

Paddling Trail Map Blue Creek Run

Lake County



SAFETY Tips



- Avoid canoeing or kayaking alone, or at night.
- Prepare a “float plan.” Leave a paddling route and return time with a relative or friend.
- When in a group, assign boats to be the lead and sweep. Preferably both boats should be manned by experienced paddlers with no one in the group passing the lead boat or falling behind the sweep.
- Law requires persons in vessels less than 16 feet long, including canoes and kayaks, must have either a wearable or throwable PFD for every person on board.
- Do not approach or harass alligators, as they can be dangerous. It is illegal to feed wildlife. Blueway trails are shared with alligators, nesting birds and other wildlife. Please observe, but do not disturb.
- Make mental notes as you pass trail markers — knowing the location of the closest marker will help emergency personnel should you need assistance.
- Secure your car and take keys with you; and remember a cell phone to call emergency personnel, if the need arises, at 9-1-1.
- Watch for motorboats. Stay to the right and turn your bow into the wake.



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The Blue Creek Run Blueway is one of eight featured waterway trails in the Lake County Blueways Program.

The Lake County Parks & Trails Division, manages more than three dozen parks, preserves and boat ramps. For more information or a complete listing of Lake County parks, call (352) 253-4950 or log on to www.lakecountyfl.gov/parks.

For Lake County Tourism information, call (352) 429-3673, visit the Lake County Welcome Center, located at 20763 U.S. Highway 27, Groveland, or log on to www.lakecountyfl.com.

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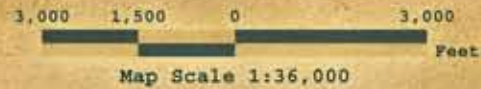


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WATER AUTHORITY

It is important to emphasize that Lake County Blueways are near waterways with occasional to heavy boat traffic. Each blueway trail presents unique experiences with varying distances and levels of difficulty. Please plan your route accordingly and take all proper safety precautions before embarking.

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TRAILMAP

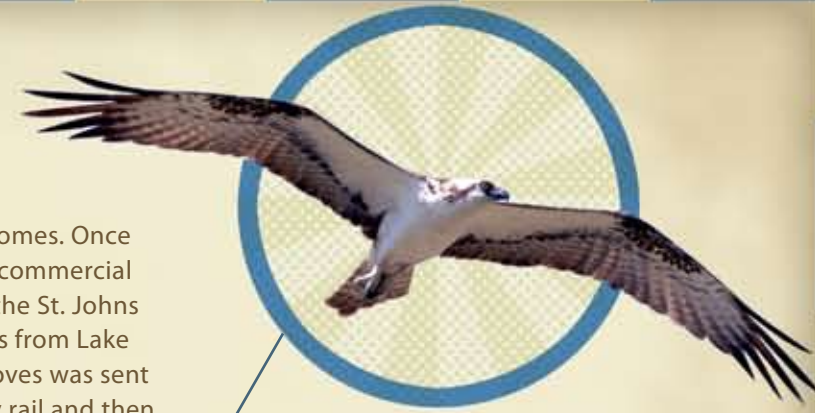


BLUE CREEK RUN

The 4-mile Blue Creek Run (8 miles roundtrip) leads paddlers from the community of Astor to the St. Johns River. Blue Creek is known for its diverse wildlife, including a large population of alligators. Evening boaters have been known to spot as many as a dozen gators along the creek bed.

Astor is known for its quaint-style of living with family-owned restaurants and small

vacation homes. Once a bustling commercial center on the St. Johns River, citrus from Lake County groves was sent to Astor by rail and then shipped to Jacksonville by steamboats. According to Emmett Peter Jr., author of *Lake County, Florida: A Pictorial History*, Astor is surrounded by the Ocala National Forest, where man coexists with the black bear, the osprey and the majestic eagle, a world "Created by God and not yet spoiled by man."



FEATURED WILDLIFE: Osprey

NICKNAME:
Fish hawk

HABITAT:
Near body of water providing adequate food supply

WINGSPAN:
4-6 ft

DIET:
Fish, sometimes catching 6 to 8 a day to feed a new family



NOTE: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Blueways trail markers have been, on occasion, missing or damaged. Please report missing or damaged signs to Lake County Parks & Trails at (352) 253-4950.

MAP GUIDE

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