# SEMINOLE COUNTY NATURAL LANDS RULES OF USE

**Limitation of Liability** - Seminole County does not, by providing any of its Natural Lands for outdoor recreational purposes, extend any assurance that such areas or lands are safe for any purpose. The County will attempt to post known hazardous conditions. Users of Natural Lands take upon themselves the risks inherent in using undeveloped natural properties and the resulting and proximate events and conditions arising from the use of these wild and scenic lands.

**Access** - Natural Lands areas will be open each day between sunrise and sunset unless posted otherwise. Natural Lands may be accessed only at County designated access points at permitted times.

**Take nothing but pictures, kill nothing but time, leave nothing but footprints.** All plants and animals on Natural Lands are protected. It is unlawful to remove or destroy plants or to remove, destroy or harass animals.

Pets - Domestic animals are allowed on Natural Lands provided they are leashed at all times.

**Prohibited Activities** - The following activities are prohibited on Natural Lands except where special approval has been granted by permit from Seminole County or in specific designated areas: Hunting, swimming, camping, waste disposal, destruction of property, posting of handbills, ignition of fires, introduction of plants or animals, operation of motorized vehicles, public disturbance, alcoholic beverages, sales or concessions, construction and all other uses not specifically referenced.

In order to increase your chances of viewing wildlife, please remember to pack out all trash/waste, keep pets on a leash at all times and enjoy the natural surroundings quietly.





## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

# TRAIL GUIDE Lake Harney Wilderness Area





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# WELCOME TO THE LAKE HARNEY WILDERNESS AREA

### **EXPLORE ONE OF SEMINOLE COUNTY'S NATURALLY BEAUTIFUL PLACES**

A viewing tower at this site overlooks the floodplain of Lake Harney, an important feeding ground for wading birds as well as a filter for water quality in Seminole County. Visitors can spot several bald eagles' nests amongst the oak hammocks and mixed hardwood swamps.

**TRAILS AND ACCESS:** The trail system of the LHWA consists of the Flagler Trail which bisects the site from the Trailhead northeast to the St. Johns River and two loop trails. The distance from the kiosk to the St. Johns River is 1.3 miles.

The River Loop, blazed in yellow, is located at the northern end of the Flagler Trail traversing oak hammocks and mixed pine oak forests. This loop is approximately 1.4 miles long and provides several scenic views of the St. Johns River.

The Floodplain Loop, approximately 0.9 miles long, is located at the southern end of the Trailhead and is blazed in orange. This trail is seasonally flooded, but provides extensive views of the Lake Harney Floodplain and a great opportunity for bird watching and wildlife viewing.



**Observation Tower:** Overlooking the Lake Harney floodplain, the observation tower and approaching boardwalk offers a fantastic view at tree canopy level. The distance from the Parking Area to the top of the tower is 0.4 miles.

CHECK OUT!





For your safety and the protection of resources, please stay on the designated trail system.