

DATE and TIME: Monday, January 20, 2025 at 8:00am

ACTIVITY: Biking and Wildlife Viewing – Lake Apopka waterfront trail

RSVP REQUIRED: Please RSVP to Tanya at 540-538-3987 (text preferred)

DESCRIPTION: We'll be riding our bikes along the north shore of Lake Apopka. This is a beautiful nature preserve with the lake on one side of us and wetlands on the other side. We'll take an extended stop at the 4.5 mile mark where there are several extra good wildlife viewing spots. We expect to see a multitude of birds, lots of alligators, some turtles and possibly otters, raccoons and deer too. You may want to bring a pair of binoculars in your pack. The trail surface is hard packed crushed limestone (see pictures below) so you'll need a bike with knobby tires. The trail is flat except for one minor incline coming back into the parking lot.

We're guessing that we may naturally divide into two groups. One group will ride about 15 miles round trip at a leisurely pace and the other may go about 25-30 miles round trip at a faster pace. Parking and restrooms with flush toilets and running water are available at the trailhead. There are porta potties at about the 4.5-mile mark.

LUNCH: If there is interest, we may go out for lunch afterwards at the Lake Harris Hideaway. Indoor and outdoor seating. Pretty, lakeside terrace.

MEETING PLACE: Meet at the pickleball court parking lot between 8:00 and 8:10am. Departing promptly at 8:10. Carpooling is available.

TRAILHEAD ADDRESS: 2929 S. Binion Road, Apopka Fl 32703 We'll turn in at the Magnolia Park Eco Education Center & Park Office sign on the lake side of the road. We will not be entering the park where the Wildlife Drive for automobiles starts.

ITEMS TO BRING: Please bring water, snacks / lunch, a camera, binoculars, and jacket. We'll be in full sun so bring some sunscreen too.

PETS: Sorry, no pets allowed. FEES: None for the park. Everyone pays for their own lunch.

See your doctor before swapping the TV remote control for hiking boots, bikes and kayaks. Then pick a hike, ride or other trip within your comfort zone and begin your adventure. Participants are personally responsible for all their decisions and risks associated with their participation in any Outdoor Adventure Club activity.

Map and photos on next 3 pages →

Wildlife Caution
Please respect Florida's wildlife and use caution while visiting district lands. These are wild animals. For your safety, do not approach or feed any wild animal.

Green Mountain Trailhead
20700 County Rd 455
Minneola, FL 34715
Note: No equestrian access

Clay Island Trailhead
22526 Carolyn Lane
Astatula, FL 34705
Jimmy's Crossing
LAT 28.6908
LONG -81.7660

North Shore Trailhead / McDonald Canal Boat Ramp
24600 County Road 484
Mount Dora, FL 32757

Flow-way Tower
LAT 28.6740
LONG -81.69197

Pump Station Kiosk
LAT 28.6731
LONG -81.69196

Lakeside Tower
LAT 28.6604
LONG -81.69438

St. Johns River Water Management District Field Station

Sunset Kiosk 10
LAT 28.72702
LONG -81.65344

Duda Kiosk
LAT 28.69365
LONG -81.66705

County Line Shelter
LAT 28.6605
LONG -81.65116

Limpin Point Kiosk
LAT 28.68142
LONG -81.63484

Jones Avenue Stormwater Park
2990 Lake Level Canal Road
Mount Dora, FL 32757

Raptor Kiosk 7
LAT 28.69027
LONG -81.60223

Lake Spur Kiosk 5
LAT 28.67127
LONG -81.69477

Bird Kiosk 2
LAT 28.68583
LONG -81.59326

Historic pump house
LAT 28.60333
LONG -81.59849

Two-mile Loop Trail Kiosk
LAT 28.64661
LONG -81.59142

Wildlife drive entrance 2850 Lust Road
Apopka, FL 32703

Magnolia Park Trailhead
2929 S. Binion Road
Apopka, FL 32703

Wildlife Drive Schedule
The wildlife drive entrance gate is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and federal holidays.
All vehicles must exit the drive by 5 p.m.

Important phone numbers

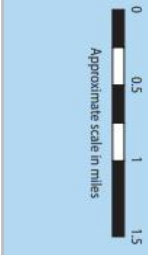
- Land Resources: 386-329-4404
- Wildlife Violations: 888-404-3922
- Non-emergency after hours: 407-620-8215
- Emergency: 911

wildlife drive

- Speed limit: 10 miles per hour
- Maximum vehicle length: 25 feet
- No trailers allowed
- Follow directional signs. Drive is one way.
- Stop only at pullover areas.

Caution: The wildlife drive intersects and shares the levee road with hikers, bicycle riders and other users along the lake front.

Note: There is no equestrian use between the Magnolia Park Trailhead and the historic pump house.



	Yellow blaze trail
	Red blaze trail
	White blaze trail (Clay Island trail loop)
	Loop Trail
	Wildlife drive
	Interior road
	Property boundary
	Wetland
	Parking area
	Information kiosk
	Restrooms
	Picnic shelter
	Observation tower
	Field station
	Canoe launch
	Boat launch
	Audio tour



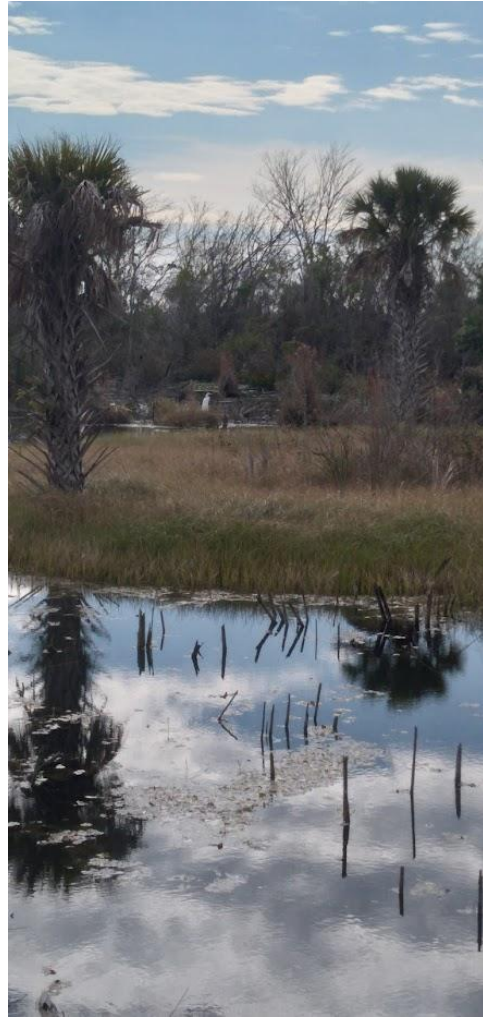
Turn into the parking lot here.



Sometimes we'll be up close to alligators. They're more interested in basking in the sun than they are in us.



Trail surface



Wetlands



Lakeshore