Everglades Trail

Shingle Creek (1) Hunter's Creek Middle School 13400 Town Loop Blvd., Orlando, FL 32837

Located within the hustle and bustle of urban Orlando, Shingle Creek provides a good look at the initial headwaters of the Everglades ecosystem. It's a great place to bike, hike, fish, kayak, canoe, and see wildlife. Canoe boat ramp available.

phone: (800) 250-4250 website: <u>www.sfwmd.gov</u>

The Nature Conservancy's Disney Wilderness Preserve (2) 2700 Scrub Jay Trail Kissimmee, FL 34759

This 12,000-acre preserve, located at the historic headwaters of the Everglades, is home to hundreds of species of wildlife and one of the last undeveloped lakes in Central Florida. Interpretive exhibits and 2 1/4-mile hiking trail are available. Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 7 days a week. Best to call ahead.

phone: (407) 935-0002, website: <u>www.nature.org/florida</u>

Lake Kissimmee State Park (3) 14248 Camp Mack Road Lake Wales, FL 33898

In addition to camping, hiking, backpacking, horseback riding, and boating opportunities, Lake Kissimmee State Park is also a living history site on the weekends and holidays, Oct. 1 - May

phone: (863) 696-1112 website: <u>www.floridastateparks.org/lakekissimmee/</u>

Prairie Lakes Unit, Three Lakes Wildlife Management Area (4) 25 miles South of St. Cloud on SR 523 (Canoe Creek Rd)

This dry prairie habitat fosters much bird life. Regardless of when you visit, your chances of seeing a bald eagle are high. In addition to bird watching, visitors can also hunt, fish, hike, and camp while at the Prairie Lakes Unit.

phone: (352) 732-1225 website: <u>www.myfwc.com</u> Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park (5) 33104 NW 192nd Avenue Okeechobee, FL 34972

Kissimmee Prairie Preserve offers many recreational activities for visitors, such as camping, hiking, biking, birding, and more.

phone: (863) 462-5360 website: www.floridastateparks.org/kissimmeeprairie/

Hickory Hammock Management Area (6)

U.S. Highway 98 between Lorida and Fort Basinger

Visitors can enjoy fishing, hiking, hunting, primitive camping, horseback riding, boating, and picnicking. An array of wildlife, including the occasional black bear and caracara, provide an opportunity for wildlife photography.

phone: (800) 250-4200 website: <u>www.sfwmd.gov</u>

Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail (7)

Appromixately 3 miles Southwest of U.S. 441 on State Road 78 Okeechobee, FL

The LOST Trail features abundant wildlife viewing opportunities. Some of the species you may be lucky enough to see are bald eagles, snail kites, and sandhill cranes. Visitors can fish, bike, jog, canoe, or launch a boat from the C. Scott Driver Jr. Recreation Area.

phone: (863) 983-8101 website: <u>www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/state/lakeotrail/</u>

Port Mayaca Lock (8) 18100 SW Conners Hwy Canal Point, FL 33438

Stop by to hike the trail, fish, or get some great pictures of the abundant wildlife that resides here. Visitors can usually see manatees, alligators, and many species of birds.

phone: (863) 983-8101, website: <u>www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/CivilWorks/Navigation/NavigationLocks/PortMayacaLock.aspx</u> DuPuis Management Area (9) 23500 SW Kanner Hwy Canal Point, FL 33438

The DuPuis Management Area on the northern edge of the original Everglades presents opportunities to ride horses, camp, hunt, and walk along an interpretive trail. A visitor center with exhibits interprets the natural and cultural aspects of the reserve.

phone: (561) 924-5310 website: <u>www.sfwmd.gov</u>

Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge (10) 10216 Lee Road Boynton Beach, FL 33437-4796

Refuge visitors can enjoy fishing, boating, hiking, and bird watching. The Headquarters Area offers a visitor center, observation tower, fishing platform, canoe trail, and nature trails. Boat ramps are available at Headquarters Area, Hillsboro Recreation Area, and at 20-Mile Bend.

phone: (561) 734-8303, website: <u>www.loxahatcheefriends.com</u>

Everglades Wildlife Management Area (11)

Alligator Alley I-75 Rest Area at Mile Marker 36

In addition to restrooms and a boat ramp, the Everglades Wildlife Management Area has wildlife exhibits and an observation platform. Wading birds are frequently spotted in the sawgrass marsh – so bring a camera!

phone: (954) 746-1789 website: <u>www.myfwc.com</u>

Biscayne National Park (12) 9700 Southwest 328th Street Homestead, FL 33033

Canoeing, kayaking, sailing, snorkeling, and scuba diving are popular ways to enjoy the nationally significant marine environment protected within Biscayne National Park.

phone: (305) 230-PARK website: <u>www.nps.gov/bisc/index.htm</u> Everglades National Park - Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center (13) 40001 State Route 9336 Homestead, FL 33034

Everglades National Park has three entrances on the Everglades Trail. Start your visit here at the Coe Visitor Center and enjoy numerous opportunities on the road to Flamingo on Florida Bay.

The South Dade Greenway Network, with additional recreational trails in the Everglades, is adjacent to the Park.

phone: (305) 242-7700 website: <u>www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm</u>

Everglades National Park - Shark Valley Area (14)

Located on U.S. Hwy 41 (Tamiami Trail)

Bike, hike, or take the tram to the observation tower to enjoy scenic vistas of Shark River Slough, the "River of Grass."

phone: (305) 221-8776 website: <u>www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm</u>

Big Cypress National Preserve (15) 33100 Tamiami Trail East Ochopee, FL 34141

Visitors to the Preserve will enjoy the scenic drives, bird watching, a swamp walk, canoeing, and biking on their own or on a ranger-led trip. Information, a short film, and exhibits are available at the Big Cypress Visitor Center.

phone: (239) 695-1201 website: <u>www.nps.gov/bicy/index.htm</u>

Everglades National Park - Gulf Coast Visitor Center (16) 815 Oyster Bar Lane Everglades City, FL

Take boat tours, canoe, or kayak to enjoy the magnificent mangroves at the entrance to the Wilderness Waterway.

phone: (239) 695-3311 website: <u>www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm</u>

Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park (17)

137 Coastline Drive, Copeland, FL 34137

A self-guided boardwalk offers a leisurely walk through original growth cypress trees. The more adventuresome can hike approximately 60 miles of trails. Park staff offer guided swamp walks from Nov. – Feb.

phone: (239) 695-4593 website: <u>www.floridastateparks.org/fakahatcheestrand/</u>

Collier-Seminole State Park (18) 20200 East Tamiami Trail

Naples, FL 34114

Enjoy hiking, camping, biking, canoeing, kayaking, and birding (best during fall and winter) amongst the mangroves and tropical hardwood hammocks. Also see the walking dredge used to build the Tamiami Trail.

phone: (239) 394-3397 website: <u>www.floridastateparks.org/collierseminole/</u>

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (19)

Estuarine Research Reserve 300 Tower Road, Naples, FL 34113

With 110,000 acres, this preserve provides opportunities to explore natural areas and cultural history. The Environmental Learning Center features exhibits, daily programs, nature trails, viewing area, guided kayak tours, art gallery, gift shop, and special events.

phone: (239) 530-5940 website: <u>www.rookerybay.orq</u>

Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge (20) 3860 Tollgate Boulevard, Suite 300 Naples, FL 34114

Most of the refuge is closed to the public, but visitors can take a walking trail to experience the habitat of the Florida panther. Don't forget to look for tracks!

phone: (239) 353-8442 website: <u>www.fws.gov/floridapanther/</u> Seminole Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum (21) HC-61, Box 21-A Clewiston, FL 33440

A one-mile raised boardwalk through a beautiful cypress dome leads to an authentic Living Village depicting Seminole life at the turn of the century. The Museum's exhibits and artifacts show how Seminole ancestors lived in the Everglades.

Phone (877) 902-1113 website: <u>www.ahtahthiki.com</u>