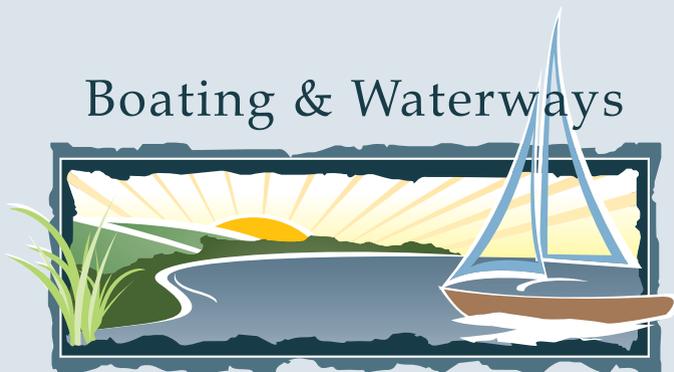




Boating & Waterways



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Great Boating, Fishing and Kayaking are SECOND NATURE

With more than 1,000 lakes and rivers, there's no surprise how Lake County got its name.

This Central Florida county is not only home to hundreds of waterways, but the quality of freshwater fishing and boating amenities are some of the best in the region.

From Hickory Point Recreational Facility, a park that features 12 boat ramps with access to the eight-lake Harris Chain, to the tranquil and picturesque water trails, which offers canoeists and kayakers plenty of outdoor adventures, Lake County is the closest thing in the state to a freshwater boater's paradise.

Largemouth bass and crappie are found in almost every body of water in the area. In fact, nationally televised fishing tournaments come to Lake County each year. With hundreds of lakes brimming with prize catches, anglers sometimes face a tough decision about where to cast a line.

Along with listing the dozens of marinas and boat ramps located in Lake County, this brochure was designed to inform residents and tourists about the many boating and fishing opportunities in the area.

From the St. Johns River in the north to the Clermont Chain in the south, Lake County is an ideal location for a boating vacation getaway.



THE DORA CANAL: ONE OF THE BEST *Waterways for* WILDLIFE VIEWING

The most well-known waterway in Lake County was penned in the 1930s by a leading sports writer as "the most beautiful mile of water in the world." Lined with towering cypress trees that are draped with Spanish moss, the Dora Canal is a safe haven for nesting ospreys, herons and egrets.

In the 1830s, the canal was not only popular for its natural beauty, but because the mile-long connection linked the two important lakes of Dora and Eustis. Bordering the two lakes are the cities of Eustis, Tavares and Mount Dora. Together the municipalities form the Golden Triangle area of Lake County. Each city sports its own heritage and quaint downtown district that are a hit with tourists.

Originally called the Elfin River, the Dora Canal was unofficially born in the late

1800s when the captain of a steamboat assembled a team of laborers to help make the waterway more passable.

Today, the Dora Canal, along with the nearby Dead River and Haynes Creek, are popular spots for guided scenic tours. Hundreds of tourists and locals each year take these enchanting cruises to view the waterways' breathtaking beauty and wildlife.

The scenery of the Dora Canal also captured the imagination of Hollywood as a portion of the Humphrey Bogart classic "African Queen" was filmed along the waterway. Besides viewing wildlife such as otters, alligators and wading birds, visitors to the canal can also take note of the towering cypress trees, with some being 2,000 years old.

Prudent boaters should always carry safety equipment. The following items of equipment are suggested depending on the size, location, and use of the boat.

- ✓ AM/FM radio
- ✓ Boat hook
- ✓ Extra clothing
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Anchor
- ✓ Chart
- ✓ Fenders
- ✓ Food and water
- ✓ Binoculars
- ✓ Compass
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Heaving line

WATER SAFETY TIPS

FROM THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE



Lake County is not only blessed with great natural resources, but a responsive Sheriff's Office Marine Unit. The unit routinely patrols the lakes, rivers and other bodies of water located within Lake County. These deputies conduct boating safety inspections, enforce boating laws and respond to routine and emergency calls occurring on the water. The Marine Unit offers the following general boating safety tips to help make every boating excursion a safe and fun one.

- Alcohol and boating don't mix
- Use Coast Guard-approved life jackets
- Prepare for fire safety
- Bring noise makers
- Develop a float plan
- Watch the weather
- Keep the ship in tiptop shape
- Maintain a safe speed
- Ride carefully
- Anchor with caution
- Pets not recommended

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| ✓ Horn or whistle | ✓ Pump or bailer | ✓ Spare fuel | ✓ Tool kit |
| ✓ Marine hardware | ✓ Ring buoy | ✓ Spare parts | ✓ VHF radio |
| ✓ Mirror | ✓ Searchlight | ✓ Spare propeller | ✓ Visual distress signal |
| ✓ Mooring line | ✓ Spare anchor | ✓ Sunglasses | |
| ✓ Paddles | ✓ Spare batteries | ✓ Sunscreen lotion | |

TRAVELING THE

St. Johns River

Meandering along the north border of Lake County, is Florida's longest river and one of the few rivers flowing North in the state.

Traversing 310 miles of the Sunshine State from the swamps west of Vero Beach to Jacksonville, the St. Johns River is a popular waterway among Central Florida boaters. Several centuries ago, the slow-trickling river was the heart of the naturally gifted region and a Southern-style of living.

Beginning in the 1800s, many settlers came to Lake County by steamboat on the St. Johns River. Settlers flocked to Central Florida to homestead government property. By the 1880s, tourists had begun to take a liking to the sunny reception in Florida.

While steam boaters enjoyed the "honeymoon years" of the new mode of transportation during the late 1800s, vibrant towns began sprouting along the two dozen miles of St. Johns River shoreline in Lake County.

Crows Bluff, Hawkinsville and St. Francis all failed as fledging communities along the river, but for many boaters, including kayakers and canoeists, the series of Lake County ghost towns make for some sensational side trips.

St. Francis, also known as Old Town, is 116 miles south of Jacksonville on the west bank of the river. Pilings can still be seen in the St. Francis Dead River where a grand Riverside Hotel once stood. The town also featured its own weekly newspaper (*The Florida Facts*), post office, general store and warehouse. Even after the train derailed the steamboat's burgeoning popularity, several of these towns continued to thrive until business came upon hard times when a freeze in 1894 destroyed hundreds of acres of citrus groves. While the land surrounding the series of ghost towns is relatively uninhabited today, the scenery

Along the St. Johns River in Astor is one of Lake County's more famous waterside restaurants, the Blackwater Inn. The restaurant features a delicious range of seafood and fine steaks to accompany its wide selection of spirits. Accompanying the Blackwater Inn and its upstairs lounge, William's Landing, there



THE LAKE COUNTY WATER RESOURCES ATLAS PROVIDES A ONE-STOP INFORMATION CENTER ABOUT WATERWAYS

The Lake County Water Resources Atlas (www.lake.wateratlas.usf.edu) was designed by a consortium of agencies including the Board of County Commissioners, Lake County Water Authority, the St. Johns River Water Management District and the University of South Florida.

The atlas provides citizens, scientists and planners with comprehensive and current water quality, hydrologic and ecological data, information about recreational opportunities and a library of scientific and educational materials on water resource issues.

The atlas was conceived as a "one-stop information shop" for concerned citizens and scientists alike. The atlas functions as a warehouse for a variety of water resources information, including documents and educational links.

changes dramatically when traveling north along the St. Johns River to the community of Astor.

Canals are lined with relaxing vacation homes, several marinas and other riverside business are bustling with tourists and local boaters alike. However, the activity surrounding Astor is nothing new.

The community has been inhabited for thousands of years by several groups including the French, Spanish and British. The Timucuan Indians once called this region home, primarily because of its excellent growing conditions, and an abundance of fish and game.

are several other ideal waterside eateries in Lake County. For more information about dining choices in the County, check out Lake County's Restaurant Guide. Receive a free copy by calling (800) 430-LAKE, stopping by the Lake County Welcome Center located at 20763 US. Highway 27, Groveland, or log on to www.lakecountyfl.com.

FISHING OPPORTUNITIES ARE *as Plentiful as The* BASS AND CRAPPIE

There's a little-known secret in Lake County that few local anglers would want anybody to know about. While many tourists and visiting fishermen to the Sunshine State choose coastal locations to drop a line, this Central Florida county of more than 1,000 named lakes offers some of the most diverse and abundant fishing opportunities in the state.

Regarded as a premier fishing destination in North America, Florida is often referred to as "The Fishing Capital of the World." However, few areas in the state produce so many "big-catch" prospects as Lake County. During one month in 2005, more than 350 professional and amateur anglers converged for two separate nationally-televised fishing tournaments in Lake County.

Both tournaments were held on the Harris Chain, which is notorious for its supreme largemouth bass and fighting black crappie.

The large 13,788-acre Lake Harris and smaller 3,359-acre Little Lake Harris provide some of the best fishing in the eight-lake Harris Chain.

Along with largemouth bass and black crappie, Lake Harris is also bountiful with other species such as bluegill, redear sunfish and sunshine bass. In fact, Lake Harris made the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) Top 10 list for sunfish fishing sites in 2005.

Also topping the list for best statewide fishing sites in 2005 are the St. Johns River and Lake George. Both bodies of water are located on the border of north Lake County. Lake George, the second largest lake in the state, is known for its incredible



1. Striped Bass



2. Largemouth Bass



5. Redear Sunfish



6. Bluegill



yield of trophy largemouth bass. It tops FWC's list of Top 10 black bass fishing Areas for 2005.

The St. Johns River is the largest river in Florida as it stretches from west of Vero Beach to Jacksonville. The river tops two statewide fishing lists, weighing in as the fourth best site for catfish and the third best for striped, sunshine and white bass.

Other popular fishing locations in Lake County include the Clermont and Holly chains of lakes.

The Clermont Chain is comprised of 13 lakes that range from 20 to 3,634 acres. The Palatka River, along with Lakes Minneola and Louisa, provide the best fishing opportunities on the Clermont Chain for

largemouth bass, black crappie, bluegill and redear sunfish. Channel catfish are also abundant as 20-pound catches are not uncommon.

The Holly Chain is comprised of three lakes north of the City of Umatilla. The chain features unusual contours for Florida lakes. The deepest water is found near shore, with a ridge rising in the center. Bass are often found near the deep water closest to the shore and where the bottom rises to the center ridge.

For more information on Lake County's freshwater fishing opportunities and fishing forecasts, log on to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC's) Web site at <http://floridafisheries.com>.



3. Black Crappie



4. Channel Catfish

TOP 10 FISHING AREAS

in Lake
county

1. LAKE HARRIS
2. LAKE GEORGE
3. ST. JOHNS RIVER
4. LAKE EUSTIS
5. LAKE MINNEOLA
6. LAKE YALE
7. HOLLY CHAIN
8. WILDCAT LAKE
9. LAKE DORR
10. GRASSHOPPER LAKE



HICKORY POINT'S AMENITIES FOR BOATERS IS RIGHT ON TARGET

Averaging almost one fishing tournament every weekend, the Lake County Water Authority's 68-acre Hickory Point Recreational Facility is quickly becoming a headquarters for Central Florida anglers.

Created as a unique, recreational waterfront park, Hickory Point premiered in February 1992. With 12 paved boat ramps, including two that can accommodate deep-draft vessels, and ample parking for vehicle and boat trailers, the park offers the basic amenities for all sort of anglers. However, Hickory Point is no average recreational park.

Boaters often find the park as a perfect destination for a day's outing because of the numerous facilities provided. Along with the boat ramps into Lake Harris, Hickory Point offers a day-use marina (*no overnight mooring allowed*) with an observation platform and two fishing piers.

The park also features a swimming beach, boardwalks, outdoor picnic areas with barbecue grills, open-field play areas, nature trail, playground, horseshoe pits and a sand volleyball court.

The highlight of Hickory Point is its two-story, screened picnic pavilion with first-floor picnic tables and barbecue grills. The second floor features two screened banquet rooms. The pavilion can accommodate small groups or large gatherings of up to 275 people.

For more information or pavilion reservations, call the Lake County Water Authority at (352) 343-3777.

LAKE COUNTY *Boat Ramp* LISTING

(For a visual reference of the boat ramp locations listed below, see the maps on pages 16 and 17.)

1 Arnold Brothers

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 15945 State Road 19, Groveland
BODY OF WATER: Palatka River
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: Limited, paved
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division
(352) 253-4948

2 Astatula Park

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 12703 Florida Ave., Astatula
BODY OF WATER: Little Lake Harris
TYPE OF RAMP: Triple paved ramp
PARKING: Paved 13 boat trailer, 10 car, 1 handicap
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division
(352) 253-4948

3 Astor Landing

HOURS OF OPERATION: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
ADDRESS: 25934 Holmar Drive, Astor
BODY OF WATER: St. Johns River
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$5
AMENITIES: Boat slips, restrooms, picnic area, fishing pier, pontoon boat rentals
CONTACT INFORMATION: Astor Landing (352) 759-2121

4 Banana Cove Marina

HOURS OF OPERATION: 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
ADDRESS: 28725 State Road 19, Tavares
BODY OF WATER: Lake Harris
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$5
AMENITIES: Boat slips, restrooms, picnic area, bait shop, camping
CONTACT INFORMATION: Banana Cove Marina (352) 343-7951

5 Black Bass Resort

HOURS OF OPERATION: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
ADDRESS: 10402 County Road 44, Leesburg
BODY OF WATER: Haynes Creek
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$3
AMENITIES: Bait shop, restrooms, picnic area, fishing pier, boat slips, camping
CONTACT INFORMATION: Black Bass Resort (352) 314-2123

6 Blue Creek Lodge

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
DIRECTIONS: From State Road 40, turn north onto Blue Creek Lodge Road and follow for 2.5 miles. Turn left onto Lake George Street and travel 1 mile to ramp at dead end of road.
BODY OF WATER: Lake George
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: 10 boat trailer
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (407) 846-5300

7 Butler Street

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 55400 Butler Street, Astor
BODY OF WATER: St. Johns River
TYPE OF RAMP: Double paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Paved 23 boat trailer, 5 car, 4 handicap
COST: None
AMENITIES: Portable toilets
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division (352) 253-4948

8 Clermont

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
DIRECTIONS: Located off Minneola Avenue between 12th Street and West Avenue in Clermont
BODY OF WATER: Lake Minneola
TYPE OF RAMP: Double paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: 11 paved spots, including one handicap spot, ample grass spots
COST: \$5 at ramp or a \$20 annual pass is available at Clermont City Hall
AMENITIES: Restrooms, trail, fishing pier
CONTACT INFORMATION: City of Clermont (352) 241-7321

9 Emeralda Marsh Landing

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk (closed until 2007)
DIRECTIONS: From intersection of state roads 19 and 44 in Eustis, travel 2 miles west on State Road 44 to State Road 452. Turn right on State Road 452 and travel 5.5 miles to the Lake Yale Canal. Cross canal and turn left onto graded road for .25 miles to ramp.
BODY OF WATER: Emeralda Marsh
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: 15 boat trailer, 1 handicap
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (407) 846-5300

10 Fisherman's Wharf

HOURS OF OPERATION: 24 hours a day
ADDRESS: 5101 Eagle's Nest Road
BODY OF WATER: Lake Griffin
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$2
AMENITIES: Restrooms, boat slips
CONTACT INFORMATION: Fisherman's Wharf (352) 360-0600

11 Gator Bay Marina

HOURS OF OPERATION: 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., closed on Tuesdays
ADDRESS: 10320 County Road 44, Leesburg
BODY OF WATER: Haynes Creek
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$2
AMENITIES: Boat slips, restrooms, picnic area, bait shop, camping
CONTACT INFORMATION: Gator Bay Marina (352) 365-2177

12 Gilbert Park/Grantham Point

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
DIRECTIONS: Heading south on U.S. Highway 441 to Mount Dora, turn right onto Donnelly Street. Take Donnelly Street 1.8 miles to Charles Avenue. Turn left on Charles Avenue and follow 0.2 mile to Gilbert Park.
BODY OF WATER: Lake Dora
TYPE OF RAMP: Triple paved ramp
PARKING: Limited
COST: None
AMENITIES: Restrooms, picnic area, fishing pier, lighthouse, trail and boardwalk
CONTACT INFORMATION: City of Mount Dora Parks and Recreation Department (352) 735-7155

13 Haines Creek RV Village

HOURS OF OPERATION: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
ADDRESS: 10121 County Road 44 East, Leesburg
BODY OF WATER: Haynes Creek
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$3
AMENITIES: Picnic area
CONTACT INFORMATION: Haines Creek RV Village (352) 728-5939

14 Herlong Park

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 700 E. North Blvd., Leesburg
BODY OF WATER: Lake Griffin
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Limited, paved
COST: None
AMENITIES: Picnic tables, portable toilets
CONTACT INFORMATION: City of Leesburg Recreation & Parks Department (352) 728-9885

15 Hickory Point Recreational Facility

HOURS OF OPERATION: 24 hours a day
ADDRESS: 27341 State Road 19, Tavares
BODY OF WATER: Little Lake Harris
TYPE OF RAMP: 12 paved ramps with courtesy docks
PARKING: Ample, paved
COST: \$2, free between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
AMENITIES: Picnic area, pavilion, restrooms, boardwalk and trail, playground, beach, fishing pier
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Water Authority (352) 343-3777

16 Howey Boat Ramp

HOURS OF OPERATION: 24 hours a day
DIRECTIONS: Griffin Pier at corner of Lakeshore Boulevard and Central Avenue
BODY OF WATER: Little Lake Harris
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Limited
COST: \$20 annual pass available through Town Hall
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Howey-in-the-Hills Town Hall (352) 324-2290

17 John's Lake

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 13620 Lake Blvd., Winter Garden
BODY OF WATER: John's Lake
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Paved 12 boat trailer, 5 car
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division (352) 253-4948.

18 Lake Dalhousie

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 37987 Burhans Road, Eustis
BODY OF WATER: Lake Dalhousie
TYPE OF RAMP: Single dirt ramp
PARKING: Dirt 15 boat trailer
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division (352) 253-4948

19 Lake George

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 58300 Lake George Road, Astor
BODY OF WATER: Lake George
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: Dirt, 10 boat trailer
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division (352) 253-4948

20 Lake Griffin Marina

HOURS OF OPERATION: 24 hours a day
ADDRESS: 5620 Bertsville Road, Lady Lake
BODY OF WATER: Lake Griffin
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Limited
COST: \$4
AMENITIES: Restrooms, picnic area, boat slips
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake Griffin Marina (352) 753-3241

21 Lake Griffin State Park

HOURS OF OPERATION: From 8 a.m. to sunset
ADDRESS: 3089 U.S. Highway 441/27, Fruitland Park
BODY OF WATER: Lake Griffin
TYPE OF RAMP: Double paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Paved, ample
COST: \$4
AMENITIES: Restrooms, picnic area, trail, playground, pavilion, camping
CONTACT INFORMATION: Florida Park Service (352) 360-6760

22 Lake Harris Lodge

HOURS OF OPERATION: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
ADDRESS: 11924 Lane Park Road, Tavares
BODY OF WATER: Lake Harris
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$3
AMENITIES: Bait shop, restrooms
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake Harris Lodge (352) 343-4111

23 Lake Holly

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 14421 County Road 450, Umatilla
BODY OF WATER: Lake Holly
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: Gravel 20 boat trailer
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division
(352) 253-4948

24 Lake Jem Park

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 16141 County Road 448, Tavares
BODY OF WATER: Apopka-Beauclair Canal
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: Paved 10 boat trailer, 10 car
COST: None
AMENITIES: Portable toilets, picnic area, playground
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division
(352) 253-4948

25 Lakeshore Drive

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
DIRECTIONS: Located on Lakeshore Drive just south of the City of Eustis
BODY OF WATER: Lake Eustis
TYPE OF RAMP: Double paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: City of Eustis Recreation Department
(352) 357-7969

26 Lake Umatilla

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
DIRECTIONS: Head north on State Road 19 from the south end of Umatilla. Go 0.5 mile from the intersection of State Road 19 and County Road 450A. Turn right onto Lakeview Street and follow 0.4 mile to ramp on left side of road.
BODY OF WATER: Lake Umatilla
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: 6 boat trailer
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (407) 846-5300

27 Lake Yale East

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 39400 Lake Yale Boat Ramp Road, Eustis
BODY OF WATER: Lake Yale
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: Ample
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division
(352) 253-4948

28 Lake Yale West

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 39800 Thomas Boat Ramp Landing Drive, Eustis
BODY OF WATER: Lake Yale
TYPE OF RAMP: Single dirt ramp
PARKING: Limited
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division
(352) 253-4948

29 Lazy Oaks Resort

HOURS OF OPERATION: 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
ADDRESS: 1414 N. Lakeview Ave., Leesburg
BODY OF WATER: Lake Griffin
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$2
AMENITIES: Restroom, boat slips
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lazy Oaks Resort (352) 787-3626

30 Marsh Memorial Park

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 36545 Yale Retreat Road, Eustis
BODY OF WATER: Lake Yale
TYPE OF RAMP: Double paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Paved 15 boat trailer
COST: None
AMENITIES: Portable toilets, picnic area, playground
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division (352) 253-4948

31 Morgan's Fish Camp

HOURS OF OPERATION: From 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
ADDRESS: 04056 Picciola Road, Fruitland Park
BODY OF WATER: Lake Griffin
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$2
AMENITIES: Bait shop, restrooms
CONTACT INFORMATION: Morgan's Fish Camp (352) 787-4916

32 Palatlkaha River Park

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 12325 Hull Road, Clermont
BODY OF WATER: Palatlkaha River
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Paved 15 boat trailer
COST: None
AMENITIES: Portable toilets, pavilion, picnic area, fishing pier, trail
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division (352) 253-4948

33 Palm Gardens Marina and RV Park

HOURS OF OPERATION: 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.
ADDRESS: 11801 N. U.S. Highway 441, Tavares
BODY OF WATER: Dead River
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: Limited
COST: \$2
AMENITIES: Restaurant, bait shop, restrooms, fishing and pontoon boat rentals, camping
CONTACT INFORMATION: Palm Gardens Marina and RV Park (352) 343-2024

34 Pearl Street

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 25140 E. Pearl St., Astor
BODY OF WATER: St. Johns River
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: Limited
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division (352) 253-4948

35 Pine Island Fish Camp

HOURS OF OPERATION: 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
ADDRESS: 6808 Lake Griffin Road, Lady Lake
BODY OF WATER: Lake Griffin
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$3
AMENITIES: Bait shop, restrooms, picnic area, fishing boat rentals, boat slips, camping
CONTACT INFORMATION: Pine Island Fish Camp (352) 753-2972

36 Powell's Campground

HOURS OF OPERATION: 24 hours a day
ADDRESS: 25716 Powell Drive, Astor
BODY OF WATER: St. Johns River
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$3
AMENITIES: Bait shop, restrooms, picnic area, camping
CONTACT INFORMATION: Powell's Campground (352) 759-2010

37 Singletary Park

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 1902 S. 14th St., Leesburg
BODY OF WATER: Lake Harris
TYPE OF RAMP: Double paved ramp with courtesy docks
PARKING: Paved 34 boat trailer, 17 car, 3 handicap
COST: None
AMENITIES: Portable toilets, fishing pier
CONTACT INFORMATION: City of Leesburg Recreation & Parks
Department (352) 728-9885

38 Sparks Village

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 32000 Lake Drive, Leesburg
BODY OF WATER: Canal to Lake Harris
TYPE OF RAMP: Single paved ramp
PARKING: Limited
COST: None
AMENITIES: None
CONTACT INFORMATION: Lake County Parks and Trails Division
(352) 253-4948

39 Summerall Park

HOURS OF OPERATION: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., boat launching permitted
after hours
DIRECTIONS: 1001 Wells Ave., Tavares
BODY OF WATER: Dora Canal
TYPE OF RAMP: Small ramp (kayak, canoe or boats less than 12 feet)
PARKING: Sand, approximately 10 boat trailer
COST: None
AMENITIES: Portable toilets, picnic area
CONTACT INFORMATION: City of Tavares (352) 742-6319

40 Tavares Recreational Park

HOURS OF OPERATION: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., boat launching permitted
after hours
ADDRESS: 2030 W. Burleigh Blvd., Tavares
BODY OF WATER: Lake Eustis
TYPE OF RAMP: Double paved ramp with courtesy docks
PARKING: Paved 71 boat trailer, 24 car, 4 handicap
COST: None
AMENITIES: Restrooms, picnic area, fishing pier
CONTACT INFORMATION: City of Tavares (352) 742-6319

41 Twin Palms Resort & Marina

HOURS OF OPERATION: 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
ADDRESS: 35320 Cross St., Fruitland Park
BODY OF WATER: Lake Griffin
TYPE OF RAMP: Double paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample
COST: \$5
AMENITIES: Bait shop, restrooms, picnic area, boat slips, camping,
pontoon and fishing boat rentals
CONTACT INFORMATION: Twin Palms Resort (352) 787-3626

42 Venetian Gardens

HOURS OF OPERATION: From dawn to dusk
ADDRESS: 201 E. Dixie Ave., Leesburg
BODY OF WATER: Lake Harris
TYPE OF RAMP: Double paved ramp with courtesy dock
PARKING: Ample, paved
COST: None
AMENITIES: Picnic tables, restrooms
CONTACT INFORMATION: City of Leesburg Recreation & Parks
Department (352) 728-9885

43 Wooton Park

HOURS OF OPERATION: 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., boat launching permitted
after hours
ADDRESS: 200 S. Rockingham Ave., Tavares
BODY OF WATER: Lake Dora
TYPE OF RAMP: Double paved ramp with courtesy docks
PARKING: Paved, approximately 20 boat trailer
COST: None
AMENITIES: Restrooms, picnic area, pavilion, trail, playground, fishing pier
CONTACT INFORMATION: City of Tavares (352) 742-6319

The following boat launch areas are located in the Lake County portion of the Ocala National Forest. The scenic 382,000-acre National Forest touts more than 23 small streams and 600 natural lakes. Although many of the bodies of water can be reached by two-wheel drive vehicles, most are approachable only by walking or by driving on four-wheel drive trails. For more information about Ocala National Forest boat ramps, call the Seminole Ranger District at (352) 669-3153.

Boat launch access in the Ocala National Forest is classified by one of four different categories:

CLASS A: All-weather hard surface pavement extending into water making it suitable for all vehicles.

CLASS B: All-weather sand, clay or general road, which may have some hard surface but not extending into the water. Suited for all vehicles.

CLASS C: Approached by improved sand, clay or gravel road. Not recommended for passenger cars but useable for pickup trucks.

CLASS D: Approached by unimproved clay or sand road. Recommended only for four-wheel drive vehicles. Entry into lake may be no more than tracks.

A Alexander Springs Creek

BOAT ACCESS (2 SITES): Alexander Springs Creek is accessible at public landings located at the stream crossing of State Road 455 and the terminus of Forest Road 552. Launching facilities are carry-in Class D for jon boat or canoe at the State Road 455 site and Class B ramp at the Forest Road 552 site.

B Chain-O-Lakes

BOAT ACCESS (2 SITES): The Chain-O-Lakes is served by two launch facilities: a Class B boat ramp is accessed from Forest Road 562, an unimproved clay road, and a Class D launch accessed from a four-wheel drive trail off Forest Road 599. Parking is limited at both locations.

C Clay Lake

BOAT ACCESS (1 SITE): Clay Lake is accessed by an unimproved road off Forest Road 540. Although the access road is suitable for all vehicles, trailer launching at the Class D entry is not recommended without a four-wheel drive vehicle.

D Cowpen Pond

BOAT ACCESS (1 SITE): Cowpen Pond is accessed by an unimproved sand road off Forest Road 540 that may not be suited for a two-wheel drive vehicle. Trailer launching at the Class D entry is not recommended without a four-wheel drive vehicle.

E Crooked Lake

BOAT ACCESS (1 SITE): A Class D entry with limited parking is located at the terminus of a four-wheel drive trail off County Road 445A.

F Crows Bluff

BOAT ACCESS (1 SITE): A Class A boat ramp off State Road 44, near the intersection of State Road 42, provides access to the St. Johns River that extends north to Lake Dexter. Access is suitable for all vehicles.

G Gobbler Lake

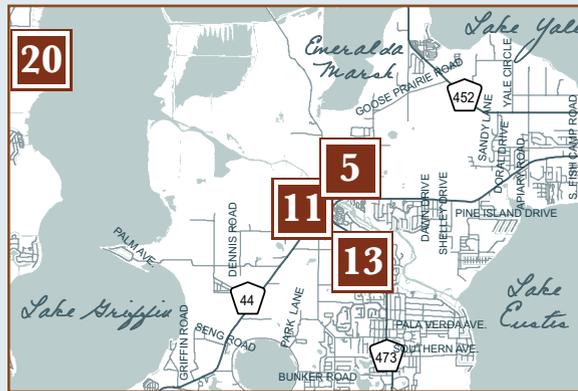
BOAT ACCESS (1 SITE): Gobbler Lake is accessed by a four-wheel drive trail just off State Road 40. Boat launching facility is a Class D entry with limited parking.



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II Grasshopper Lake

BOAT ACCESS (1 SITE): A Class A boat ramp and a public fishing pier are located on an unimproved road, .3 miles east of State Road 19. Access is suitable for all vehicles.

I Lake Beakman

BOAT ACCESS (1 SITE): A Class A boat ramp is located alongside State Road 19. Access is suitable for all vehicles.

I Lake Dorr

BOAT ACCESS (2 SITES): There are two Class A ramps that provide suitable launching for all classes of fishing boats. Both are located on improved roads adjacent to State Road 19, about 12 miles south of State Road 40.

K Lawbreaker Lake

BOAT ACCESS (2 SITES): Although there are no identified launching sites, small jon boats and canoes can be carried to the lake at several locations. Access roads off State Road 40 to the lake are extremely sandy and recommended only for four-wheel drive vehicles.

L Sellers Lake

BOAT ACCESS (2 SITES): A Class A boat ramp located off State Road 19 provides access to Beckman Lake, which is connected to Sellers Lake by a small channel that is open during normal water levels. However, during periods of low water, the channel is impassable.

A Class D entry is located off unimproved Forest Road 599C. Trailer launching at the Class D entry is not recommended without a four-wheel drive vehicle.

M St. Johns River, Lake George Section

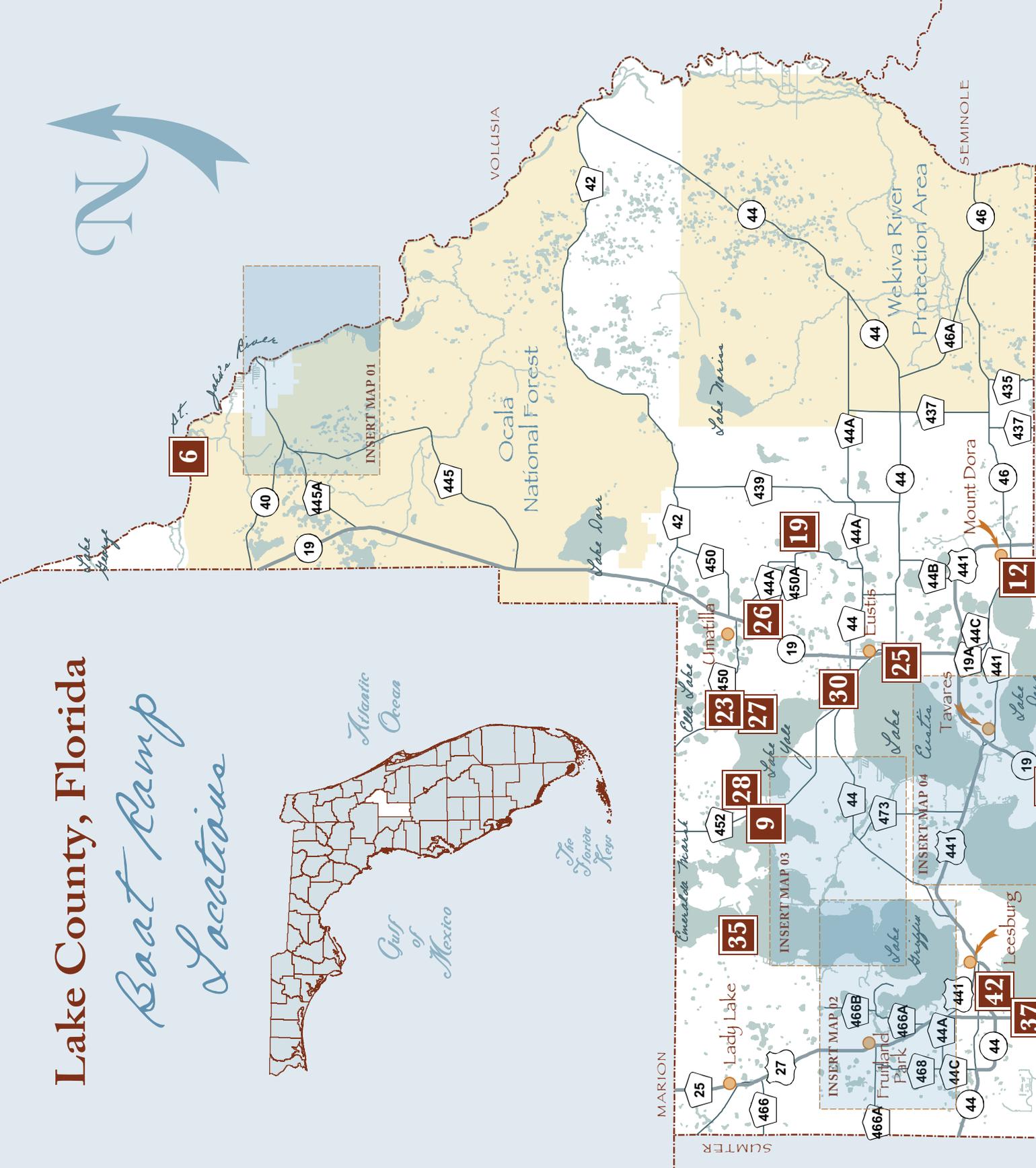
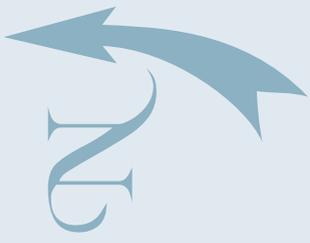
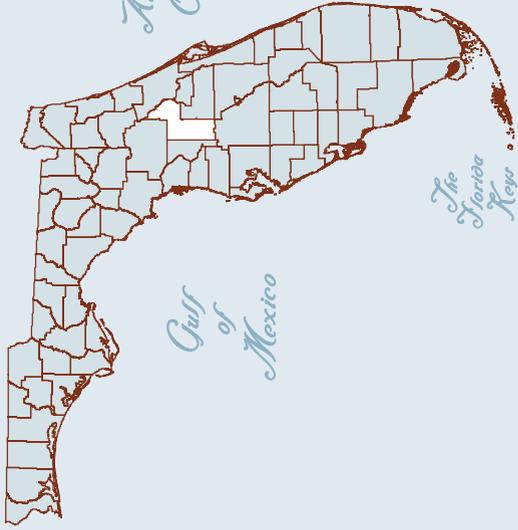
BOAT ACCESS (1 SITE): Lake George establishes the northeastern boundary of the Ocala National Forest. One trailer launch to Lake George that is located in Lake County is the Blue Creek boat ramp. The Class A boat ramp is at the terminus of Forest Road 9984. Access is suitable for all vehicles.

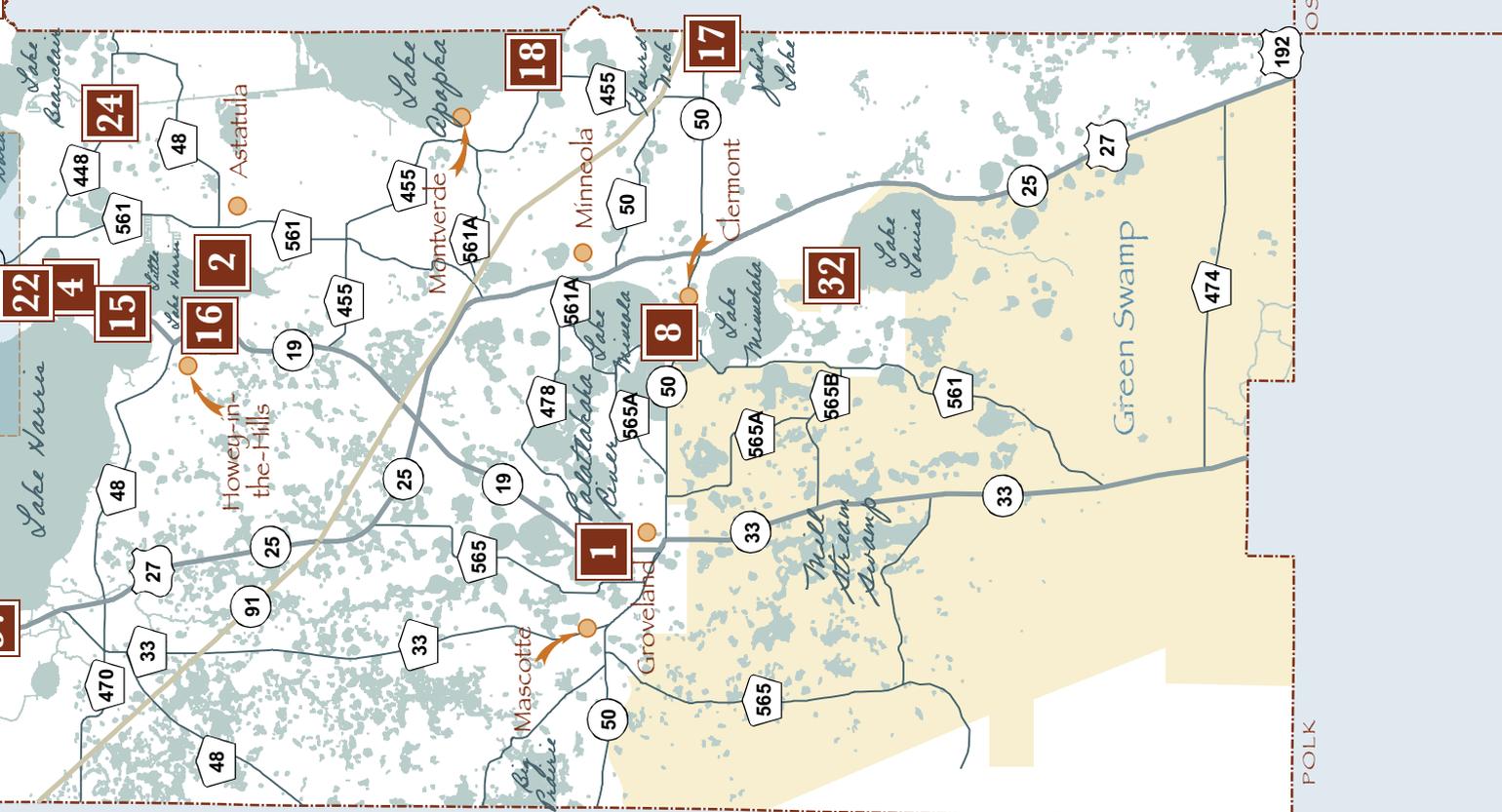
N Wildcat Lake

BOAT ACCESS (1 SITE): A Class A boat ramp is located off State Road 40, just east of the intersection with State Road 19. Paved parking is provided for a nominal fee.

Lake County, Florida

Boat Ramp Locations





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| 1 Arnold Brothers | 23 Lake Holly |
| 2 Astatula Park | 24 Lake Jem Park |
| 3 Astor Landing | 25 Lakeshore Drive |
| 4 Banana Cove Marina | 26 Lake Umatilla |
| 5 Black Bass Resort | 27 Lake Yale East |
| 6 Blue Creek Lodge | 28 Lake Yale West |
| 7 Butler Street | 29 Lazy Oaks Resort |
| 8 Clermont | 30 Marsh Memorial Park |
| 9 Emeraldal Marsh Landing | 31 Morgan's Fish Camp |
| 10 Fisherman's Wharf | 32 Palatlakaha River Park |
| 11 Gator Bay Marina | 33 Palm Gardens Marina and RV Park |
| 12 Gilbert Park/Grantham Pt. | 34 Pearl Street |
| 13 Haines Creek RV Village | 35 Pine Island Fish Camp |
| 14 Herlong Park | 36 Powell's Campground |
| 15 Hickory Point Rec. Facility | 37 Singletary Park |
| 16 Howey Boat Ramp | 38 Sparks Village |
| 17 John's Lake | 39 Summerall Park |
| 18 Lake Dalhousie | 40 Tavares Recreational Park |
| 19 Lake George | 41 Twin Palms Resort & Marina |
| 20 Lake Griffin Marina | 42 Venetian Gardens |
| 21 Lake Griffin State Park | 43 Wooton Park |
| 22 Lake Harris Lodge | |

437 County Roads

447 Florida's Turnpike

46 State Roads

441 U.S. Highways

● Cities/Towns

CANOE RENTALS

Alexander Springs State Park

ADDRESS: 49525 County Road 445, Altoona
 PHONE: (352) 669-3522
 CHARGE: \$10.50 for two hours; \$17 for four hours; \$26 all day, plus \$4 park fee

Astor Landing

ADDRESS: 25934 Holmar Drive, Astor
 PHONE: (352) 759-2121
 Charge: \$17 half day; \$26 full day

Crooked River Preserve

ADDRESS: 11121 Lake Louisa Road, Clermont
 PHONE: (352) 343-3777
 CHARGE: \$50 refundable deposit

Flat Island Preserve

ADDRESS: 2301 Owens Road, Leesburg
 PHONE: (352) 343-3777
 CHARGE: \$50 refundable deposit

Lake Griffin State Recreation Area

ADDRESS: 3089 U.S. Highway 441-27, Fruitland Park
 PHONE: (352) 360-6760
 CHARGE: \$3 per hour, plus \$4 park fee

Lake Norris Conservation Area

ADDRESS: Lake Norris Road, Eustis
 PHONE: (352) 343-3777
 CHARGE: \$50 refundable deposit

Royal Boat Rentals

ADDRESS: 12540 County Road 561, Clermont
 PHONE: (352) 241-7666
 CHARGE: \$5 a hour

Wekiva Falls Park

ADDRESS: 30700 Wekiva River Road, Sorrento
 PHONE: (352) 383-8055
 CHARGE: \$5 all day; \$3 for two hours, plus \$6 park fee

LAKE COUNTY MARINAS

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	BODY OF WATER	HOURS OF OPERATIONS
Astor Landing	25934 Holmar Drive, Astor, FL 32102	(352) 759-2121	St. Johns River	8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday to Saturday; 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Sunday
Banana Cove Marina	28725 State Road 19, Tavares, FL 32778	(352) 343-7951	Lake Harris	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. summer; 6 a.m. - 5 p.m. winter; 7 days a week
Black Bass Resort	10402 County Road 44, Leesburg, FL 34788	(352) 314-2123	Haynes Creek	8 a.m. - 8 p.m.; 7 days a week
Dead River Marina	11611 U.S. Highway 441, Tavares, FL 32778	(352) 343-4331	Lake Eustis	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 7 days a week
Gator Bay Marina	10320 County Road 44, Leesburg, FL 34788	(352) 365-2177	Haynes Creek	6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday to Saturday, closed on Tuesday, 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Sunday
Jones Cypress Cove Marina	12540 County Road 561, Clermont, FL 34711	(352) 394-2880	Lake Minnehaha	7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; 7 days a week
Lake Eustis Marina	350 Lakeshore Drive, Eustis, FL 32726	(352) 357-2411	Lake Eustis	8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday
Lake Harris Lodge	11924 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778	(352) 343-4111	Lake Harris	7 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 7 days a week
Lake Harris Resort	29115 Eichelberger Road, Tavares, FL 32778	(352) 343-1233	Lake Harris	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 7 days a week
Lake Susan Lodge & Marina	11834 Lakeshore Drive, Clermont, FL 34711	(352) 394-3964	Lake Susan	Closed on Monday, 3 p.m. - 10 p.m. Tuesday to Thursday; 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday to Saturday; 11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sunday
Mount Dora Boating Center & Marina	148 Charles Ave., Mount Dora, FL 32757	(352) 383-3150	Lake Dora	8 a.m. - 5 p.m., except Tuesday
Palm Gardens Marina & RV Park	11801 U.S. Highway 441, Tavares, FL 32778	(352) 343-2024	Dead River	7 a.m. - 6 p.m.; 7 days a week
Paradise Harbor Marina	704 S. Lakeshore Blvd., Howey-in-the-Hills, FL 34737	(352) 324-3666	Little Lake Harris	11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday to Saturday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Twin Palms Resort & Marina	35320 Cross St., Fruitland Park, FL	(352) 787-4514	Lake Griffin	6-11 a.m. and 2-5 p.m. Monday to Friday; 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Venetian Cove Marina	250 Ballpark Road, Leesburg, FL 34748	(352) 728-0901	Lake Harris	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 7 days a week

GUIDED TOURS

A Day on the Water Tours

PHONE: (866) 269-6584

Adventure Tours

PHONE: (352) 406-3775

Blue Heron Cruises

LOCATION: 1505-11 U.S. Highway 441, FL 32778

PHONE: (352) 343-0200

Captain Dave's "Sea Venture II"

PHONE: (352) 343-3889

Captain Spencer's Tour & Charters

LOCATION: 32311 Angler Ave., Leesburg, FL 34788

PHONE: (352) 314-3846

Harbor Side Restaurant's

Contessa Cruises

PHONE: (352) 742-5000

Heritage Lake Tours

at Harbor Side Restaurant

LOCATION: Dead River Bridge, S. U.S. Highway 441, Tavares, FL 32778

PHONE: (352) 343-4337

InuTrax Outdoor Adventure

LOCATION: Mount Dora

PHONE: (352) 455-9892

Rusty Anchor

LOCATION: 400 W. Fourth Ave., Mount Dora, FL 32757

PHONE: (352) 383-3933

Yesteryear Site Seeing Tours

LOCATION: 12121 Canal St., Tavares, FL 32778

PHONE: (352) 343-7047

Florida Pack & Paddle

LOCATION: 20449 North Road, Altoona, FL

PHONE: (352) 726-6595/(800) 297-881

	FUEL	SLIPS	DRY DOCK	LIFT	TRANSIENT DOCKING	RESTROOM	REPAIRS	STORE	BAIT	RV CAMPGROUND	CABINS/MOTEL ROOMS	RESTAURANT
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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Await Paddlers

IN LAKE COUNTY

With a name like Lake County, it's no wonder why Central Florida residents and visitors choose this area to perfect their paddling skills. The abundance of freshwater lakes and rivers along with Lake County's natural beauty provide kayakers and canoeists ample adventures.

With more than 100 miles of ideal kayaking and canoeing trails finding the right one can be a challenge. Local companies, such as Inutrax Outdoor Adventures of Mount Dora, provide guided tours for all sorts of paddlers. Inutrax features more than a dozen different guided kayaking tours.

The most common and requested trips are the half-day tours known as "Adventures of the Day." One of these favorite "adventures" is on Lake Norris and Black Water Creek.

The 1,100-acre lake in the Wekiva River Basin is an ideal location for beginning paddlers and true nature lovers.

Almost totally surrounded by the Lake Norris Conservation Area, the lake is short on neighbors as less than a half dozen homes sit on its shores. Besides the tranquil setting, Lake Norris offers one of the largest populations of nesting ospreys. More than 400 of the "fish hawk" nest in easily spotted perches along the towering Cypress trees lining the banks.

For a complete listing of Lake County kayaking and canoeing adventures, log on to www.lakecountyfl.com, keyword "blueway."

