

Leave no trace, kill nothing but time, leave nothing but footprints, take nothing but pictures



Education

Seminole County's Natural Lands Program provides many opportunities for environmental education. Guided hikes and classes are offered throughout the year. The Ed Yarborough Nature Center hosts environmental education classes and programs for school and community groups, as well as private groups.

- Guided nature hikes
- Summer, spring and winter break Eco Camp (Ages 7-12)
- Eco birthday parties
- School field trips
- Open House events
- Environmental classes

Trail Etiquette

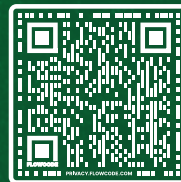
- Obey trail signs
- Keep right
- Pass on the left
- Keep pets on leash
- Do not block trail
- Stay on marked trails
- Give audible signals when passing
- Travel in a consistent manner
- Yield when entering or crossing trails
- Clean up your litter



Facility Rentals

ED YARBOROUGH NATURE CENTER

Celebrate your next event at the nature center! Located at the Geneva Wilderness Area, this facility is perfect for groups of 40 or less who are looking for a unique setting for their next meeting, retreat or family reunion.



GROUP CAMPSITE/PAVILION

Also on site is a combination area that includes a group campsite and large pavilion which can be rented for full or half days. This site includes a 50-seat open air pavilion, restrooms, barbeque grill, fishing pier and hiking trails.



*Experience Florida's
Natural Choice at
nine beautiful
wilderness areas.*

Black Bear

5298 Michigan Ave., Sanford

Black Hammock

3276 Howard Ave., Oviedo

Chuluota

3895 Curryville Rd., Chuluota

Econ River

3795 Old Lockwood Rd., Oviedo

Geneva

3485 N. CR 426, Geneva

Lake Harney

2395 Osceola Fish Camp Rd., Geneva

Lake Jesup

5951 S. Sanford Ave., Sanford

Lake Proctor

920 SR 46, Geneva

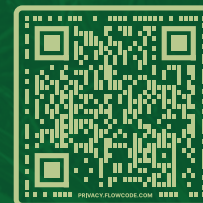
Spring Hammock

2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood

MORE INFORMATION:

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A Guide to Seminole County's Wilderness Areas



**LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
GREENWAYS AND NATURAL LANDS**

SEMINOLE COUNTY WILDERNESS AREAS

Wilderness Areas Are Open for Free From Sunrise to Sunset

ICONS: HIKING FISHING CAMPING PAVILION EQUESTRIANS ACCESSIBLE*



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BLACK BEAR WILDERNESS AREA

Shallow marsh, hydric hammock and cypress swamps form a mosaic of habitat diversity which host wildlife such as the white-tailed deer, swallow-tailed kite and Florida black bear. Its large size and proximity to other public lands make this site an important piece in a puzzle connecting natural areas between the Wekiva/St. Johns basins and the Ocala National Forest.

1600 acres | 7 mile loop trail | 3-4 hour hike



3

CHULUOTA WILDERNESS AREA

This site has extensive and diverse natural communities such as pond pine flatwoods, sand pine scrub, and bayhead swamp. Its remote location and variety of habitats make it an excellent destination for bird watching, wildlife study and nature photography. See white-tailed deer, gopher tortoise, coyote, and the eastern diamondback rattlesnake.

625 acres | 2 loop trails: 2.6 miles (red) & 2.7 miles (yellow) | 2-3 hour hike



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BLACK HAMMOCK WILDERNESS AREA

This land was acquired in partnership with the St. Johns River Water Management District to preserve significant habitat along the shores of Lake Jesup. Hike along boardwalks through hydric hammocks, mixed-hardwood swamp, pine flatwoods and sand pine scrub. Wildlife here includes barred owls, white-tailed deer, bobcats and eastern coral snakes.

700+ acres | 4.5 mile loop (blue) | 2 hour hike

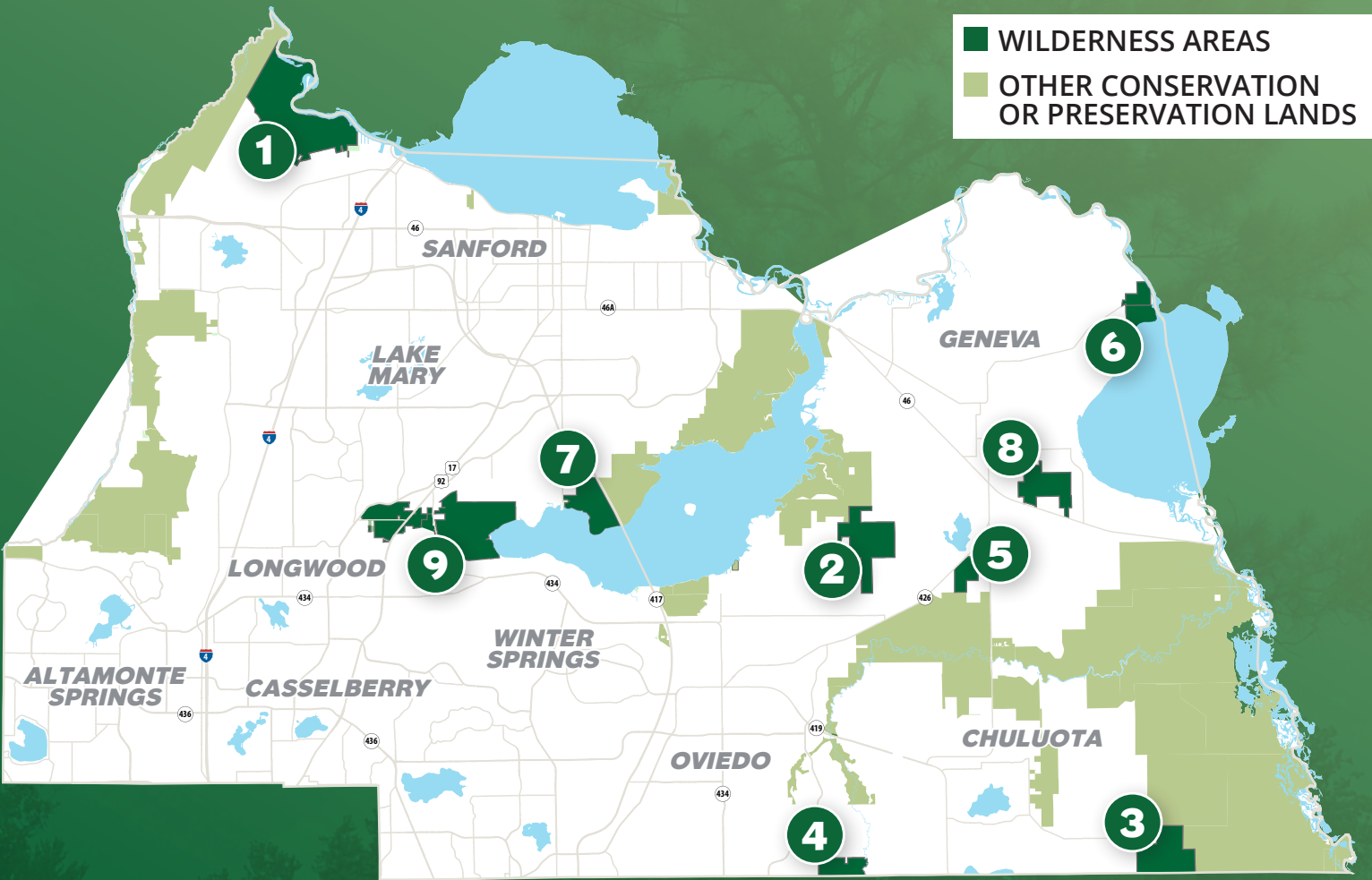


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ECON RIVER WILDERNESS AREA

The Econlockhatchee River, like the St. John's River, is one of very few rivers in North America that flows north. This scenic walking trail will take you through habitats such as pine flatwoods, sand hill and river swamp. Wildlife observed on this site includes the great horned owl, white-tailed deer and red-headed woodpecker.

240 acres | 2.2-mile main loop trail (red) 1.5-hour hike



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LAKE HARNEY WILDERNESS AREA

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.

300 acres | 2 loop trails, 1.4 miles (yellow) & 0.9 miles (orange) | 1 hour hike Access the Flagler Trail

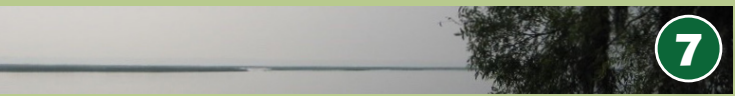


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LAKE PROCTOR WILDERNESS AREA

A hike through this Geneva property will take you through habitats such as sand pine scrub, pine flatwoods, sand hill and bayhead swamp. You could be rewarded with sightings of wood ducks, white-tailed deer, red foxes, and Florida worm lizards. The red trail provides an opportunity for viewing habitat restoration in progress, including areas recently burned with prescribed fire.

475 acres | 2.4 mile main loop trail (red) 6 total miles of trails | 2-3 hour hike



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LAKE JESUP WILDERNESS AREA

Purchased in cooperation with the St. Johns River Water Management District, visitors can explore miles of trails or boardwalks to view the extensive floodplain of Lake Jesup. Trails are seasonally flooded. Animals who call this property home include the anhinga, bald eagle, and American alligator.

490 acres | 2.5 miles of trails | 1.5 mile hike

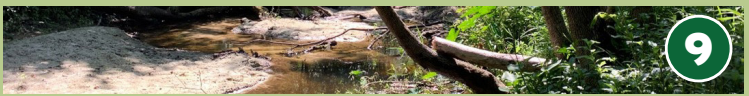


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GENEVA WILDERNESS AREA

This site, which is home to the Ed Yarborough Nature Center, features a beautiful mosaic of flatwoods, ponds, sand pine scrub and bayhead swamp, all supporting an equally diverse collection of wildlife. A hike here can reward visitors with sightings of gopher tortoise, white-tailed deer, wild turkey and gray fox.

180 acres | 2-mile loop trail 1 hour hike | Access the Flagler Trail



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SPRING HAMMOCK PRESERVE

Explore this natural oasis tucked into a rapidly growing urban area that includes Big Tree Park and Soldiers Creek Park. The property offers protection to listed species such as the gopher tortoise, bipinnate cuplet fern, and Okeechobee gourd which occur in pine flatwoods, hydric hammock and floodplain forest, respectively.

1500 acres | 2 miles of Osprey Trail Less than 1 hour hike Access the Cross Seminole Trail



The Ed Yarborough Nature Center, open by appointment only, features exhibits and hosts school programs, parties, meetings and camps.

*Indicates that the area is at least partially accessible