

# ECHOCKOTEE LODGE 200

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## WHERE TO GO CAMPING GUIDE

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## Where can I find...?

Recreational Activity	Campground
<p>Canoeing, Swimming, and Fishing</p>	<p>BIG LAGOON STATE PARK            BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK            BLUE SPRING STATE PARK            DR. JULIAN G. BRUCE ST. GEORGE ISLAND STATE PARK            FALLING WATERS STATE PARK            FAVER-DYKES STATE PARK            FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK            HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK            LAKE GRIFFIN STATE PARK            LAKE LOUISA STATE PARK            MANATEE SPRINGS STATE PARK            OCHLOCKONEE RIVER STATE PARK            SEBASTIAN INLET STATE PARK            SUWANNEE RIVER STATE PARK            THREE RIVERS STATE PARK            WEKIWA SPRINGS STATE PARK</p>
<p>Hiking, Backpacking, Outdoor Skills, and Nature identification</p>	<p>ANASTASIA STATE PARK            FORT CLINCH STATE PARK            FORT COOPER STATE PARK            MIKE ROESS GOLD HEAD BRANCH STATE PARK            O'LENO STATE PARK            PAYNES PRAIRIE PRESERVE STATE PARK            ST. ANDREWS STATE PARK            STEPHEN FOSTER STATE PARK            TOMOKA STATE PARK            TORREYA STATE PARK</p>

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## Foreword

Arrowmen,

A scout is clean, please make sure that when we use our local camps that we show our gratitude by keeping our precious camps clean. Without these camps, we would be unable to provide experience-rich program for the youth of our council. Through these experiences is how our beloved program turns youth into adults and instill the high ideals of Scouting throughout North Florida – for this we are eternally grateful.

This guide was created with the purpose to guide youth and adults to campsites throughout Florida. You will find that each campground has its own unique experiences to offer. I am proud to present this completed guide to the North Florida Council and hope that it serves your troops well.

Happy Camping!

Yours in Eternal Brotherhood,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wm. Nicholas Chitty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wm. Nicholas Chitty

# How to Use This Guide

## Format

This Guide is digitally published on the lodge website, and is created for units in the North Florida Council or surrounding councils to provide ideas and locations in order to encourage camping in the North Florida geographic area. The Guide is formatted so that individual pages may be removed for revision or to make extra copies of camping site information to carry along with camping trips. Additional resources are included in order to help troops and units with their trip planning. Each page is consecutively numbered, and is accessible via the Table of Contents on page 2 so that each page can easily be found.

## What's New?

This is the second edition of Echockotee Lodge's "Where to Go Camping Guide" and we felt that the old guide was very overwhelming. This guide is meant to make trip planning and brainstorming easier. To fulfill that mission, we have cut down the guide to some of my favorite camping experiences throughout the state of Florida. One of the founding principles of the Order of the Arrow is to promote camping and that is the entire purpose of this guide.

## Camping Site Information

Camping site information is generally spread by word-of-mouth or by roundtable discussions. Since not every unit may be knowledgeable on camping areas, this Guide serves as a valued resource for both new and mature troops. It also serves as a document that can be shared between other councils to encourage ideas to other units. This Guide is not complete, but instead a dynamic and growing document that will improved with each new edition.

## How to Contact the Editors

If you wish to submit a camping location to our Guide, or if you have any revisions, suggestions for removal, or any other miscellaneous comments, please contact the editors by any of the means below. Any information received will be forwarded to the appropriate person(s) for inclusion in the next edition! Your input is welcome and needed in order to make this document as helpful and accurate as possible. Thank you!

### **Address:**

Camping Promotions Committee  
Echockotee Lodge 200  
North Florida Council  
521 S. Edgewood Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida 32205

***Be sure to follow us on social media!***

Facebook.com/Echockotee

### **Email:**

Twitter: @Echockotee

## Permits and Permission Forms

Although the Tour and Activity Plan has been eliminated, it is essential that your unit complete a trip plan. The full national BSA policies regarding Tour Plans are found here: [www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/TourPlanFAQ.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/TourPlanFAQ.aspx). Be sure to contact your own council's policy regarding Tour Plans to ensure your unit follows the correct guidelines and steps to guarantee a fun and safe time whilst camping. All permits are to be filed in a timely fashion well before your trip to your local council, and the adult leader in charge must have the plan or permit in his possession throughout the duration of the trip.

Due to the variety of forms, this Guide does not include the specific types of forms in this section. To access these forms, go to [www.nfcscouting.org](http://www.nfcscouting.org), [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org), or contact your local council.

## Health Forms

In order to ensure safety on all Scouting outings, the BSA requires every registered member to have on file a valid annual medical evaluation completed by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant. Completing a health history promotes health awareness, collects necessary data, and provides medical professionals critical information needed to treat a patient in the event of an illness or injury. It also provides emergency contact information.

Parts A and B are to be completed at least annually by participants in all Scouting events. This health history, parental/guardian informed consent, hold harmless/release agreement, and talent release statement is to be completed by the participant and parents/guardians.

Part C is the physical exam that is required for participants in any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, for all high adventure base participants, or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding. Part C is to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider—physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. It is important to note that the height/weight limits must be strictly adhered to when the event will take the unit more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle, accessible roadway, or when the program requires it, such as backpacking trips, high-adventure activities, and conservation projects in remote areas.

Part D is required to be reviewed by all participants of a high-adventure program at one of the national high-adventure bases and shared with the examining health-care provider before completing Part C.

For additional health forms or other official Scouting paperwork, visit [www.nfcscouting.org](http://www.nfcscouting.org), [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org), or contact your local council.

## Section S-4 Councils/Order of the Arrow Lodges

<b>Council</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>OA Lodge</b>
<u>Central Florida Council</u> 124 North Sinclair Avenue Tavares, FL 32778 <a href="http://www.cflscouting.org">www.cflscouting.org</a>	(352) 821-2561	Tipisa Lodge 326
<u>Greater Tampa Bay Area Council</u> 13228 N. Central Avenue Tampa, FL 33612 <a href="http://www.tampabayscouting.org">www.tampabayscouting.org</a>	(813) 872-2691	Uh-Tō-Yeh-Hut-Tee Lodge
<u>Gulf Stream Council</u> 8335 North Military Trail Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 <a href="http://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org">www.gulfstreamcouncil.org</a>	(561) 694-8585	Aal-Pa-Tah Lodge 237
<u>North Florida Council</u> 521 S. Edgewood Avenue Jacksonville, FL 32205 <a href="http://www.nfcscouting.org">www.nfcscouting.org</a>	(904) 388-0591	Echockotee Lodge 200
<u>South Florida Council</u> 15255 NW 82nd Avenue Miami Lakes, FL 33016 <a href="http://www.sfcbsa.org">www.sfcbsa.org</a>	(305) 364-0020	O-Shot-Caw Lodge 265
<u>Southwest Florida Council</u> 1801 Boy Scout Drive Fort Myers, FL 33907 <a href="http://www.swflcouncilbsa.org">www.swflcouncilbsa.org</a>	(239) 936-8072	Osceola Lodge 546
<u>Suwannee River Area Council</u> 2032 Thomasville Road Tallahassee, FL 32308 <a href="http://www.suwanneeriver.net">www.suwanneeriver.net</a>	(850) 576-4146	Semialachee Lodge 239

## North Florida Council Camps

The North Florida Council is fortunate to host four facilities available for Scouting and camping usages. Be sure to follow your council's policies regarding tour permits to these campgrounds and facilities, especially if your troop is participating in shooting sports, aquatics, or climbing. In addition, be certain your troop holds the certain trainings required to open and 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 Echockotee
- Camp Davis
- Camp Francis

# Campgrounds

## Baden-Powell Scout Reservation (Camp Shands) and Camp Davis

### Contact Information

1453 Baden Powell Road  
Hawthorne, FL 32640  
Reservations: (904) 388-0591

Ranger: Robert Burns  
Phone: (352) 475-1212  
Email: [robert.burns@scouting.org](mailto:robert.burns@scouting.org)



### 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.

Camp Davis is a primitive campground located inside Camp Shands, available for use September through April.

### Additional Features

- Incredible shooting sports areas, geared to help teach Scouts and adults about safe rifle, shotgun, pistol, BB gun and archery activities
- A beautiful waterfront on Lake Osborne, with great opportunities for swimming, fishing, and boating
- Miles of beautiful hiking trails
- C.O.P.E. course and a 65' climbing wall
- Xtreme Obstacle Course
- A water park equipped with swimming pool, water slides, wading pool, and pavilions

### Directions

**From Jacksonville:** take US-21 south. There is a sign on the right-hand side stating "Boy Scouts of America – Camp Shands" (a few miles south of the town of Melrose/the FL-21/FL-26 intersection). Immediately after the sign, turn right onto Baden-Powell Road. In three miles, the entrance to Camp Shands will be on the right-hand side.

**From Orlando:** take FL-19 north. Continue on county road 310 towards Interlachen. Turn left on FL-20 west. Take Baden-Powell Road on the left-hand side.



## St. Johns River Base at Echockotee

### Contact Information

2513 Doctors Lake Drive  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
Reservations: (904) 388-0591

Ranger: Frank Geer  
Phone: (904) 250-9981  
Email: [frank.geer@scouting.org](mailto:frank.geer@scouting.org)

### 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 geared to help Cub Scouts and adults learn about safe archery and BB gun activities
- A climbing wall for Webelos, Boy Scouts, and Venturers
- A swimming pool
- A beautiful river with a boat dock, available for sailboating, motor boats, canoeing, and kayaking

### Directions

**From Jacksonville – US-17:** Enter Orange Park on US-17. Turn East onto Kingsley Avenue (SR-244) and go to the third traffic light and turn left onto Doctors Lake Drive. Proceed 1.9 miles to camp, where the entrance is on your left.

**From Jacksonville – FL-21:** Enter Orange Park on Blanding (FL-21). Turn West onto Kingsley Avenue and travel approximately 2.5 miles, cross the railroad tracks and immediately turn right onto Doctors Lake Drive. Proceed 1.9 miles to camp where the entrance is on the left.



## Camp Francis

### Contact Information

454 South Francis Street  
Interlachen, FL 32148  
Reservations: (904) 388-0591

No Ranger, but to have the water turned on, contact Jerry Foster at (386) 972-8859 or Willard Stewart at (386) 684-0445.

### 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 is 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

We are now asking that you complete a Camp Francis Permit to reserve the property. Visit [www.nfcscouting.org/files/7591/Camp-Francis-Reservation-Form](http://www.nfcscouting.org/files/7591/Camp-Francis-Reservation-Form) for the permit.



## Anastasia State Park

### Contact Information

300 Anastasia Park Road  
St. Augustine, FL 32080  
(904) 461-2033  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Anastasia](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Anastasia)

### **At a Glance:**

Bicycling, boating, canoe/kayak,  
fishing, hiking, swimming, trails

### 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.

### Additional Features

At Anastasia, there are many recreational activities to enjoy including hiking, swimming, beachcombing, bird watching, and much more. The campground contains 139 campsites all located within the beautiful maritime hammock and just a short walk or bike ride from the beach. Anastasia has concessions to provide guests with rental opportunities of bicycles, paddleboards, kayaks, sail boats and canoes. There is also a grill area and a small gift shop for visitors to take home an Anastasia memory. The grill location also provides Wi-Fi for visitors' use.

### Directions

Anastasia is located 1.5 miles north of State Road 312 on State Road A1A, less than 5 miles south of St. Augustine.



## Big Lagoon State Park

### Contact Information

12301 Gulf Beach Highway  
Pensacola, FL 32507  
(850) 492-1595  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Big-Lagoon](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Big-Lagoon)

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, canoe/kayak, swimming

### General Information

Sitting on the northern shoreline of its namesake, Big Lagoon State Park's 655 upland acres separate the mainland from Perdido Key and the Gulf of Mexico. Natural communities, ranging from saltwater marshes to pine flatwoods, attract a wide variety of birds, especially during the spring and fall migrations, while the beaches, shallow bays, nature trails and open woodlands offer splendid opportunities for nature study. The park also beckons visitors to camp, swim, fish, boat, canoe and hike. Crabbing in the shallow waters of Big Lagoon is a popular activity as well.

### Additional Features

Bicycling is popular along the 2.5-mile long paved main park drive. Helmets are highly recommended for all cyclists and Florida law requires helmets for cyclists age 16 and under. The campground has 75 sites, each equipped with 30/50amp electric, water, a picnic table, and a fire ring/ground grill. Three full-service restrooms and a dump station are available. Pets are welcome in the campground. Kayak, canoe, and stand-up paddleboard rentals are available from the Ranger Station. Swimming is available in designated areas along the Intracoastal Waterway.

### Directions

From I-10 take exit 7, drive south for 4 miles on Pine Forest Rd. to Blue Angel Parkway. Turn right onto Blue Angel Park Way, drive south on Blue Angel park way for approximately 14 miles to Gulf Beach Hwy. Turn right onto Gulf Beach Hwy Drive west for 4 miles, Big Lagoon State Park is on the left.



## Blackwater River State Park

### **At a Glance:**

Canoe/kayak, fishing, swimming, trails

### Contact Information

7720 Deaton Bridge Road

Holt, FL 32564

(850) 983-5363

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Blackwater-River](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Blackwater-River)

### General Information

A favorite destination for canoeists and kayakers, Blackwater River State Park offers opportunities for a variety of outdoor activities. The river is one of the purest sand-bottom rivers in the nation, making this park a popular place for swimming, fishing, camping, and paddling. Shaded campsites are just a short walk from the river and a picnic pavilion overlooks the river. Nature enthusiasts will enjoy strolling along trails through the more than 600 acres of undisturbed natural communities. In 1980 the park was certified as a Registered State Natural Feature for its exceptional illustration of Florida's natural history. One of the largest and oldest Atlantic white cedars stands among the many that line the river and, in 1982, it was recognized as a Florida Champion tree.

### Additional Features

The park offers two nature trails, picnic areas, and 30 campsites. Campsite amenities include water, electricity (20/30/50 amp), on-site sewer and a bathhouse. Camping reservations may be made by visiting [ReserveAmerica.com](http://ReserveAmerica.com) or by calling ReserveAmerica at (800) 326-3521. The Blackwater River attracts paddlers from far and wide and has been designated a Florida canoe trail. The last two miles of the trail are located within the park. Bring your canoes or tubes to truly enjoy the beauty of the Blackwater River. A canoe outfitter offer trips and rentals.

### Directions

Blackwater River State Park is located 15 miles northeast of Milton, off U.S. 90. Heading East on I-10, exit 31 (Hwy 87N). Half mile, right turn on Highway 90. Seven miles to town of Harold. Left turn onto Deaton Bridge Road. Three miles to main gate. Heading West on I-10, exit 45 to town of Holt (blinking light). Left turn onto Highway 90. Approximately 15 miles to the town of Harold. Right turn on Deaton Bridge Road. Three miles to main gate.



## Blue Spring State Park

### Contact Information

2100 W. French Avenue  
Orange City, FL 32763  
(386) 775-3663  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Blue-Spring](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Blue-Spring)

### **At a Glance:**

Fishing, hiking, swimming, trails

### General Information

Blue Spring State Park covers more than 2,600 acres, including the largest spring on the St. John's River. Blue Spring is a designated manatee refuge and the winter home to a growing population of West Indian Manatees. During manatee season, which approximately runs from mid-November through March, several hundred manatees can be viewed atop the spring's overlooks on cold days. The spring and spring run are closed to all water activity from mid-November to at least mid-March. Swimming or diving with manatees is not permitted; this rule is strictly enforced.

### Additional Features

Blue Spring State Park has a variety of different activities for patrons. The spring's crystal clear, 73-degree water can be enjoyed by swimmers, snorkelers, and certified scuba divers with a partner during our designated swimming season. Fishing, canoeing, and boating are also enjoyed along the St. John's River.

### Directions

Blue Spring is located west of Orange City. Take U.S. 17/92 to Orange City, go west two miles on French Avenue to the entrance.



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

### Contact Information

1900 E. Gulf Beach Drive  
St. George Island, FL 32328  
(850) 927-2111  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/St-George-Island](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/St-George-Island)

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, boating, canoe/kayak, hiking, swimming, trails

### General Information

Miles of undeveloped beaches on this barrier island provide the perfect setting for this park, which offers ample opportunities for sunbathing, swimming, canoeing, boating, hiking, camping and nature study. Two natural boat ramps provide access to the bay for small boats. Anglers can fish for flounder, redfish, sea trout, pompano, whiting, Spanish mackerel and other fish off the beach or in the bay. Few parks offer better opportunities for shelling. Sea turtles and shore birds such as the snowy plover, least tern, black skimmer and willet nest in the park during the summer. The park has six large picnic shelters equipped with grills, tables and nearby restrooms. The campground features 60 campsites with water, electric, a central dump station and two bathhouses. Two primitive campsites can be accessed by a 2.5-mile trail or by canoe or kayak. A primitive group camp area is available for scouts and other organized groups. Annual special events include the Coffee in the Campground from November through February, Coastal Cleanups in September and weekly interpretive programs in the fall. Other events and ranger programs are available throughout the rest of the year.

### Additional Features

The park has four miles of paved road along the main park drive and a five-mile stabilized road that leads to the east end of the island. There are also three and a half miles of nature trails to ride your bicycle on. There is a bicycle path outside of the park that leads to the center of the island. Six sites have concrete pads and walkways. The campground is located behind historic dunes in the pine flatwoods. Although there are no ocean or Gulf views, the campsites are only a quarter mile from the beach and the Gulf. There are two restrooms with hot showers, a playground and a linear nature trail that meanders from the campground through the pine forests and coastal scrub. Canoeing and kayaking are popular activities on the bay. Canoes and kayaks are available for rent at the ranger station.

### Directions

St. George Island State Park is accessible via a four-mile bridge from Eastpoint, Florida. Eastpoint is located approximately 75 miles southwest of Tallahassee, Florida. The park is located on the east end of St. George Island.

## Falling Waters State Park

### Contact Information

1130 State Park Road  
Chipley, FL 32428  
(850) 638-6130  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Falling-Waters](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Falling-Waters)

### **At a Glance:**

Hiking, trails

### General Information

Huge trees and fern-covered sinkholes line Sink Hole Trail, the boardwalk that leads visitors to Florida's highest waterfall. 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 remains unknown. Only a few miles south of I-10, the park provides travelers with a quiet, serene stop on their journey. 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. Park rangers host interpretive programs in the amphitheater. Full-facility campsites nestled in a shady pine forest provide the perfect excuse for an overnight stay at Falling Waters.

### Additional Features

Located on one of the highest hills in Florida, Pine Ridge Campground at Falling Waters State Park has the highest elevation in the state at 324 ft above sea level. Nestled among the Long Leaf Pine and Dogwoods are 24 campsites. There are three short nature trails that meander through Falling Waters State Park. These trails will take you around 100 ft deep sink holes, the tallest waterfall in Florida and many other points of interest. In total, there is about one mile of trail to hike but part of what makes these trails unique is the park's topography. There are few parks in Florida that can rival Falling Waters State Park when it comes to hills which can make hiking challenging for guests.

### Directions

Falling Waters State Park is located three miles south of Chipley off State Road 77. Turn left on State Park Road and follow it to the park entrance. From I-10, take the Chipley exit south on State Road 77 and follow signs to the park.



## Faver-Dykes State Park

### Contact Information

1000 Faver-Dykes Road  
St. Augustine, FL 32086  
(904) 794-0997  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Faver-Dykes](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Faver-Dykes)

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, boating, canoe/kayak, fishing,  
hiking, trails

### General Information

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 one hundred bird species seen during spring and fall migrations. Songbirds, including the colorful wood warblers, along with eagles and falcons, return to nest at the park each year. Wading birds, such as egrets, wood storks, white ibis, and herons, feed in the tidal marshes and creeks. This peaceful park is also home to deer, turkeys, hawks, bobcats, and river otters.

### Additional Features

Fishing, picnicking, and nature walks are popular activities. Pellicer Creek is a Designated State Canoe Trail and visitors can rent canoes at the park. A full-facility campground is available for overnight stays. Located 15 miles south of St. Augustine near the intersection of I-95 and U.S. Highway 1.

### 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.



## Florida Caverns State Park

### Contact Information

3345 Caverns Road  
Marianna, FL 32446  
(850) 482-1228  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Florida-Caverns](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Florida-Caverns)

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, horseback riding, hiking, trails

### General Information

This is one of the few state parks with dry (air-filled) caves and is the only state park in Florida to offer cave tours to the public. The Florida Cavern has dazzling formations of limestone stalactites, stalagmites, soda straws, flowstones and draperies. The Chipola River and Blue Hole spring provide areas for fishing, canoeing and boating. Florida Caverns State Park is popular for camping, picnicking, fishing, hiking, and horseback riding. The park does not rent horses, however stables are available for equestrian enthusiast. The park also features a nine-hole, New Deal-era golf course set in beautiful rolling terrain. The entrance is adjacent to the main park entrance; contact the Florida Caverns Golf Course at (850) 482-4257. Guided cave tours are offered Thursday through Monday except Thanksgiving and Christmas (no guided cave tours are offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays). Guided tours of the Florida Cavern lasts 45 minutes and is considered to be moderately strenuous. An audiovisual program about touring the cave and other natural areas of the park is available in the visitor center. Camping reservations may be made by visiting [ReserveAmerica.com](http://ReserveAmerica.com) or by calling Reserve America at (800) 326-3521. The park is located three miles north of Marianna on State Road 166. Please note: Cave tours are CLOSED on Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week.

### Additional Features

**Multi-Use Trails:** Horseback riding, bicycling and walking are just some ways to view the beautiful scenery of Florida Caverns State Park. Tour several miles of multi-use trails while viewing natural wonders such as floodplains, sinkholes, rivers and Karst topography. View a wide variety of plants and animals as you journey through these unchanged natural areas. This 1,319-acre park has 35 campsites with electric and water hookups available for RV and tent camping. Canoe rentals on the scenic Chipola River are available every day, ask for information at the Ranger Station. Guided tours of the cave are offered every Thursday through Monday (closed on Tuesday and Wednesday). Tours leave from the Visitor Center, which opens at 9am each day. Tour sizes are limited to 25 people per tour.

### Directions

Florida Caverns State Park is located three miles north of Marianna, off U.S. 90 on State Road 166. From Tallahassee, take I-10 west to exit 142, turn right on Highway 71 and travel north to Highway 90. Turn left. Follow brown park signs. From Pensacola: Take I-10 east to exit 136, turn left on Highway 276, travel north to Highway 90. Turn right. Follow brown park signs.

## Fort Clinch State Park

### Contact Information

2601 Atlantic Avenue  
Fernandina Beach, FL 32034  
(904) 277-7274  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Fort-Cooper](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Fort-Cooper)

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, fishing, hiking, swimming, trails

### General Information

At over 1,400 acres, Fort Clinch State Park is situated on Florida's northernmost barrier island- Amelia Island. The park provides exceptional recreational activities immersed among beautiful natural communities, as well as wildlife viewing, historic attractions and unparalleled living history interpretive programs. The park's 3-mile shoreline and a 1/2-mile long fishing pier offer a wide variety of family-friendly recreational activities including swimming, fishing, sunbathing and wildlife viewing. Shelling and shark-tooth hunting are popular activities near the pier and along the St. Mary's Inlet. 69 campsites and a large group camping facility offer unparalleled overnight experiences in the Real Florida!

### Additional Features

Fort Clinch State Park provides miles of bicycling on the historic oak-canopy drive, or for the more adventurous, hiking & biking the 6-mile off-road multi-use trail. Visit historic Fort Clinch & step back to the year 1864, as soldiers reenact life during the Civil War. Explore the many rooms, galleries and grounds of the fort as you learn how the soldiers worked and lived each day. An additional \$2.00 per person Fort Entry Fee is required.

### Directions

Take I-95 to the Fernandina Beach/Callahan exit (Milepost Exit 373 - Old Exit 129), and stay to the right. You will then be traveling east on A1A. (This road becomes 8th Street within the town limits of Fernandina.) Stay on this road, (A1A), for 16 miles until you come to the intersection of 8th Street and Atlantic Avenue. Turn right on Atlantic Avenue and go about two miles, Fort Clinch State Park will be on the left.



## Fort Cooper State Park

### Contact Information

3100 S. Old Floral City Road  
Inverness, FL 34450  
(352) 726-0315  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Fort-Cooper](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Fort-Cooper)

### **At a Glance:**

Canoeing, biking, fishing, hiking, trails

### General Information

Over 700 acres of nature at its best, Fort Cooper State Park offers a spot for relaxing, hiking, nature study and learning about history. Lake Holathlikaha is popular for fishing and boating, although private boats are prohibited, canoes are available for rent when water levels and conditions permit. As part of the Great Florida Birding Trail, the park offers nearly five miles of self-guided trails with excellent bird and wildlife viewing. The park's diverse natural areas provide a refuge for many plants and animals, including threatened and endangered species. A paved pathway connects the park to the multi-use paved Withlacoochee State Trail. Park visitors can enjoy the picnic facilities and playground under the hardwood hammock near the lake.

### Additional Features

Group primitive tent camping is available for groups up to 20 people per site. The Seminole Heritage Trail kiosks located in the park are a series of four interpretive panels that provide an insight into the lives of the Seminoles who lived in this area and the reason for Fort Cooper's construction. Join us every year in March for the Annual Fort Cooper Days event, complete with Second Seminole War re-enactments that depict the events that took place here in 1836.

### Directions

Fort Cooper State Park is located just off US 41, on South Old Floral City Road, two miles south of Inverness.



## Henderson Beach State Park

### **At a Glance:**

Fishing, swimming, trails

### Contact Information

17000 Emerald Coast Parkway

Destin, FL 32541

(850) 837-7550

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Henderson-Beach](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Henderson-Beach)

### General Information

Pristine white sugar sand beaches and more than 6,000 feet of natural scenic shoreline border the emerald green waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Natural features of the park include sand pines, scrub oaks, and dune rosemary. Boardwalks provide access to the beach for swimming, sunbathing, and fishing. Four large and two small pavilions allow for picnicking and grilling. A playground is the first stop on our nature trail and is sure to be a success with the kids. The nature trail provides visitors a rare glimpse of the coastal dune ecosystem and abundant wildlife and is pet friendly. Camping at Henderson Beach State Park provides 60 campsites that are located in our secondary dune system. The sites include water and electric hookups and access to air conditioned and heated bathroom facilities. A separate beach access boardwalk with outdoor showers are included in our campground. Henderson Beach is A.D.A accessible and includes beach wheel chair availability. Visitors can enjoy truly breathtaking sunsets while relaxing by the warm crystal clear water of the Gulf of Mexico.

### Additional Features

The park has 60 campsites that can accommodate either tents or RVs, with a mixture of back in and pull-through sites. The sites have water, electricity (all sites are 50 amp except campsite #28); picnic tables, ground grills and clothesline posts. Destin is known as the luckiest fishing village in the world. Visitors wishing to try their luck in the surf may catch popular species such as pompano, red fish, flounder, catfish, whiting, and sometimes cobia. Fishing is prohibited between the boardwalks and fish cleaning stations are not available. Bait & Tackle can be purchased just outside of the park. The beach at Henderson Beach State Park stretches more than mile along white sugar sand a natural scenic shoreline. The emerald green waters of the Gulf of Mexico are perfect for a swim.

### Directions

Henderson Beach State Park is located just east of Destin on U.S. 98.

## Lake Griffin State Park

### Contact Information

3089 U.S. Highway 441-27  
Fruitland Park, FL 34731  
(352) 360-6760  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Lake-Griffin](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Lake-Griffin)

### **At a Glance:**

Canoe/kayak, fishing, hiking, trails

### General Information

The park is home to a mammoth, centuries-old oak tree as well as many other plant and animal species, including some that are threatened and endangered. In fact, this centuries-old tree, located in the southeastern corner of the park is the 2nd largest Live Oak tree in the State of Florida and is estimated to be 300 – 500 years old. The park encompasses 620 acres and provides visitor access to Lake Griffin through the Dead River Marsh. At 9,400 acres, Lake Griffin is the 8th largest lake in the State of Florida and is one of nine lakes in the Harris Chain of Lakes. Anglers will find plenty of largemouth bass, bluegill, speckled perch, and catfish. Visitors can observe the park's wildlife while picnicking or strolling along the half-mile nature trail.

### Additional Features

We offer 40 campsites, many of which are shaded by a beautiful canopy of majestic oak trees. All campsites have water and electricity, 10 sites have 50-amp electric service, 7 sites are pull-through sites, and 7 sites have sewer hook-ups. Showers, restrooms and laundry facilities are conveniently located in the campground. All campground facilities are accessible to all visitors.

### Directions

Lake Griffin State Park is located 2 miles north of Leesburg and 30 miles south of Ocala in Fruitland Park just south of CR-466A. The park is also within an hour of central Florida's major attractions.



## Lake Louisa State Park

### Contact Information

7305 U.S. Highway 27

Clermont, FL 34714

(352) 394-3969

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Lake-Louisa](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Lake-Louisa)

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, boating, canoe/kayak, fishing,  
hiking, trails

### General Information

A short drive from Orlando, this 4,500 acre park is noted for its beautiful lakes, rolling hills and scenic landscapes. Lake Louisa, the largest in a chain of 13 lakes, is designated as an Outstanding Florida Water Way. Lake Louisa, Hammond Lake and Dixie Lake, the park's most accessible lakes, provide opportunities for fishing, canoeing and kayaking.

### Additional Features

Lake Louisa State Park offers a variety of different features for campers. Among those features include biking paths and trails, boating for hand-carried electric trolling motors (there is not a public boat ramp), and fishing. In addition, Lake Griffin State Park offers guided eco-tours by canoe or kayak of the 1.5-mile river that leads to Lake Griffin. The pristine freshwater marsh ecosystem provides excellent opportunities for relaxing, exercise & wildlife observation!

### Directions

Lake Louisa State Park is located on US 27, seven miles south of State Road 50.



## Manatee Springs State Park

### Contact Information

11650 NW 115 Street

Chiefland, FL 32626

(352) 493-6072

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Manatee-Springs](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Manatee-Springs)

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, boating, canoe/kayak, fishing, hiking, swimming, trails

### General Information

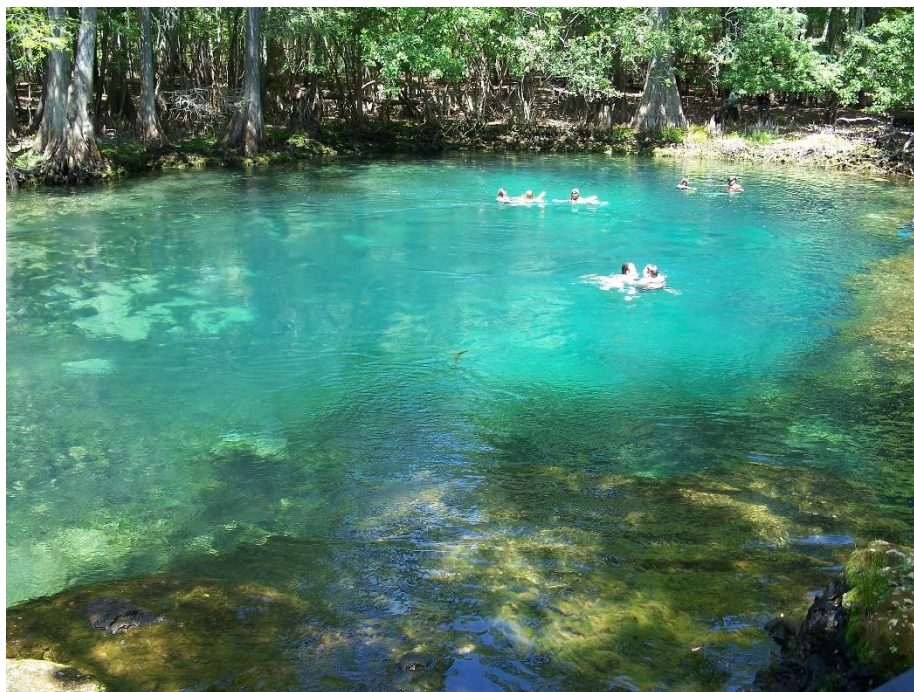
The first-magnitude spring at this park produces an average of 100 million gallons of clear, cool water daily. In winter, West Indian manatees swim upriver to the warmer waters of the springs. Popular for snorkeling and scuba diving, the headwaters of the spring are also a great spot for swimming. The spring run forms a sparkling stream that meanders through hardwood wetlands to the Suwannee River. Canoe and kayaking is available all year round.

### Additional Features

At Manatee Springs State Park, visitors can experience a unique opportunity snorkeling with manatees and using the vast number of amenities located at the park. This is a great location with a wide number of activities, including biking, swimming, trails, boating, hiking, and fishing.

### Directions

Manatee Springs State Park is located at the end of S.R. 320, off U.S. 98, six miles west of Chiefland.



## Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park

### Contact Information

6239 State Road 21  
Keystone Heights, FL 32656  
(352) 473-4701  
<https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Mike-Roess>

### **At a Glance:**

Canoe/kayak, fishing, hiking,  
swimming, trails

### General Information

One of Florida's first state parks, Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park was developed on a 2,000-acre site by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) during the 1930s. The extraordinary craftsmanship of the CCC is still evident today. Located on rolling sandhills in an area known as the central ridge of Florida, a deep ravine with springs issuing from its sides bisects the area and forms Gold Head Branch. Marshes, lakes and scrub provide a habitat for a wide variety of wildlife.

### Additional Features

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. For aquatic recreation, visitors can swim or fish in the lake, or spend a lazy afternoon canoeing. A large picnic area, with tables and grills, pavilions, and a playground are available for visitors to enjoy. Nestled under the trees are 3 full-facility campgrounds. Primitive campsites for small or large groups are also available.

### Directions

Gold Head is located in northeast Florida midway between Gainesville and Jacksonville, 6 miles north of Keystone Heights on S.R. 21.



## O'Leno State Park

### Contact Information

410 SE O'Leno Park Road  
High Springs, FL 32643  
(386) 454-1853  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Oleno](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Oleno)

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, canoe/kayak, fishing, hiking,  
swimming, trails

### General Information

One of Florida's first state parks, O'Leno State Park was first 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.

### Additional Features

O'Leno State Park offers visitors the opportunity to unwind in a natural setting. Visitors can 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. Pavilions are located along the river's edge, providing a serene backdrop for picnicking and relaxing. The shady, full-facility campground is the perfect place for a relaxing overnight stay.

### Directions

Northbound -- O'Leno is located on US 441, 8 miles north of High Springs; Southbound -- O'Leno is located 8 miles south of I-75 at Exit 414 (Ellisville) on US 441.



## Ochlockonee River State Park

### Contact Information

429 State Park Road  
Sopchoppy, FL 32358  
(850) 962-2771

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Ochlockonee-River](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Ochlockonee-River)

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, boating, canoe/kayak,  
swimming, trails

### General Information

This jewel of a park is a great place to get away for a weekend or a week-long vacation. Picnic facilities and a swimming area are located near the scenic point where the Ochlockonee and Dead Rivers intersect. Ochlockonee, which means "yellow waters," is a mix of brackish, tidal surge, and fresh water. Pristine and deep, the river empties into the Gulf of Mexico. Trails allow visitors to explore the park and see the diverse wildlife, including the red-cockaded woodpecker, and natural communities such as pine flatwoods and oak thickets. A boat ramp provides easy access to the river. Both freshwater and saltwater fish inhabit the waters around the park, including largemouth bass, bream, catfish and speckled perch. For overnight visitors, there are full-facility campsites with access to restrooms and showers. Youth group camping is also available.

### Additional Features

Bicycling is allowed on the park's multi-use trails, the scenic drive and the park drive. Bicycles are also available for rent at the ranger station for \$10.00 a day. A primitive group campground is provided on the banks of the Dead River off the scenic drive. This site is a great spot for Scouting groups and other organized youth groups. Showers and potable water are available on the site as well as a large fire ring and bench seating. A large table is provided for cooking. One campsite is available for hammock camping in the campground (site #14) it can be reserved through ReserveAmerica. It has one three-hammock hanging structure on it. It is the only hammock accessible campsite in our campground due to the live oak canopy. The park provides access to some of the best canoe and kayaking opportunities in the area. There are miles and miles of tidal creeks and rivers to explore in this area of Florida. Maps are provided at the Ranger Station and on the park's webpage to help you decide which direction to head first. Canoes, kayaks and paddleboards are available for rent at the ranger station for \$20.00 a day. There is an accessible kayak launch available at the boat ramp.

### Directions

Ochlockonee River State Park is located four miles south of Sopchoppy on U.S. 319.

## Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, fishing, hiking, trails

### Contact Information

100 Savannah Blvd  
Micanopy, FL 32667  
(352) 466-3397  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Paynes-Prairie](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Paynes-Prairie)

### General Information

Paynes Prairie is biologically, geologically and historically unique. This park became Florida's first state preserve in 1971 and is now designated as a National Natural Landmark. Noted artist and naturalist William Bartram called it the great Alachua Savannah when he wrote about his visit to the prairie in 1774. More than 20 distinct biological communities provide a rich array of habitats for wildlife and livestock, including alligators, bison, horses and more than 270 species of birds. Exhibits and an audio-visual program at the visitor center explain the area's natural and cultural history. A 50-foot-high observation tower near the visitor center provides a panoramic view of the preserve.

### Additional Features

Eight trails provide opportunities for hiking, horseback riding, and bicycling, including the 16-mile-long, paved Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail. Fishing on Lake Wauburg is allowed and a boat ramp provides access for canoes and boats with electric motors. Gasoline powered boats are not allowed. Full-facility campsites are available for overnight visitors. Annual special events include Stargazing Party, Paynes Prairie 5K, and Fire Fest. Other events and ranger programs are available on weekends, November through April.

### Directions

Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park is located 10 miles south of Gainesville, in Micanopy, on the east side of US 441.



## Sebastian Inlet State Park

### Contact Information

9700 South Highway A.1.A.  
Melbourne Beach, FL 32951  
(321) 984-4852  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Sebastian-Inlet](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Sebastian-Inlet)

### **At a Glance:**

Bicycling, boating, canoe/kayak,  
fishing, hiking, swimming, trails

### General Information

The premier saltwater fishing spot on Florida's east coast, this park is a favorite for anglers nationwide for catching snook, redfish, bluefish and Spanish mackerel from its jetties. Surfing is also a popular recreation and several major competitions are held here every year. Two museums provide a history of the area. The McLarty Treasure Museum features the history of the 1715 Spanish treasure fleet; the Sebastian Fishing Museum tells the history of the area's fishing industry.

### Additional Features

Three miles of beautiful beaches provide opportunities for swimming, scuba diving, snorkeling, shelling, and sunbathing. Canoeing and kayaking in the Indian River Lagoon are also favorite pastimes. Visitors can relax with a stroll down the mile-long Hammock Trail. Waterfront pavilions and picnic areas are great for family outings. A campground for RVs and tent campers is available along with a boat ramp. Located on State Road A1A, 15 miles south of Melbourne Beach.

### Directions

From Indian River County: From Interstate 95, take the Fellsmere/Sebastian exit and go east (towards Sebastian) on County Road 512. After a short distance, turn right on County Road 510. This road will intersect with U.S. Highway 1. Continue east, over the Indian River, to State Road A1A. Turn left (north) and go 7 miles on State Road A1A, you will have arrived at Sebastian Inlet.

From Brevard County: From Interstate 95, take the U.S. 192 exit and go east until you reach State Road A1A in Indialantic. Turn right (south) on State Road A1A and go 18 miles to get to Sebastian Inlet.

## St. Andrews State Park

### Contact Information

4607 State Park Lane

Panama City Beach, FL 32408

(850) 233-5140 x5141

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/St-Andrews>

### **At a Glance:**

Canoe/kayak, hiking, swimming, trails

### General Information

Well-known for its sugar white sands and emerald green waters, this former military reservation has over one-and-a-half miles of beaches on the Gulf of Mexico and Grand Lagoon. Water sports enthusiasts can enjoy swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, kayaking and canoeing. Two fishing piers, a jetty, and a boat ramp provide ample fishing opportunities for anglers. Two nature trails wind through a rich diversity of coastal plant communities - a splendid opportunity for bird-watching. Those wanting to relax can sunbathe on the beach or enjoy a leisurely lunch under the shade of a picnic pavilion. A campground for tent campers, as well as a primitive group camping area, make this park a popular overnight destination. A concession offers snacks, souvenirs and fishing amenities. Shell Island Boat Tours are available during the spring, summer and some of the fall.

### Additional Features

Youth camping is available for scouts, faith-based groups and other small non-profit organized groups. The campground accommodates up to 25 people and includes picnic tables, fire ring, a portable toilet and an outside shower. There are two trails in the park to choose from: Heron Pond, and Gator Lake trails. The Heron Pond Trail takes you on a hike through the flatwood pine forest, and past the Turpentine Still. The Gator Lake trail provides a scenic lakeside view.

### Directions

St. Andrews State Park is located three miles east of Panama City Beach, off State Road 392 (Thomas Drive.) From Highway 98 turn south onto Highway 3031 (Thomas Drive) and follow it to Highway 392. Turn left to enter into the gates of St. Andrews State Park.



## Stephen Foster State Park

### Contact Information

11016 Lillian Saunders Drive/ US HWY 41  
North White Springs, FL 32096  
(386) 397-4331  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Stephen-Foster](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Stephen-Foster)

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, canoe/kayak, fishing, hiking,  
trails

### 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. In Craft Square, visitors can watch demonstrations of quilting, blacksmithing, stained glass making, and other crafts, or visit the gift shop.

### Additional Features

Hiking, bicycling, canoeing, and wildlife viewing are popular activities. Miles of trails wind through some of the most scenic areas of North Florida. For overnight stays, visitors can camp in the full-facility campground or stay in a cabin. Every Memorial Day weekend (last weekend in May), the park hosts the Florida Folk Festival. Other special events include concerts, weekend retreats, a regional quilt show, a holiday light display and an antique tractor show.

### Directions

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park is located on U.S. 41 in White Springs. From I-75 to S.R. 136 (Milepost Exit 439), travel east on S.R. 136 for 3 miles. Turn left on U.S. 41. Park entrance is on the left.

From I-10 to U.S. 41 North (Milepost Exit 301), travel 9 miles to White Springs. Park entrance is on the left.



## Suwannee River State Park

### Contact Information

3631 201st Path

Live Oak, FL 32060

(386) 362-2746

[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Suwannee-River](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Suwannee-River)

### **At a Glance:**

Biking, canoe/kayak, fishing,  
swimming

### General Information

About a quarter mile past the ranger station, a high bluff overlooks the spot where the Withlacoochee River joins the Suwannee River on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. Vestiges of history in the park show how important the Suwannee River was to Florida history. Along the river are long mounds of earthworks built during the Civil War to guard against incursions by Union Navy gunboats. Other remnants from the past include one of the state's oldest cemeteries, and a paddle-wheel shaft from a 19th century steamboat. Five trails, ranging from a quarter mile to 18 miles, loop through surrounding woodlands and provide panoramic views of the rivers. Other activities include fishing, picnicking, and canoeing; for overnight stays, the park has a full-facility campground and cabins.

### Additional Features

Suwannee River State Park is a great place to rest for the night during weekend canoe trips along the Suwannee River. The cabin facilities are great for sleeping bags, and each area comes equipped with benches, tables, grills, and a firepit.

### Directions

Suwannee River State Park is located 13 miles west of Live Oak, off U.S. 90.



## Three Rivers State Park

### Contact Information

7908 Three Rivers Park Road  
Sneads, FL 32460  
(850) 482-9006  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Three-Rivers](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Three-Rivers)

### **At a Glance:**

Boating, canoe/kayak, fishing, hiking, swimming, trails

### General Information

Where Florida meets the southwest corner of Georgia, the Chattahoochee and Flint rivers converge to form Lake Seminole, the setting for this peaceful park. Hiking through forested hills of pine and mixed hardwoods, visitors might catch sight of fox squirrels, white-tailed deer, gray foxes, or many species of native and migratory birds. Campers can launch from a boat ramp to enjoy some of the best freshwater fishing in the state, or fish from a 100-foot pier in the camping area. A shady picnic area, with tables and grills, overlooks the lake. For large gatherings, three pavilions are available for rental. Overnight visitors can stay in a full-facility (no sewer hook-up, dump station only) campground next to the lake or enjoy the comforts of a modern cabin.

### Additional Features

There are two small boat ramps within the park, suitable for smaller watercraft. One ramp is located within the campground, for use by registered campers only. The other ramp is located close to the picnic area, for general use by park visitors. There are also two county-maintained ramps suitable for larger craft. A Group Camp is available. Amenities include one group size grill and a large brick restroom with several showers, toilets and sinks. There are trails that provide up to five miles of hiking.

### Directions

Three Rivers State Park is located two miles north of Sneads on State Road 271 (River Road).



## Tomoka State Park

### Contact Information

2099 North Beach Street  
Ormond Beach, FL 32174  
(386) 676-4050  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Tomoka](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Tomoka)

### **At a Glance:**

Boating, canoe/kayak, fishing, hiking, trails

### General Information

Located near the confluence of the Tomoka and Halifax rivers, Tomoka State Park offers scenic oaks and camping where early native Americans once lived off the fish-filled lagoons. Camping, canoeing, fishing, boating, picnicking and nature trails are available. Swimming is not permitted in the rivers within this park. A museum and visitor center houses exhibits on natural and cultural history and various works by artist Fred Dana Marsh.

### Additional Features

Native Americans once dwelled here, living off fish-filled lagoons. Today, these waters are popular for canoeing, boating, and fishing. The park protects a variety of wildlife habitats and endangered species, such as the West Indian manatee. Tomoka is a bird-watcher's paradise, with over 160 species sighted, especially during the spring and fall migrations. Visitors can stroll a one-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. For overnight stays, the park has full-facility campsites and youth camping.

### Directions

Tomoka State Park is located three miles north of Ormond Beach on North Beach Street.



## Torrey State Park

### Contact Information

2576 NW Torrey Park Road  
Bristol, FL 32321  
(850) 643-2674  
[www.floridastateparks.org/park/Torrey](http://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Torrey)

### **At a Glance:**

Fishing, hiking, trails

### General Information

High bluffs overlooking the Apalachicola River make Torrey one of Florida's most scenic places. The park is named for an extremely rare species of Torrey tree that only grows on the bluffs along the Apalachicola River. 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.

### Additional Features

The park provides the public with exceptional scenic vistas and challenging hiking terrain as well as attractive camping and picnicking areas. The park offers 29 campsites, 1 Cracker Cabin, 1 YURT, 3 Primitive Backpack sites, 2 Youth Camps, Picnic Area with Pavilions and 16 miles of hiking trails.

### Directions

Torrey State Park is located in Liberty and Gadsden Counties, on the east side of the Apalachicola River: Park Headquarters is accessed from State Road 12 and County Road 1641 (Torrey Park Road).



## Wekiwa Springs State Park

### Contact Information

1800 Wekiwa Circle  
Apopka, FL 32712  
(407) 884-2009

### **At a Glance:**

Bicycling, boating, canoe/kayak,  
fishing, hiking, swimming, trails

### General Information

Located at the headwaters of the Wekiva River, the beautiful vistas within this park offer a glimpse of what Central Florida looked like when Timucuan Indians fished and hunted these lands. Just one hour from most central Florida attractions, Wekiwa Springs offers visitors the opportunity to relax in a natural setting, enjoy a picnic, or take a swim in the cool spring. This is a very popular park, particularly on summer weekends. To ensure entrance, we recommend arriving early; otherwise, the parking area will be full and you may not be able to enter.

### Additional Features

Thirteen miles of trails provide opportunities for hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding. Canoeists and kayakers can paddle along the Wekiva River and Rock Springs Run. Canoe and kayak rentals are available from the park's concessionaire. Options for camping include a full facility campground and primitive camping areas.

### Directions

Three Rivers State Park is located two miles north of Sneads on State Road 271 (River Road).

