

Central Florida

Faver-Dykes State Park

Serenity in Natural Florida

Real Fun in the Real Florida

Faver-Dykes is known for being a little off the beaten track. Noted for its natural condition, this serene park borders Pellicer Creek as it winds along the southern boundary of the park. The peaceful setting of this biologically rich area offers the unhurried visitor an opportunity to relax, reflect, explore, discover and wonder.

Camping, nature walks, wildlife watching, fishing, canoeing and picnicking are popular activities. The park has two half-mile-loop **nature trails**. The park is a popular site for **birding** with more than one hundred bird species seen during spring and fall migrations.

Anglers can launch into the Pellicer Creek for both saltwater and freshwater species like spotted sea trout, common snook, large mouth bass and

bream. (Saltwater and freshwater fishing licenses may be required.)

A boat ramp located in the park allows small boats and canoes access to Pellicer Creek, a designated state **canoe trail**. Visitors can rent **canoes** at the park. A canoeist's delight, visitors will discover **aquatic trails** up and downstream where otters, deer, wild turkeys, woodpeckers and sometimes bald eagles are seen.

A full-facility campground is available for **overnight stays**. Each site has water, electricity, a **picnic** table, **grill** and fire ring. The sites are located in a shady hardwood hammock and natural vegetation buffers are located between most sites. The picnic area includes two covered pavilions with tables and grills. **A primitive youth camping** area provides facilities for up to 100 people. Join our camping community around the **campfire circle**.

Nature and History

Pellicer Creek was named for settler Francisco Pellicer who received a land grant from the King of

Spain and then built his homestead along the banks of the creek around 1800. Pellicer Creek, an aquatic preserve, is the main body of water in the 6,045 acre park.

Faver-Dykes State Park was originally part of the Buena Suerte Plantation granted in 1817 by Spain to General Joseph Hernandez. During the Second Seminole War the area was occupied by U.S. troops. In 1950, Hiram Faver, a former longtime Clerk of the Court in St. Johns County, donated the land to the Florida State Board of Parks and Historic Memorials. The park is named for his parents, Alexander Hall Faver and Florida Dykes Faver.

On all sides, the woods thrive in the sun and rain. Imagine a path instead of a road, and you see this part of Florida the way the first Europeans saw it-- rich pinelands and hammocks; spreading marshes, open to the sun; a winding, many-fingered oxbow creek for their cautious canoes.

The soaring long leaf pines and quiet, cool hammocks permeate the area with an uncluttered quiet. Wildflowers and ferns are highlighted by rays of sunlight filtering through the canopy. In

early morning, a string of wild turkeys may file through.

Little has been done to disturb this landscape where Timucuan Indians once lived. Faver-Dykes is an ideal park for those who want to get away from the crowds.

Directions

Take Interstate 95 to exit 298 which is US 1. Go north on US 1 for 300 yards and turn right on Faver-Dykes Road. Go 1.5 miles on Faver-Dykes Road to Faver-Dykes State Park.

Park Guidelines

- Hours are 8 a.m. until sunset, 365 days a year.
- An entrance fee is required. Additional user fees may apply.

- All plants, animals and park property are protected. Collection, destruction or disturbance is prohibited.
- Pets are permitted in designated areas only. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and well behaved at all times. Pets are not permitted on the beach. Please pick up after your pet.
- Fishing, boating, swimming and fires are allowed in designated areas only. A Florida fishing license may be required.
- Fireworks and hunting are prohibited in all Florida state parks.
- Become a volunteer. Inquire at the ranger station.
- For camping information, contact Reserve America at (800) 326-3521 or (866) I CAMP FL or TDD (888) 433-0287 or visit ReserveAmerica.com.
- Florida's state parks are committed to providing equal access to all facilities and

programs. Should you need assistance to enable your participation, please contact the ranger station.

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