are available overlooking the river.

Park Location:
7720 Deaton Bridge Rd.
Holt, FL 32564



7 Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park



This 257-acre park features a double-lane boat ramp for launching boats on the bayou, where saltwater fish such as redfish, speckled trout and flounder are plentiful. The park's three trails are excellent for birding, bicycling, picnicking and wildlife viewing. The picnic area and campground are located along the scenic shoreline of Rocky Bayou. Pioneer Day is held every year in November.

Park Location:
4281 E Hwy. 20
Niceville, FL 32578

8 Henderson Beach State Park



White sugar sand beaches and more than 6,000 feet of scenic shoreline border the emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Boardwalks provide access to the beach for swimming, sunbathing and surf fishing, while protecting the fragile coastal dunes. Campground amenities include a separate boardwalk to the beach where campers can enjoy stunning sunset views. Located in Destin on US 98.

Park Location:
17000 Emerald Coast Pkwy.
Destin, FL 32541



9 Topsail Hill Preserve State Park



This park is known for the majestic white sand dunes separating 3.2 miles of pristine Gulf of Mexico beach from five coastal dune lakes. A beach tram transports day and overnight visitors to and from the beach. The camp store offers camping goods and souvenirs along with equipment rentals. Visitors may enjoy hiking and biking along the 15 miles of trails and kayaking and paddleboarding on the Gulf and Campbell Lake.

Park Location:
7525 W Scenic Hwy. 30A
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

10 Grayton Beach State Park



Grayton Beach is ranked among the most beautiful beaches in the nation. Activities found here include swimming in the gulf and relaxing on the beach. Additionally, visitors to the park enjoy paddling the Western Lake or walking the nature trail. Hiking and biking opportunities can be found on four miles of trails. Choose from modern cabins or a campground for an overnight visit to the park.

Park Location:
357 Main Park Rd.
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459



11 Deer Lake State Park



This park shares its name with the coastal dune lake within its boundaries. Rare plants such as gulf coast lupine, spoonflower, pitcher plants and Curtis' sand grass, one of the largest populations in Florida, are found in the park. Visitors may see splashes of color from summer wildflowers or some of the birds and butterflies. A boardwalk across the dunes offers easy access to the beach.

Park Location:
6350 E Scenic Hwy. 30A
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

12 Camp Helen State Park



The park is bordered by the Gulf of Mexico and Lake Powell, one of the largest rare coastal dune lakes in Florida. From 1945 to 1987, Camp Helen was a resort for employees of an Alabama textile mill. Natural areas range from coastal dunes and salt marshes along the Gulf to freshwater wetlands and sand pine scrub along the lake. The lodge can be rented for special events.

Park Location:
23937 Panama City Beach Pkwy.
Panama City Beach, FL 32413



13 Eden Gardens State Park



The focal point of this park is a beautiful, two-story house with elegant white columns and a wraparound porch, surrounded by live oaks and ornamental gardens. In 1963, Lois Maxon bought and renovated the home, creating a showplace for her family heirlooms and antiques. Guided tours of the house are available Thursday through Monday. The Christmas Candlelight Tour is held every year in December.

Park Location:
181 Eden Gardens Rd.
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459

14 Ponce de Leon Springs State Park



This beautiful spring is named for Juan Ponce de Leon, who led the first Spanish expedition to Florida in 1513 in search of the "fountain of youth." Visitors might well regain their youthful spirit by taking a dip in the cool, clear waters of Ponce de Leon Springs where the temperature remains a constant 68° F throughout the year. The park also has two self-guided nature trails.

Park Location:
2860 State Park Rd.
Ponce de Leon Springs, FL 32455

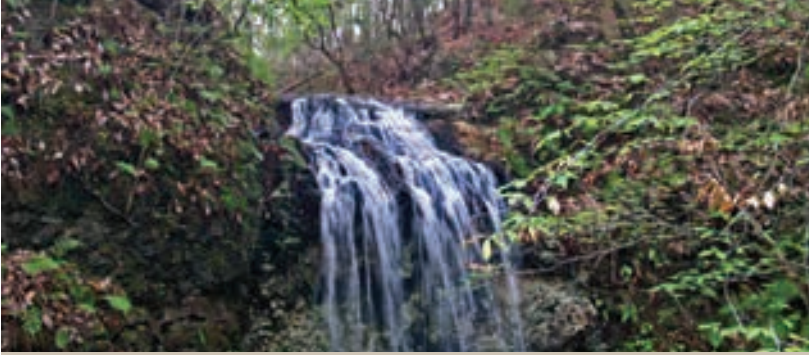


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15 Falling Waters State Park



One of Florida's hidden treasures, a 73-foot waterfall, awaits park visitors. Fern covered sinkholes line a boardwalk, which leads visitors to Florida's highest waterfall. Visitors can enjoy the butterfly garden, take a dip in the lake or have a family picnic. Pine Ridge Campground, the highest elevated campground in Florida, is nestled in a shady pine forest which provides the perfect excuse for an overnight stay.

Park Location:
1130 State Park Rd.
Chipley, FL 32428

16 Florida Caverns State Park



Developed in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), this park offers the only public cave tours in Florida featuring amazing formations of limestone. Guided cave tours are offered year-round except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. Enjoy a snack, shop for souvenirs and rent a canoe/kayak at the gift shop. Other park amenities include hiking trails and picnic facilities. The Caverns Cultural Celebration is held every year in October.

Park Location:
3345 Caverns Rd.
Marianna, FL 32446



17 Three Rivers State Park



The Chattahoochee and Flint rivers converge here to form Lake Seminole, in turn forming the headwaters of the Apalachicola River. While hiking, visitors might catch sight of fox squirrels, white tailed deer or many species of native and migratory birds. A shady picnic area overlooking the lake is available. Overnight visitors can stay in a campground next to the lake or enjoy the comforts of a modern cabin.

Park Location:
7908 Three Rivers Park Rd.
Sneads, FL 32460

18 Torreya State Park



High bluffs overlooking the Apalachicola River make Torreya one of Florida's most scenic places and a popular place for hiking. More than 100 species of birds have been spotted in the park. For overnight accommodations, visitors can enjoy the campground, a Cracker Cabin, a yurt, three primitive backpack sites or two group camps. The Candlelight Tour of the Gregory House is held every year in February.

Park Location:
2576 NW Torreya Park Rd.
Bristol, FL 32321



23 John Gorrie Museum State Park

24 Dr. Julian G. Bruce St. George Island State Park



A young physician named John Gorrie moved to Apalachicola in the early 1800s and became an active member of the community. Gorrie is known for inventing an ice-machine which received the first U.S. Patent for mechanical refrigeration in 1851. A replica of his machine is on display at the museum, as well as exhibits chronicling the history of the Florida Park Service.

Park Location:
46 6th St.
Apalachicola, FL 32320



Nine miles of unspoiled beaches provide the perfect setting for sunbathing, swimming and stargazing. Fishing opportunities abound off the beach or in Apalachicola Bay. The park has six large picnic shelters equipped with grills, tables and nearby restrooms. Camping opportunities at the park include two primitive campsites, a 60 site campground and a group camp.

Park Location:
1900 E Gulf Beach Dr.
St. George Island, FL 32328



25 Bald Point State Park

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Birding and wildlife viewing are popular at this park, located on Alligator Point where the Ochlockonee and Apalachee bays meet. Every Fall, bald eagles, other raptors and monarch butterflies are commonly sighted as they migrate south. Two beaches provide access for sunbathing and fishing. Other activities include canoeing, kayaking, windsurfing and hiking. A fishing pier and picnic facilities are available.

Park Location:
146 Box Cut Rd.
Alligator Point, FL 32346



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28 Lake Talquin State Park



The tall, tree-lined bluffs overlooking Lake Talquin offer a stunning view. The park is located in Leon County along the south central side of a reservoir. From the fishing dock, anglers catch largemouth bass, catfish and a variety of small fish. Visitors can enjoy nature walks, picnicking and canoeing. Nature lovers may also find wild turkeys, bald eagles, osprey and deer.

Park Location:
14850 Jack Vause Landing Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32310



29 Lake Jackson Mounds Archaeological State Park



More than eight centuries ago, Native Americans inhabited the area around Lake Jackson. The park site was part of what is now known as the Southeastern Ceremonial Complex. The site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Hikes take visitors to the tops of the mounds, past remnants of a grist mill and through an old pecan plantation.

Park Location:
3600 Indian Mounds Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32303



30 Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park



Alfred B. and Louise Maclay planted this ornamental garden in 1923. A masterpiece of floral architecture, the gardens feature a picturesque brick walkway and hundreds of camellias and azaleas. Visitors can enjoy five miles of multi-use trails surrounding Lake Overstreet. Visiting the gardens and the Maclay House (open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. during the blooming season) requires a special fee. The Tour of Gardens is held every year in May.

Park Location:
3540 Thomasville Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32309



31 Letchworth-Love Mounds Archaeological State Park



Visitors to this archaeological site will see Florida's tallest Native American earthen temple mound. Built between 1,200 and 1,800 years ago, the builders are believed to have been members of the Weeden Island Culture, a group of Native Americans who lived in North Florida. The park offers picnicking, birding and hiking. Interpretive exhibits and views of additional mounds available.

Park Location:
4500 Sunray Rd. S
Tallahassee, FL 32309



32 St. Marks River Preserve State Park



Protecting the headwaters of the St. Marks River, this park offers an opportunity to immerse yourself in nature. A network of dirt trails in the park takes visitors through upland pine forests, creeks, river swamps and other natural plant communities. Black bear and deer tracks crisscross the park roads. This is a pack it in, pack it out park. Facilities and potable water are not available.

Park Location:
11950 Tram Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32311

33 Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail



The Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail runs 16 miles from Florida's capital city, through Woodville and Wakulla, to the coastal town of St. Marks. The paved trail provides an excellent workout for bicyclists, walkers and skaters. The Wakulla Station Trailhead features a barrier-free Boundless Playground®. The trail also offers opportunities for horseback riding.

Park Location:
1358 Old Woodville Rd.
Crawfordville, FL 32327



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34 Natural Bridge Battlefield Historic State Park



Natural Bridge is the site of the second largest Civil War battle in Florida. During the final weeks of the Civil War, Union troops were repelled by Confederate volunteers where the St. Marks River flows underground. The park also offers fishing, picnicking and wildlife viewing. A reenactment of the battle is held during the first full weekend each March.

Park Location:
7502 Natural Bridge Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32305

35 San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park



Many colorful flags welcome visitors to the park and illustrate the rich history of the site. This outpost saw the Native Americans, explorers, colonists, farmers, soldiers and more surprises through its years. A must see large-screen video presentation explains the history of this National Historic Landmark. Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday through Monday, except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Park Location:
148 Old Fort Rd.
St. Marks, FL 32355



36 Econfina River State Park



The Econfina River meanders through the low coastal natural communities of the Big Bend Region. Nature lovers can explore the scenic beauty by foot, bicycle or horseback on miles of wooded trails, or drift along the river in a canoe/kayak or boat. The Econfina River empties into the Gulf of Mexico south of the park's boat ramp offering great fishing.

Park Location:
4741 Econfina River Rd.
Lamont, FL 32336

37 Forest Capital Museum State Park



The museum celebrates the heritage of Florida's forest industry dating back to the early 1800s. The longleaf pines on the grounds provide a majestic canopy and enjoyable trail. Ranger-led tours are available during special events and upon request. Three picnic pavilions which seat up to 60 people are available. Open Thursday through Monday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Park Location:
204 Forest Park Dr.
Perry, FL 32348



38 Madison Blue Spring State Park



Located in one of Florida's more recently opened state parks, this crystal clear first-magnitude spring is a popular spot for swimming. About 82 feet wide and 25 feet deep, the spring bubbles up into a limestone basin along the west bank of the Withlacoochee River. Scenic woodlands of mixed hardwoods and pines create a picturesque setting for picnicking, paddling and wildlife viewing.

Park Location:
8300 NE SR 6
Lee, FL 32059

39 Suwannee River State Park



A high bluff overlooks the Withlacoochee River joining the Suwannee River on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. Discover earthworks built during the Civil War to protect the railroad bridge against incursions by Union Navy gunboats. Hike to Columbus Cemetery, one of the state's oldest cemeteries. Five trails loop through woodlands and provide panoramic views of the rivers. Full facility campground and five vacation cabins available.

Park Location:
3631 201st Path
Live Oak, FL 32060



40 Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park

41 Big Shoals State Park



This park is dedicated to the preservation of Florida's cultural heritage and honors composer Stephen Foster who wrote "Old Folks at Home." The museum features dioramas of Foster's songs and the 97-bell Carillon Tower plays his music. The gift shop offers refreshments and local art. Visitors can paddle, hike and bike along the park's trails. The Florida Folk Festival is held every year on Memorial Day weekend.

Park Location:
11016 Lillian Saunders Dr.
White Springs, FL 32096

Limestone bluffs, towering 80 feet above the banks of the Suwannee River, afford outstanding vistas at this park. When the river is between 59 and 61 feet above sea level, the Big Shoals rapids earn a Class III White Water classification. There are 28 miles of trails for hiking, biking, horseback riding and wildlife viewing. A picnic pavilion which seats up to 40 people is at the Little Shoals entrance, located downstream.

Park Location:
11330 SE County Rd. 135
White Springs, FL 32096



42 Lafayette Blue Springs State Park

43 Suwannee River Wilderness Trail



Take a dip in this first-magnitude spring and walk across the natural limestone bridge which crosses the spring run. The picnic area has tables, grills and two pavilions popular for family reunions. Walk-in tent camping is available on a first-come-first-served basis in the tent-only campground which also serves as a stop on the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail. Cabins are also available.

Park Location:
799 NW Blue Springs Rd.
Mayo, FL 32066

Paddle more than 200 miles of the historic and scenic Suwannee River along the Suwannee River Wilderness Trail. Partnerships between state, county and private entities make exploring easy, with convenient rest stops and overnight accommodations such as screened sleeping platforms, camping or cabins. Hubs provide opportunities to rent canoes/kayaks, restock supplies and other amenities.

Park Location:
4298 NW CR 292
Mayo, FL 32066



44 Wes Skiles Peacock Springs State Park



This park has two major springs, a spring run, six sinkholes and features one of the longest underwater cave systems in the United States. A nature trail traces the twisting caves and tunnels below your feet and the forest canopy above. Swimming is available in Peacock Springs and Orange Grove Sink. Grills and a pavilion are available for picnicking. Only divers with proof of scuba cave certification are allowed to explore the underwater caverns.

Park Location:
18081 185th Rd.
Live Oak, FL 32060

45 Troy Spring State Park



Located on the Suwannee River, this 80-acre park is a hidden gem. The 70-foot deep, first-magnitude spring offers swimming, snorkeling and open-water scuba diving. The spring run holds the remains of the Civil War-era steamship *Madison*, scuttled in the 1860s to keep it from being captured.

Park Location:
674 NE Troy Spring Rd.
Branford, FL 32008



46 Nature Coast State Trail



The 32-mile long paved trail connects Cross City, Trenton, Fanning Springs and Chiefland for bicyclists, hikers and equestrians. A historic train trestle crosses the Suwannee River. Trail users can take advantage of the cool springs at nearby Fanning Springs State Park or watch for wildlife at Andrews Wildlife Management Area. The trail runs adjacent to US 19 through Dixie, Levy and Gilchrist counties.

Park Location:
17441 NW Old Fanning Rd.
Fanning Springs, FL 32693

47 Ichetucknee Springs State Park



The crystal waters of the Ichetucknee River flow six miles through shaded hammocks and wetlands before they join the Santa Fe River. Enjoy tubing, paddling, snorkeling, scuba diving, swimming, hiking, wildlife viewing and a picnic area. A concession offers refreshments and outdoor products. Canoe/kayak and paddleboard rentals are provided at the North Entrance. Tubes, snorkeling and diving equipment can be rented nearby.

Park Location:
12087 SW US Hwy. 27
Fort White, FL 32038



53 Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park

54 Dudley Farm Historic State Park



This National Natural Landmark has been admired by curious visitors since the 1880s. A half-mile trail follows the rim and 232 steps descend through a miniature rainforest to the bottom of the sinkhole. Researchers have learned about Florida's natural history by studying the fossilized remains of extinct animals found in the sink. Open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Ranger-led walks available Saturdays at 10 a.m.

On the National Register of Historic Places, experience Florida farming from the 1850s to the 1940s through three generations of the Dudley family. Featuring an authentic working farm with 18 buildings, including the farmhouse and general store. Self-guided tours are available 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Group tour reservations should be made no later than one month in advance. The Plow Days event is held every year in February.

Park Location:
4732 Millhopper Rd.
Gainesville, FL 32653

Park Location:
18730 W Newberry Rd.
Newberry, FL 32669



55 Fanning Springs State Park

56 Manatee Springs State Park



Located on the Suwannee River, this inviting spring has attracted people for thousands of years and is excellent for swimming and snorkeling. Manatees sometimes visit the spring during the Winter. Enjoy the picnic area, playground or sandy volleyball court. Canoe/kayak rentals are available, along with five cabins and primitive camping sites.

This first-magnitude spring produces an average of 100 million gallons of water daily. In Winter, manatees may be observed. A boardwalk follows the spring run as it meanders through hardwood wetlands to the Suwannee River. The park also offers food, outdoor products, canoe/kayak rentals, pontoon boat tours, event catering and camping equipment rentals.

Park Location:
18020 NW Hwy. 19
Fanning Springs, FL 32693

Park Location:
11650 NW 115th St.
Chiefland, FL 32626



57 Cedar Key Scrub State Reserve

58 Cedar Key Museum State Park



Salt marshes on the Gulf of Mexico give way to swamps, hardwood forests, pine flatwoods and scrub, providing splendid opportunities for nature study and wildlife observation. Hikers and off-road bicyclists can discover this mosaic of habitats on the miles of trails which wind through the park. Rental canoes and kayaks are available in the city of Cedar Key. The park has a picnic shelter, tables and grills.

Park Location:

N 29.204539, W -82.987923

Located on SR 24

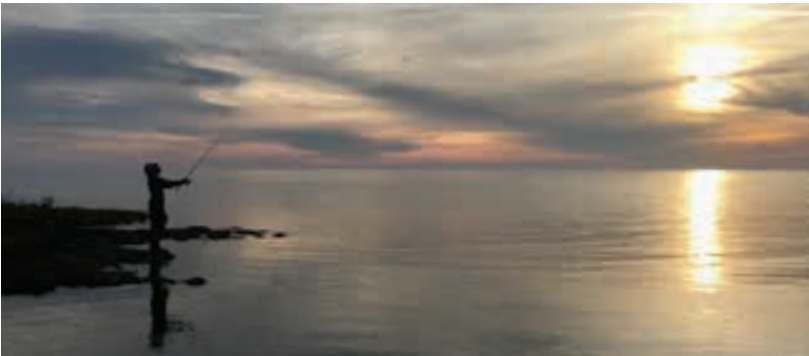
Cedar Key, FL 32625

Picturesque Cedar Key was once a thriving port city and railroad connection. The museum features seashells and artifacts collected by Saint Clair Whitman, the founder of the first museum in Cedar Key. A short nature trail gives visitors the opportunity to see wildlife and native vegetation. The museum is open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday through Monday, except Christmas Day.

Park Location:

12231 SW 166th Ct.

Cedar Key, FL 32625



59 Waccasassa Bay Preserve State Park

60 Gainesville-to-Hawthorne State Trail



This preserve with four primitive campsites is accessible only by boat. It is a favorite of anglers because it boasts both saltwater and freshwater fishing in extensive salt marshes and tidal creeks. Uplands protect a remnant of the Gulf Hammock which once spanned 100,000 of acres. Wildlife viewing is available from the water, and can include manatees, eagles, alligators and black bears.

Park Location:

8312 SW 125th Ct.

Cedar Key, FL 32625

On this 16-mile historic rail trail between Gainesville and the City of Hawthorne, trade modern life for the days of citrus groves, small railroad towns and locomotives. A 10-foot-wide paved trail for biking and walking parallels a natural surface for equestrians. Nearby, Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park provides a campground.

Park Location:

3400 SE 15th St.

Gainesville, FL 32641



61 Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park



This park was Florida's first state preserve and is a National Natural Landmark. Wildlife viewing includes wild horses, bison and 270 bird species in a rich array of habitats. Learn more at the visitor center and enjoy views from the 50-foot observation tower. Eight trails provide opportunities for hikers, equestrians and cyclists. Fish Lake Wauberg on a boardwalk or use the boat ramp for paddlers and boats with electric motors.

Park Location:
100 Savannah Blvd.
Micanopy, FL 32667



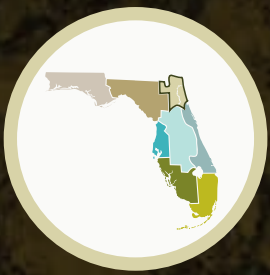
62 Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park



Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings lived and worked at this farm in the tiny community of Cross Creek. Designated a National Historic Landmark, the cracker-style home and farm takes you back to the 1930s. Grounds are open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Tours are offered six times a day Thursday through Sunday, except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Park Location:
18700 S CR 325
Cross Creek, FL 32640





NORTHEAST REGION

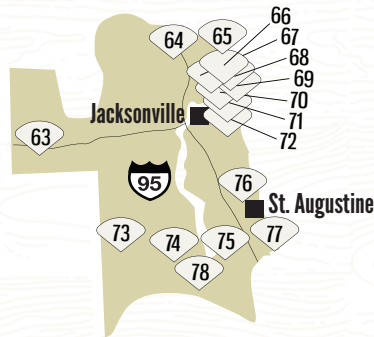


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63 Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park



This park commemorates the site of Florida's largest Civil War battle. More than 10,000 cavalry, infantry and artillery troops fought in a pine forest near here on February 20, 1864. In 1912, the battlefield became the state's first historic site. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. Enjoy the museum, picnic area and mile-long interpretive trail. A multiple day event including battle reenactments is held every February.

Park Location:
5890 Battlefield Trail Rd.
Sanderson, FL 32087

64 Fernandina Plaza Historic State Park



Fernandina was first planned in 1811 and the plaza was an essential element of the Spanish colonial town plan. A fort, including a battery of three cannons, was established in 1801. Most of the original site is now an open, grassy area designated by a state of Florida Historic Marker. Visitors can enjoy a picnic on the grass with a view of Victorian era homes and the Amelia River.

Park Location:
Estrada St.
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034



65 Fort Clinch State Park



Fort Clinch is one of the country's best preserved 19th century forts. It was garrisoned during the Civil and Spanish-American wars even though no battles were fought. Daily tours with period reenactors bring the fort to life. The park also offers snacks, souvenirs, fishing amenities and equipment rentals. On the first weekend of every month, the park holds a garrison of soldiers who present a variety of skills including small arms presentations.

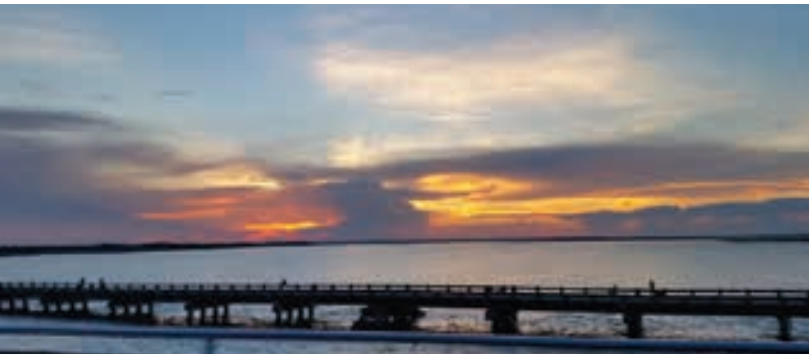
Park Location:
2601 Atlantic Ave.
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034

66 Amelia Island State Park



This park protects over 200 acres of unspoiled coastal habitat along the southern end of Amelia Island. Beautiful beaches, salt marshes and coastal maritime forests provide a glimpse of the original Florida. Kelly Seahorse Ranch offers horseback riding on the beach with riding tours along the shoreline. Anglers find the secluded beach a perfect place for surf fishing.

Park Location:
SR A1A North
Jacksonville, FL 32226



67 George Crady Bridge Fishing Pier State Park



Located in Jacksonville, this one-mile long, pedestrian-only fishing bridge spans Nassau Sound and provides access to one of the best fishing areas in Northeast Florida. Anglers catch a variety of fish, including whiting, jack, drum and tarpon. Access to the bridge is through Amelia Island State Park. The bridge is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Park Location:
SR A1A N
Jacksonville, FL 32226

68 Big Talbot Island State Park



This park features a shoreline unlike any other in Florida. Formed by centuries of wind and water eroding the island, the famous "Boneyard Beach" is covered with skeletons of live oak and cedar trees. Picnic on the bluff, stroll the beach and hike or bike the trails. The park also has canoe/kayak and stand up paddleboard rentals, as well as guided tours.

Park Location:
SR A1A N
Jacksonville, FL 32226



69 Little Talbot Island State Park

70 Pumpkin Hill Creek Preserve State Park



With five miles of white sandy beaches, this is one of the few remaining undeveloped barrier islands in Northeast Florida. Maritime forests, dunes and salt marshes allow for wildlife viewing. Fishing is excellent in the surf and tidal streams. Beachside picnic pavilions are available. The campground has an undeveloped boat ramp for small craft. Guided paddling tours are available.

Park Location:
12157 Heckscher Dr.
Jacksonville, FL 32226

This park protects one of the largest contiguous areas of coastal uplands remaining in Duval County. The uplands protect the water quality of the Nassau and St. Johns rivers, ensuring the survival of aquatic plants and animals. Equestrians, hikers and off-road cyclists can explore 13 miles of trails which wind through diverse natural communities. A canoe/kayak launch and picnic area are at the end of Pumpkin Hill Road.

Park Location:
13802 Pumpkin Hill Rd.
Jacksonville, FL 32226



71 Fort George Island Cultural State Park

72 Yellow Bluff Fort Historic State Park



Native Americans feasted here, colonists built a fort and the "Smart Set" of the 1920s came for vacations. Today's visitors come for boating, fishing, off-road bicycling and hiking. A key attraction is the restored Ribault Club, once an exclusive resort. It is now a visitor center with meeting space available for weddings and other functions.

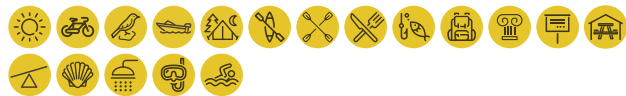
Park Location:
11241 Fort George Rd.
Jacksonville, FL 32226

This site was an important military position during the Civil War as it is located near the mouth of the St. Johns River allowed access to the inland areas of Florida's east coast. The site, an encampment fortified and equipped with large guns for protection, was constructed in 1862. The site has a T-shaped earthworks and covers 1.3 acres. This site was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971.

Park Location:
New Berlin Rd.
Jacksonville, FL 32226



77 Anastasia State Park



Just south of historic St. Augustine, the park has four miles of pristine beach and estuarine tidal marshes. A nature trail leads through the maritime hammock and onto ancient sand dunes and Spanish coquina quarries listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The park's campground is within walking distance of the beach. The Beach Bash is held every year in June.

Park Location:
300 Anastasia Park Rd.
St. Augustine, FL 32080

78 Ravine Gardens State Park



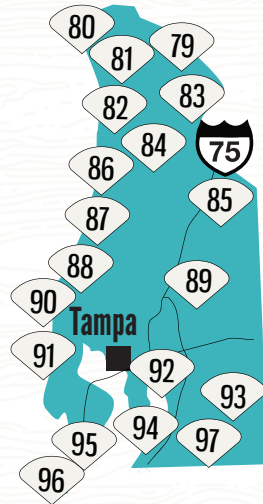
A ravine was created by water flowing from the sandy ridges on the shore of the St. Johns River for thousands of years. In 1933, this ravine was transformed into a dramatic garden by the Federal Works Progress Administration (WPA). Gazebos and pavilions are available for rent, in addition to the Roy E. Campbell Civic Center auditorium and meeting rooms. The Azalea Days are held every year in March.

Park Location:
1600 Twigg St.
Palatka, FL 32177





CENTRAL WEST REGION



79 Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway



This 110-mile long and one-mile wide linear conservation and recreation corridor stretches from the Gulf of Mexico to the St. Johns River. This 70,000-plus acre corridor provides over 300 miles of non-motorized trails to hike, bike and horseback ride. Four campgrounds offer varied levels of amenities. Guided horseback rides are available. There are over 35 access points to the greenway in Citrus, Levy, Marion and Putnam counties.

Park Location:
8282 SE Hwy 314
Ocala, FL 34470

80 Crystal River Preserve State Park



The islands, inlets and forests of this 27,000-acre preserve are appreciated by nature lovers and photographers. Birders enjoy the Eco-Walk Trail, off-road cyclists and native plant enthusiasts cherish the seven-mile loop and hikers enjoy the short Churchhouse Hammock Trail. Two kayak launches provide access to Crystal River and the St. Martin's Marsh Saltwater Paddling Trail.

Park Location:
3266 North Sailboat Ave.
Crystal River, FL 34428



81 Crystal River Archaeological State Park



A National Historic Landmark, this Pre-Columbian Native American site contains burial mounds, temple mounds, a plaza area and a sizeable shell midden. For 1,600 years the site served as an important ceremonial center for Native Americans who traveled great distances to bury their dead and conduct trade. The park offers a museum, paved walking trail and area along the river to picnic, fish or relax.

Park Location:
3400 N Museum Pt.
Crystal River, FL 34428

82 Ellie Schiller Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park



The park showcases native Florida wildlife, including manatees, Florida panthers, black bears, bobcats, Key and white-tailed deer, alligators and river otters. An elevated boardwalk allows viewing wildlife in their habitats. Enjoy two gift shops and a café with food and beverages. Transportation from the visitor center on U.S. 19 to the west entrance is available by boat or tram. The Christmas Celebration of Lights is held every year in December.

Park Location:
4150 S Suncoast Blvd.
Homosassa, FL 34446



83 Fort Cooper State Park



In 1836, Lake Holathlikaha was a welcome sight to wounded soldiers during the Second Seminole War. The First Georgia Battalion of Volunteers built a stockade here, enabling them to hold their own in skirmishes. Today, enjoy fishing on the lake by canoe, which can be rented at the park. Five miles of trails offer wildlife viewing. Picnic facilities, recreation hall and primitive campsites are available.

Park Location:
3100 Old Floral City Rd.
Inverness, FL 34450

84 Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins Historic State Park



Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this site was once part of a thriving sugar plantation owned by David Levy Yulee. The park contains remnants of the 5,100-acre plantation, including a 40-foot limestone masonry chimney, iron gears and a cane press. Learn more from several interpretive panels stationed around the mill. Across the street, a six-table pavilion is available, first-come-first-served.

Park Location:
SR 490
Homosassa, FL 34446



85 Withlacoochee State Trail



The Withlacoochee State Trail stretches 46-miles through Citrus, Hernando and Pasco counties. Visitors can hike, bike or skate along this paved trail which runs through small towns and the Withlacoochee State Forest. Concrete mileage and whistle markers, the Lake Henderson Trestle and the Inverness Depot serve as reminders of Florida's railroad history. An equestrian trail parallels portions of the paved trail.

Park Location:
3100 S Old Floral City Rd.
Inverness, FL 34450



86 Weeki Wachee Springs State Park



The mermaids of Weeki Wachee Springs State Park have delighted visitors since 1947. Witness the magic of the mermaids in a 400-seat submerged theater, take a river boat cruise and canoe/kayak on the Weeki Wachee River. The white, sandy beach area, first-magnitude spring and covered picnic pavilions provide for relaxation in the park. Animal shows entertain audiences with an educational look at domesticated birds and reptiles.

Park Location:
6131 Commercial Way
Weeki Wachee, FL 34606



87 Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park



Fish and paddle the inlets and bayous in the salt marsh or go on a hike to observe wildlife. The salt spring has an amazing 320-foot depth. The park protects four miles of coastline along the Gulf of Mexico, however there are no beaches or swimming areas. The park has three access points: Main Park Drive on 8737 US Highway 19 N, Scenic Drive Trail Head on 10333 Scenic Drive and Black Rail Trail on 6641 SR 52.

Park Location:
8737 US Hwy. 19 N
Port Richey, FL 34668



88 Anclote Key Preserve State Park



A picturesque lighthouse built in 1887 serves as a sentinel on the southern end of the island. With nearly seven miles of beach on four different islands, the park is a water lover's paradise accessible by private boats or ferry services. There is no charge for overnight stays in the primitive campground, however campers must check in by calling (727) 469-5943 before arrival.

Park Location:
28.19305, -82.85111
Offshore of Tarpon Springs



93 Alafia River State Park



Once the site of a phosphate mine, the reclaimed land has topography with radical elevation changes. Challenging off-road trails entice mountain bikers. Equestrians and hikers can explore 20 miles of trails through mixed hardwood forests, pine flatwoods and rolling hills. Scattered lakes and the Alafia River provide opportunities for canoeing and fishing. The campground is equestrian-friendly.

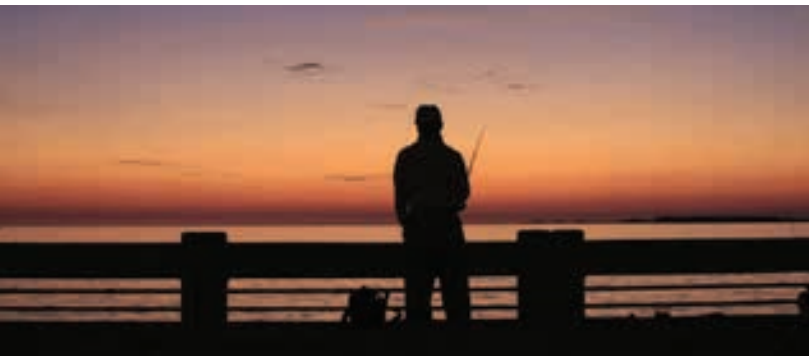
Park Location:
14326 S CR 39
Lithia, FL 33547

94 Cockroach Bay Preserve State Park



Upon landing in the southeastern region of Tampa Bay, Spanish explorers called the horseshoe crabs “cockroaches,” thinking they were cousins of the insects. The waters are very shallow and only accessible by private watercraft. About 500 acres is mangrove swamp, a fisherman or bird-watcher’s paradise. There are no facilities available. The public boat ramp is located W of Highway 41 at the end of Cockroach Bay Road.

Park Location:
End of Cockroach Bay Rd.
Ruskin, FL 33570
Offshore island



95 Skyway Fishing Pier State Park



The old north and south spans below the Sunshine Skyway Bridge are now fishing piers where you can fish 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. The piers are lit at night, providing proper luminosity and attracting many species of fish such as snook, tarpon, grouper, mackerel, cobia, sheepshead, red snapper and pompano. Snacks, drinks and fishing supplies are available at bait shops on both piers.

Park Location:
4905 34th St. S #5000
St. Petersburg, FL 33711

96 Egmont Key



This island park is primarily a wildlife refuge, abundant in natural and cultural history and boasting a lighthouse which has stood since 1858. The island’s history involves the Third Seminole War, the Civil War and the Spanish American War. Swim, fish, picnic and tour the historic sites and trails. Located at the mouth of Tampa Bay, southwest of Fort DeSoto Beach, accessible only by private boat or ferry service.

Park Location:
27.60053, -82.76038
Offshore of St. Petersburg



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97 Little Manatee River State Park



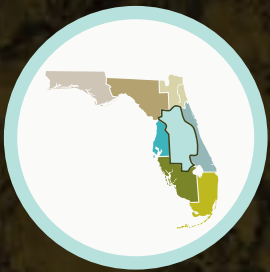
The Little Manatee River has been designated an Outstanding Florida Water and is part of the Cockroach Bay Aquatic Preserve. The park's 2,416 acres offer opportunities to camp, hike, picnic, horseback ride and paddle. For a wilderness experience, explore the trails and river. Gather and relax at the campground or three covered pavilions overlooking the river. Those seeking a more secluded getaway can primitive camp.

Park Location:
215 Lightfoot Rd.
Wimauma, FL 33598

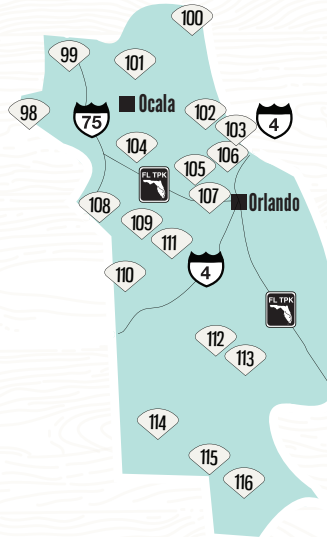
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CENTRAL REGION



98 Rainbow Springs State Park



One of Florida's largest springs, Rainbow Springs was a roadside attraction until the 1970s. Waterfalls and gardens remain with a magnificent azalea bloom in the spring. Enjoy swimming, snorkeling in the spring or paddling the river. Snack bar, gift shop and picnic facilities are located at the headspring. The tubing entrance is 1.4 miles from the campground with rentals available. The Santa Over the Rainbow event is held every year in December.

Park Location:
19158 SW 81st Place Rd.
Dunnellon, FL 34432

99 Price's Scrub



Price's Scrub is nearly 1,000 acres and a key part of the proposed Northwest Marion Greenway. A 9.5-mile trail system provides equestrians, hikers and cyclists with access to diverse natural communities. Trails in the south are sandy and open, while trails in the north are more shaded with rolling topography. Day-use facilities include a grassy parking lot, picnic tables, portable toilet and watering trough.

Park Location:
9555 NW Hwy. 320
Micanopy, FL 32667



100 Dunns Creek State Park



Located south of a sharp bend in the St. Johns River, the park's natural communities include sandhills covered with longleaf pines, wiregrass and sand pine scrub. These communities protect several endangered and threatened species such as the gopher tortoise, as well as a variety of other native animals.

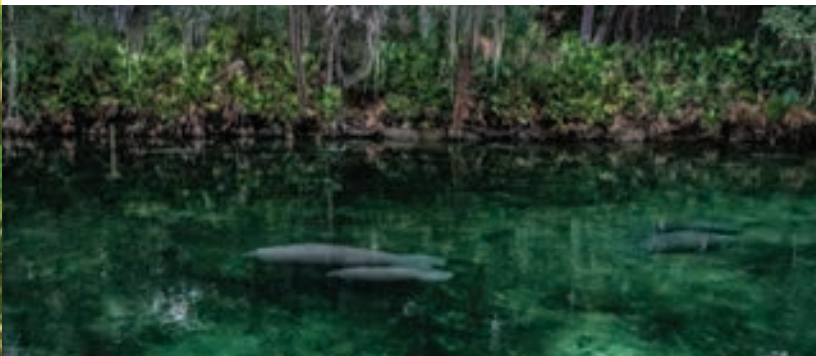
Park Location:
320 Sisco Rd.
Pomona Park, FL 32181

101 Silver Springs State Park



Silver Springs is a first-magnitude spring which feeds into the Silver River. Rentals are available for a paddling experience to enjoy the park's abundant wildlife. Glass-bottom boat tours showcase the springhead of this National Natural Landmark. Explore historic gardens and over 18 miles of trails to hike, bike or horseback ride. On weekends and holidays, visit the pioneer village and the Silver River Museum and Environmental Education Center.

Park Location:
1425 NE 58th Ave.
Ocala, FL 34470



102 Hontoon Island State Park



Accessible only by private boat or park ferry, Hontoon Island welcomes visitors to explore the wonders of natural and cultural history found throughout the park and museum. Evidence of Native American habitation over thousands of years can be witnessed as visitors hike through the park and museum. Boating, picnics, canoeing and fishing are popular activities on the island.

Park Location:
2309 River Ridge Rd.
Deland, FL 32720

103 Blue Spring State Park



This park hosts a first-magnitude spring which discharges 104 million gallons of water daily into the St. Johns River and is a winter refuge for manatees. The park is the site of the Louis P. Thursby House, listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2000. Blue Spring is habitat for at least 15 threatened or endangered plants and animals. The Manatee Festival is held every year in January.

Park Location:
2100 W French Ave.
Orange City, FL 32763



104 Lake Griffin State Park



Explore beautiful Lake Griffin on a one-mile trip down the Dead River. Rent canoes and kayaks from the ranger station, or a boat ramp is available for those who want to bring their own vessels. Observe the park's wildlife, enjoy the serene picnic area or stroll the half-mile nature trail. Spend the night under a beautiful canopy of oak trees on one of 40 shaded campsites. The park is located within an hour of Orlando.

Park Location:
3089 US Hwy. 441-27
Fruitland Park, FL 34731



105 Rock Springs Run State Reserve



Visitors can enjoy bicycling, hiking or horseback riding along 17 miles of trails. Guided trail rides and horse rentals are available. Our primitive campsites are accessible by canoe only. As one of the few Florida State Parks which allow hunting, designated areas of Rock Springs Run are open to special permit hunts during select weekends from September through January.

Park Location:
30601 CR 433
Sorrento, FL 32776



106 Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park



Central Florida nature exists in its purest form along four miles of the Wekiva River and Blackwater Creek. This system of blackwater streams and wetlands provides habitat for black bears, river otters and sandhill cranes. A canoe/kayak launch is located at the entrance to Katie's Landing and equestrians can use the trail at Fechtel Tract. Horse stalls and corrals are available and can be reserved by calling (407) 884-2009.

Park Location:
8300 W SR 46
Sanford, FL 32771



107 Wekiwa Springs State Park



Located at the headwaters of the Wekiva River, Wekiwa Springs State Park offers visitors the opportunity to relax and enjoy in a natural setting and offers 13 miles of trails which provide opportunities for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding. Canoe and kayak rentals are available from the park's concessionaire. Overnight options include a campground, primitive camping and group camp facilities for larger groups.

Park Location:
1800 Wekiwa Cir.
Apopka, FL 32712



108 Dade Battlefield Historic State Park



Dade Battlefield commemorates the 1835 battle which started the 2nd Seminole War. The park protects the historic battlefield and the natural communities which existed when the soldiers and Seminoles battled. Hike, picnic under covered shelters and enjoy the playground. Discover displays about the battle in the visitor center, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. Witness the annual Reenactment of Dade's Battle during the first weekend in January.

Park Location:
7200 CR 603
Bushnell, FL 33513

109 General James A. Van Fleet State Trail



The Van Fleet State Trail was named for Polk City resident James Alward Van Fleet, a distinguished U.S. Army officer. The 29.2-mile paved trail follows a segment of the abandoned Seaboard Air Line Railroad and is one of Florida's most rural rail trails. It bisects a portion of the Green Swamp, touted for its unspoiled habitats and abundant wildlife. Trailheads are located in Mabel, Bay Lake, Green Pond Road and Polk City.

Park Location:
7683 Berkley Rd.
Polk City, FL 33968



110 Colt Creek State Park



This park offers extensive trail systems, freshwater lakes and camping. The trails are perfect for hiking, horseback riding and biking as you explore pine flatwoods, cypress domes and three tributaries. Reclaimed mineral mines have evolved into flourishing freshwater lakes, excellent for fishing or paddling. Visitors may observe bald eagles, river otters, bobcats, deer or some of the 150 species of birds discovered by the Audubon Society.

Park Location:
16000 SR 471
Lakeland, FL 33809

111 Lake Louisa State Park



This park is noted for its beautiful lakes, rolling hills and scenic landscapes. Lake Louisa, the largest among a chain of 13 lakes, is designated as an Outstanding Florida Waterway. Lakes Louisa, Hammond and Dixie provide ample opportunity for paddling. Fishing is permitted in four of the park's six lakes or from one of the three piers. Overnighters may enjoy our 60-site campground or 20 cabins.

Park Location:
7305 US Hwy. 27
Clermont, FL 34714



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116 Lake June-in-Winter Scrub State Park



Visit one of Florida's endangered natural communities – sand pine scrub – often called Florida's desert. Florida scrub-jay, scrub lizard, Florida mouse and the gopher tortoise are found here. This park is best suited to those seeking a remote wilderness experience and nature study. A picnic area has tables and a shelter, but no grills. To visit this park, contact Highlands Hammock State Park (863) 386-6094.

Park Location:
Daffodil Rd.
Lake Placid, FL 33852

BEAR AWARE

FLORIDA BLACK BEARS

The Florida black bear is a subspecies of the American black bear. Bears have recovered from historically low numbers, while at the same time the number of people in Florida has increased in and around where bears live.



The Florida black bear is the only species of bear found in Florida.

SAFETY IN BEAR COUNTRY

<p>Walking/Hiking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider hiking with a partner. • Always carry something to make noise. Bear spray is also recommended. • Keep dogs leashed and be aware of your surroundings. 	<p>Camping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always keep your tent free of scents (food, candy, toiletries). • Cook and store food away from your tent. • Keep all attractants secured (garbage, food, pets). 	<p>Driving</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 200 bears are killed every year on Florida roads. • Slow down during dawn and dusk. Watch for bear crossing signs which indicate bear habitat and movement corridors.

DID YOU KNOW? Black bears are generally shy animals and not aggressive toward people.

(Average bear height when standing on all fours) 3' | (Average U.S. male height) 5' 9"

A Close Encounter

- 1 DO NOT RUN
- 2 SPEAK CALMLY
- 3 STAND TALL
- 4 BACK AWAY

If you encounter a bear within close range, follow these tips and get yourself to safety. For more information, please visit MyFWC.com/Bear.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

As a result of an increase in both populations, bears and people encounter each other more often. The Florida Black Bear was taken off the threatened species list in August of 2012, but is still protected. Funds from the "Conserve Wildlife" license plate help conserve bears and reduce human-bear conflicts.



BEAR FACTS

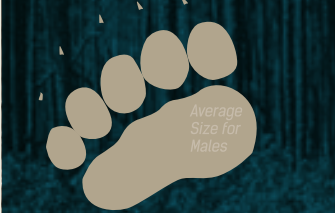
THEY HAVE THE BEST SENSE OF SMELL of any land mammal.

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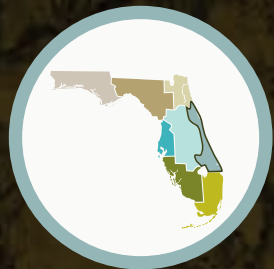
- 5% MEAT
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THEY ARE MOST ACTIVE at dawn and dusk.

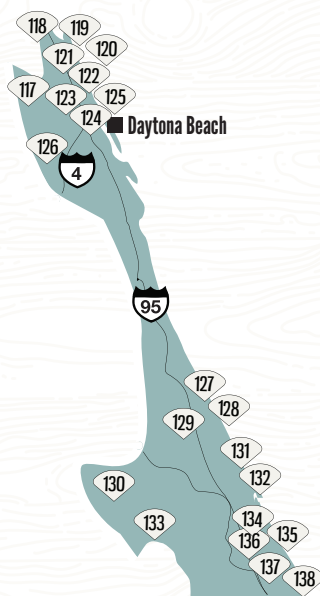
THEY ARE FAST Running up to 30 miles per hour.



THEIR AVERAGE FRONT PAW PRINT is approximately 4.7 inches wide for males and 3.7 inches for females. Notice the detached curved points on the print indicating curved nails which makes them excellent climbers!



CENTRAL EAST REGION



117 Haw Creek Preserve State Park



The park's name, "Haw," is derived from a native flowering scrub which grows along the banks of the creek. Only accessible by water, this park is well worth the paddle or boat ride. A boat ramp is not available in the park. The creek can be accessed from a public boat ramp at the end of County Road 2007.

Park Location:
Please call (386) 676-4075
for access information.

118 Faver-Dykes State Park



Noted for its pristine condition, this tranquil park borders Pellicer Creek as it winds along Florida's east coast highways down to the Matanzas River. Pellicer Creek is a popular site for birding, with more than 100 bird species seen during Spring and Fall migrations. Fishing, picnicking and nature walks are popular activities. Pellicer Creek is a designated state canoe trail and visitors can rent canoes at the park.

Park Location:
1000 Faver-Dykes Rd.
St Augustine, FL 32086



119 Washington Oaks Gardens State Park



The park is located on a barrier island with the Atlantic Ocean to the east and the Matanzas River to the west. The formal gardens are the centerpiece, featuring a rose garden and reflection ponds. Beautiful coquina rock formations make the beachside of the park perfect for exploring. Many short trails provide opportunities for hiking and bicycling.

Park Location:
6400 N Oceanshore Blvd.
Palm Coast, FL 32137

120 Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area at Flagler Beach



Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway, this park is named for Florida folk singer Gamble Rogers. The beach is popular for swimming, sunbathing and fishing. Summer brings sea turtles to lay their eggs in the coquina sand. The Intracoastal Waterway side of the park has picnic pavilions and a nature trail which winds through a shady coastal forest.

Park Location:
3100 S A1A
Flagler Beach, FL 32136



121 Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park



Narrative kiosks and displays tell the story of Bulowville and its demise, when it was destroyed in 1836 during the Second Seminole War. The boat ramp allows access for canoes, kayaks and small powerboats onto Bulow Creek, a designated state canoe trail. The Bulow Woods Trail connects this park to Bulow Creek State Park nearly seven miles to the south. The park is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday through Monday.

Park Location:
3501 Old Kings Rd.
Flagler Beach, FL 32136

122 North Peninsula State Park



More than two miles of beautiful, unspoiled Atlantic beaches beckon visitors to this park. Across State Road A1A, at Smith Creek Landing use area, the two-mile Coastal Strand Trail shelters rare creatures such as Florida scrub-jays and gopher tortoises. Visitors can spend the afternoon swimming, sunning or surf fishing at the beach. Birdwatchers will enjoy spotting the native and migratory species seen in this park.

Park Location:
40 Highbridge Rd.
Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL 32176



123 Bulow Creek State Park

124 Tomoka State Park



Visitors are welcomed by one of the oldest residents of the park, the centuries-old “Fairchild Oak.” Two trails start from the parking area at the Fairchild Oak. The Skip Wahlin Trail is a short loop around a groundwater spring which seeps from a coquina rock bluff. The nearly seven-mile long Bulow Woods Trail begins at Bulow Creek State Park and leads to Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park.

Park Location:
3351 Old Dixie Hwy.
Ormond Beach, FL 32174



Spend the day enjoying spacious picnic areas, hiking, biking, fishing, kayaking or retreating to nature studies. More than 160 species of birds have been sighted, especially during the Spring and Fall migration, making Tomoka a birdwatcher’s paradise. A boat ramp gives boaters and kayakers access to the river. It is found near the camp store which offers camping supplies, frozen bait, canoe/kayak rentals and snacks.

Park Location:
2099 N Beach St.
Ormond Beach, FL 32174



125 Addison Blockhouse Historic State Park

126 De Leon Springs State Park



Mr. John Addison owned a thriving plantation which grew and processed sugar cane into sugar and molasses. The small coquina rock blockhouse was originally an outside kitchen. In February 1836, a Carolina Regiment fortified the detached kitchen for defense against further Seminole attacks. The park is currently only accessible by canoe or kayak.

Park Location:
Please call (386) 676-4075
for access information.



Discover the rich cultural history at De Leon Springs State Park. Then take a dip or snorkel in the crisp, clear and beautiful spring. A swimmer lift and ramp provide additional access. Canoe/kayak, paddleboat rentals and river boat tours are available. At the Old Spanish Sugar Mill Restaurant, guests can make their own pancakes at their table. Don’t miss the visitor center and Old Methuselah, the 600-year-old cypress tree.

Park Location:
601 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
De Leon Springs, FL 32130



131 Avalon State Park



Avalon State Park has more than a mile of increasingly rare undeveloped beachfront and provides habitat for many species of wildlife. Threatened and endangered sea turtles, like the loggerhead, Atlantic green and leatherback, nest on the beach during the Spring and Summer. Swimmers and snorkelers enjoy the clear blue waters. Visitors can enjoy a meal at the sheltered picnic tables overlooking the beach.

Park Location:
State Road A1A N
North Hutchinson Island, FL 34949

132 Fort Pierce Inlet State Park



This park is a popular place for anglers to catch dinner while the half-mile beach welcomes visitors to relax and play. Food and beverage sales as well as canoe/kayak and paddleboard rentals are available. Jack Island Preserve, located one mile north, has trails for hiking, bicycling and nature study. At the west end of the Marsh Rabbit Run Trail, visitors can climb an observation tower to get a bird's-eye view of Indian River and the island.

Park Location:
905 Shorewinds Dr.
Fort Pierce, FL 34949



133 Okeechobee Battlefield Historic State Park



Acquired in April 2006, Okeechobee Battlefield is the site of a historic confrontation of the Second Seminole War. Preserving this site protects a piece of Florida's history along with valuable habitat for threatened and endangered species. Okeechobee Battlefield is listed as a National Historic Landmark and was recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of the top endangered historical sites in the United States.

Park Location:
Please call (863) 462-5360
for access information.

134 Savannas Preserve State Park



Stretching more than 10 miles from Fort Pierce to Jensen Beach, this preserve is the largest and most intact remnant of Florida's east coast savannas. Kayak on the St. Lucie River or enjoy more than 15 miles of multi-use trails. Learn more about the park and pick up maps by stopping by the education center, located on Walton Road in Port St. Lucie. The Pioneer Days are held every year in January.

Park Location:
2541 Walton Rd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952



135 St. Lucie Inlet Preserve State Park



This Florida barrier island accessible only by boat is worth the ride. A scenic boardwalk takes visitors from the docks through mangrove and tropical hammock communities to the pristine Atlantic beach. During the summer, the island is an important nesting area for sea turtles. Visitors can swim, sunbathe or enjoy a picnic at the pavilion on the quiet beach. Others make the trip for the great surf fishing, snorkeling and scuba diving.

Park Location:
End of Cove Rd.
Port Salerno, FL 34997
Offshore island

136 Seabrook Preserve State Park



Ancient oceans shaped the landscape of this park allowing a variety of habitats to develop. The preserve provides the opportunity to see sand pine scrub, scrubby flatwoods, blackwater streams, baygall and mangrove swamps. Visitors can explore 10 miles of hiking trails and a 1.3-mile paved bike path. A small picnic shelter, restroom and water fountain are available.

Park Location:
6093 SE Dixie Hwy.
Stuart, FL 34997



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137 Atlantic Ridge Preserve State Park



The park is being considered for future recreational development, however currently there are no facilities. Special arrangements can be made for entry.

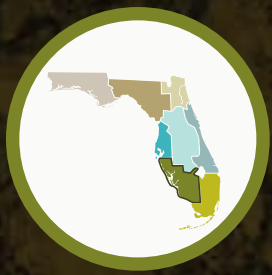
Park Location:
Please call (772) 546-2771
for access information.

138 Jonathan Dickinson State Park

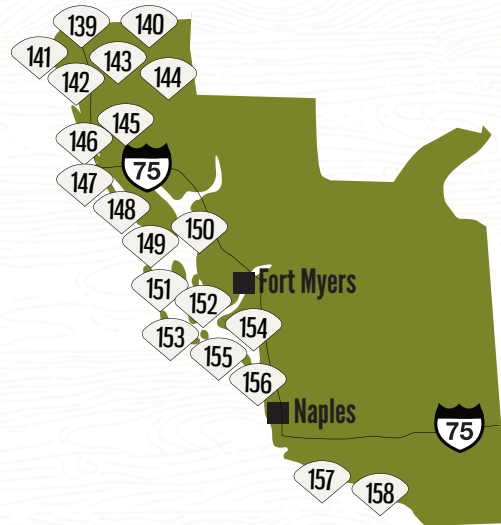


This 10,500-acre park offers abundant recreational opportunities. Boating, fishing, boat tours, canoeing and kayaking along the wild and scenic Loxahatchee River are great ways to see the park. The river also provides access to the Trapper Nelson Site, a 1930s pioneer homestead. Visitors can also enjoy hiking, equestrian, paved and off-road bike trails. The park offers cabins and two campgrounds.

Park Location:
16450 SE Federal Hwy.
Hobe Sound, FL 33455



SOUTHWEST REGION



139 Terra Ceia Preserve State Park



This park's 2,000 acres encompass mangrove forests, freshwater and saltwater wetlands and upland communities. Currently, kayaking is the primary activity within the preserve. While much of the preserve is in various states of habitat restoration, recreation facilities such as hiking trails, a canoe/kayak launch and a boat ramp are being planned.

Park Location:
130 Terra Ceia Rd.
Terra Ceia, FL 34250

140 South Fork State Park



This park is currently under development. The South Fork of the Little Manatee River flows through the park from the southeast to the northwest and is just over 1124 acres. Nature trails wind through a rich diversity of plant communities - a splendid opportunity for bird-watching. The park is located in Manatee County about 11 miles east of the town of Parrish.

Park Location:
Please call (941) 741-3028
for access information.



141 Madira Bickel Mound State Archaeological Site



Enjoy a picnic and discover the first Native American site in Florida designated a State Archaeological Site. Donated by Karl and Madira Bickel in 1948, this park features a flat-topped ceremonial mound, composed of sand, shell and village debris over a 100 by 170-foot base, towering over 20 feet tall. Excavations have disclosed at least three periods of Native American cultures, dating back over 2,000 years.

Park Location:
955 Bayshore Dr.
Terra Ceia, FL 34250

142 Judah P. Benjamin Confederate Memorial at Gamble Plantation Historic State Park



This antebellum mansion was home to Major Robert Gamble and headquarters of an extensive sugar plantation. Today, the mansion is furnished in the style of a successful mid-19th century plantation. The visitor center is open from 9 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday through Monday, except on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The Plantation Festival is held every year in February.

Park Location:
3708 Patten Ave.
Ellenton, FL 34222



143 Lake Manatee State Park



The park extends three miles along the south shore of Lake Manatee, a water reservoir for Manatee and Sarasota counties. Come bird watch and walk our nature trails which wind through sand pine scrub. Sunbathe on the beach, enjoy a picnic lunch under the pavilion or swim, canoe/kayak on the lake. Camping is available in our 60-site campground.

Park Location:
20007 SR 64 E
Bradenton, FL 34202

144 Wingate Creek State Park



The park is currently under development. Nature trails wind through a rich diversity of plant communities. This park which is made up of over 615 acres, has splendid opportunities for bird-watching. Wingate Creek is located in Manatee County about 25 miles east of Bradenton.

Park Location:
Please call (941) 741-3028
for access information.



145 Myakka River State Park



As one of Florida's oldest and largest parks, Myakka River flows through wetlands, prairies, hammocks and pinelands. Enjoy fishing, canoeing and kayaking or take an airboat tour of the lake. Sleep under the stars on a campsite or in one of five modernized palm log cabins which were originally built in the 1930s by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The Full Moon Concerts are held every year in January, February and March.

Park Location:
13208 SR 72
Sarasota, FL 34241

146 Oscar Scherer State Park



A large acreage of scrubby flatwoods makes this park one of the best places to see Florida scrub-jays. Nine diverse trails offer 15 miles of exploration for hikers and bikers. Canoe/kayak along South Creek. Fish along the creek or in two ponds. Relax on the beach of Lake Osprey or take a swim. The nature center has exhibits and videos about the park's natural communities.

Park Location:
1843 South Tamiami Tr.
Osprey, FL 34229



147 Stump Pass Beach State Park



Seashells and shark teeth wash up and anglers fish the surf for trophy catches at this mile-long beach in Sarasota County. Enjoy the view of the Gulf of Mexico and the undeveloped Florida coastline. Come for year-round swimming and sunbathing or hike through distinct natural communities providing homes for many species of native wildlife. Ranger-led walks are available January through April.

Park Location:
South end of Manasota Key
900 Gulf Blvd.
Englewood, FL 34233

148 Don Pedro Island State Park



Accessible by private boat or ferry, Don Pedro is on a barrier island chain and offers tranquil getaways. Come see manatees, gopher tortoises, bald eagles and American oystercatchers. Sunbathe, swim, snorkel and find seashells on the island's white sand beach or walk through the land base portion on the Cape Haze Peninsula. This park also offers a fishing dock, kayak launch and picnic shelter.

Park Location:
8450 Placida Rd.
Cape Haze, FL 33946



149 Gasparilla Island State Park



Boca Grande Pass at Gasparilla Island is famous for tarpon fishing. See the restored Boca Grande Lighthouse, recognized as a National Register of Historic Places. Come swim, snorkel, fish and enjoy nature. Located on the south end of Gasparilla Island on the Boca Grande Causeway (private toll). For lighthouse hours, call (941) 964-0060. Events include Christmas Lighting of the lighthouse and ranger programs.

Park Location:
880 Belcher Rd.
Boca Grande, FL 33921

150 Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park



Best accessed by canoe/kayak. Charlotte Harbor has 45,000 acres and protects more than 100 miles of shoreline. Observe wildlife in the many natural communities. Access uplands at pedestrian walkthroughs and visit the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center located in the park. Take a compass, map and sufficient water for your trip as you explore other areas of the park. For more information about this park, call (941) 575-5435.

Park Location:
12301 Burnt Store Rd.
Punta Gorda, FL 33955



151 Cayo Costa State Park



This barrier island has nine miles of beaches and is accessible only by boat or ferry. Visitors can enjoy the surf, picnic in the shade and fish from their boats. Rustic cabins and 30 primitive tent sites provide overnight stays. A ferry provides access to the island. A tram service is offered for campers and their gear from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Park Location:
26.68578, -82.24538
Offshore island

152 Estero Bay Preserve State Park



Estero Bay was Florida's first aquatic preserve and provides great fishing and boating opportunities. Enjoy the preserve from land or water. Launch from Koreshan State Park or Lovers Key State Park. Trails offer the opportunity to hike, bicycle or study the variety of wildlife and native vegetation.

Park Location:
Winkler Rd.
Estero, FL 33928



153 Mound Key Archaeological State Park

154 Koreshan State Park



Accessible only by boat, this park features shell mounds and ridges rising 30 feet above Estero Bay. Mound Key is believed to have been the ceremonial center of the Calusa Indians. In 1566, the Spanish governor of Florida established a settlement with the first Jesuit mission in the Spanish New World. Please note there are no facilities at this park. For more information, contact Koreshan State Park (239) 992-0311.

Koreshan Unity Settlement was founded in the late 1800s by pioneers seeking a utopian community. Today, visitors can explore 11 historic structures plus the Victorian-era gardens of a National Register of Historic Places religious settlement. Enjoy a picnic or a nature hike. Camp among 60 secluded sites, all with water and electrical hook-ups. The Ghost Walk and Tour is held every year in January and February.

Park Location:
26.42222, -81.86527
Offshore island

Park Location:
3800 Corkscrew Rd.
Estero, FL 33928



155 Lovers Key State Park

156 Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park



Long ago, Lovers Key was accessible only by boat and supposedly lovers traveled there to enjoy its remote beach. Today, the beach is accessible by boardwalk or free tram service. Rent beach chairs, bicycles, paddleboards, canoes and kayaks. Events include the Turtle Trot 5K Race and Great Outdoor Adventure Day. Tours and talks are led by park naturalists and special events offered by the Friends of Lovers Key.

One of the most popular seashore destinations in Naples, this park's mile-long stretch of sugar white sand has been rated as one of the best beaches in the nation. A boat ramp provides access for saltwater fishing. Kayakers, paddleboarders and scuba divers enjoy the beautiful waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Turkey Bay.

Park Location:
8700 Estero Blvd.
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Park Location:
11135 Gulfshore Dr. N
Naples, FL 34108



157 Collier-Seminole State Park

158 Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park



This 7,271-acre park serves as the front door to the Everglades and is home to tropical plants and wildlife, such as the endangered Florida panther. The 1924 Bay City Walking Dredge seen at the park was used to build the Tamiami Trail, linking Tampa to Miami. Canoe rentals and a boat ramp provide access for fishing. Picnic facilities are available. The Bluegrass Festival is held every year in February.

Adventurous visitors can participate in a ranger-led swamp walk and wade into the Fakahatchee Strand where native orchids, ferns and bromeliads grow. For those less adventurous, hike along one of the many remnant logging tram roads or take a drive through the wilderness along Jane's Memorial Scenic Drive or visit the Big Bend Cypress Boardwalk on U.S. 41, seven miles west of State Road 29.

Park Location:
20200 E Tamiami Tr.
Naples, FL 34114

Park Location:
137 Coastline Dr.
Copeland, FL 34137

Shaped by Fire

Prescribed Fire is a tool park staff uses to mimic the natural forest fires which once occurred across many Florida habitats. Many plants and animals depend on periodic fire for survival.

 Prescribed fire is only used where needed to maintain ecosystem health.  Weather conditions are reviewed and tested before and during a fire.

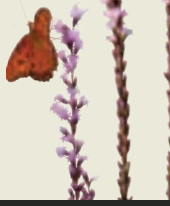
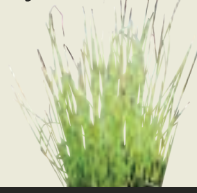
JANUARY 1 Timing is crucial and planning begins months in advance.  Team members go through extensive training.

A well planned prescription increases the health, safety and beauty of Florida's fire dependent ecosystems. Visit GoodFires.org for more information.



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| 1 Dead plants are removed, reducing the risk and severity of wildfires. | 3 Nutrients are returned to the soil increasing new plant growth. |
| 2 Open space created by the thinning of underbrush benefits plants and wildlife. | 4 Some invasive exotic plants are better controlled. |
| 5 Wildlife benefits from abundant food resources. | |

Benefits of Fire



Prescribed fire is a safe way to apply a natural process, ensure ecosystem health and reduce wildfire risk.



165 Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail



This trail features more than 90 miles of existing trail paved in segments along a planned, 106-mile corridor from Key Largo to Key West. The trail is a multi-use bicycle and pedestrian facility which serves as a recreational and alternative transportation corridor for the Florida Keys. This recreational pathway offers scenic views of Florida history for trail users. The trail may be accessed along U.S. 1 throughout the Florida Keys.

Park Location:
Mile Marker 106
Key Largo, FL 33037

166 Dagny Johnson Key Largo Hammock Botanical State Park



This park is home to 84 protected species of plants and animals. Much of the trail is paved and accessible to both bicycles and wheelchairs. Signs along a self-guided nature trail provide information about the park's ecosystem and wildlife. An additional six miles of nature trails can be explored by obtaining a backcountry permit at nearby John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park.

Park Location:
CR 905, Mile Marker 106
Key Largo, FL 33037



167 John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park



As the first undersea park in the United States, visitors may explore mangrove swamps, tropical hammocks and coral reefs. Scuba diving, snorkeling and glass-bottom boat tours are popular activities. A 30,000-gallon saltwater aquarium is the centerpiece of the visitor center. A campground and primitive group camping is available. For boat tour information and reservations, call (305) 451-6300.

Park Location:
Mile Marker 102.5 Overseas Hwy.
Key Largo, FL 33037

168 Windley Key Fossil Reef Geological State Park



Formed of Key Largo limestone fossilized coral, this land was sold to the Florida East Coast Railroad, which used the stone to build Henry Flagler's Overseas Railroad in the early 1900s. Today, visitors can walk along 8-foot quarry walls to see cross sections of the ancient coral. Ranger-led tours are offered December through April, at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday through Sunday. The Windley Key Day is held every year in March.

Park Location:
84900 Overseas Hwy.
Islamorada, FL 33036



169 Lignumvitae Key Botanical State Park



The West Indian hardwood hammock which thrives on this island was once common on most of Florida's upper keys. Accessible only by boat or kayak, visitors can enjoy ranger-led tours which are given twice daily, Friday through Sunday, December through April. A landing ramp is located near the park service dock. For seasonal tour boat services and daily boat rentals, please call Robbie's Marina at (305) 664-9814.

Park Location:
Mile Marker 78.5
Gulf side
Offshore from Islamorada

170 Indian Key Historic State Park



In 1836, Indian Key became the first county seat for Dade County. At that time, this tiny island was the site of a lucrative business-salvaging cargo from shipwrecks in the Florida Keys. Accessible only by boat, visitors come here to swim, sunbathe and hike. Boat and kayak rentals are available from several local charter companies.

Park Location:
Mile Marker 78.5
Atlantic side
Offshore from Islamorada



171 San Pedro Underwater Archaeological Preserve State Park



This underwater archaeological preserve features the remains of the San Pedro, a 287-ton, Dutch-built ship which sank in a hurricane in 1733. Today, divers and snorkelers can explore a large pile of ballast stones and seven replica cannons. The site is located by boat about 1.25 nautical miles south of Indian Key. Visitors are asked to tie up to one of the five mooring buoys.

Park Location:
24.86336, -80.67991
Offshore from Islamorada

172 Long Key State Park



Visitors can enjoy picturesque ocean views from shaded picnic tables, hike the park's 1.5 miles of nature trails or stay overnight in the campground. Popular activities include swimming, snorkeling or kayaking in the Atlantic Ocean. In recent years, birding enthusiasts have flocked here to view several rare birds and the Fall raptor migration. Flat fishing for bonefish, permit and tarpon is also a major attraction to the area.

Park Location:
67400 Overseas Hwy.
Long Key, FL 33001



173 Curry Hammock State Park



This park protects large areas of mangrove swamp and other essential Florida ecosystems. Paddleboarders and kayakers can explore the mangrove creek and miles of pristine coastline on both the Florida Bay and the Atlantic Ocean. Equipment rentals are available at the ranger station. A 28-site campground is located behind the dune along the oceanfront.

Park Location:
56200 Overseas Hwy.
Marathon, FL 33050

174 Bahia Honda State Park



With a combination of all-natural Atlantic Coast beach and Gulf Coast beach, Bahia Honda is a must-see destination. Visitors can explore the park's three trails, butterfly garden and nature center. The park also offers food, snorkel trips to Looe Key Reef, snorkel equipment rentals, kayak rentals, beach chairs, umbrellas and a gift shop. Stay the night in one of 80 campsites or six cabins.

Park Location:
36850 Overseas Hwy.
Big Pine Key, FL 33043



175 Fort Zachary Taylor Historic State Park



Florida's southernmost state park is popular for recreation as well as for its U.S. military history. The fort played important roles in the Civil War and Spanish-American War and holds a large collection of Civil War weapons. Visitors can see tropical fish and live coral in the swimming area. The park's concessionaire offers beachfront dining, beach rentals, a gift shop and event planning. Guided tours of the fort are available daily.

Park Location:
601 Howard England Way
Key West, FL 33040

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