

# Paddling Trail Map Stagger Mud Lake 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.
- Make mental notes as you pass trail markers — knowing the location of the closest marker will help emergency personnel should you need assistance.
- Watch for motorboats. Stay to the right and turn your bow into the wake.
- 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.
- 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.



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The Stagger Mud Lake 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](http://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](http://www.lakecountyfl.com).

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*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.*

[www.PaddleLake.com](http://www.PaddleLake.com)

# TRAILMAP



## FEATURED WILDLIFE: Burrowing Owl

**LENGTH:** 17-20 in.     **WINGSPAN:** 38-44 in.

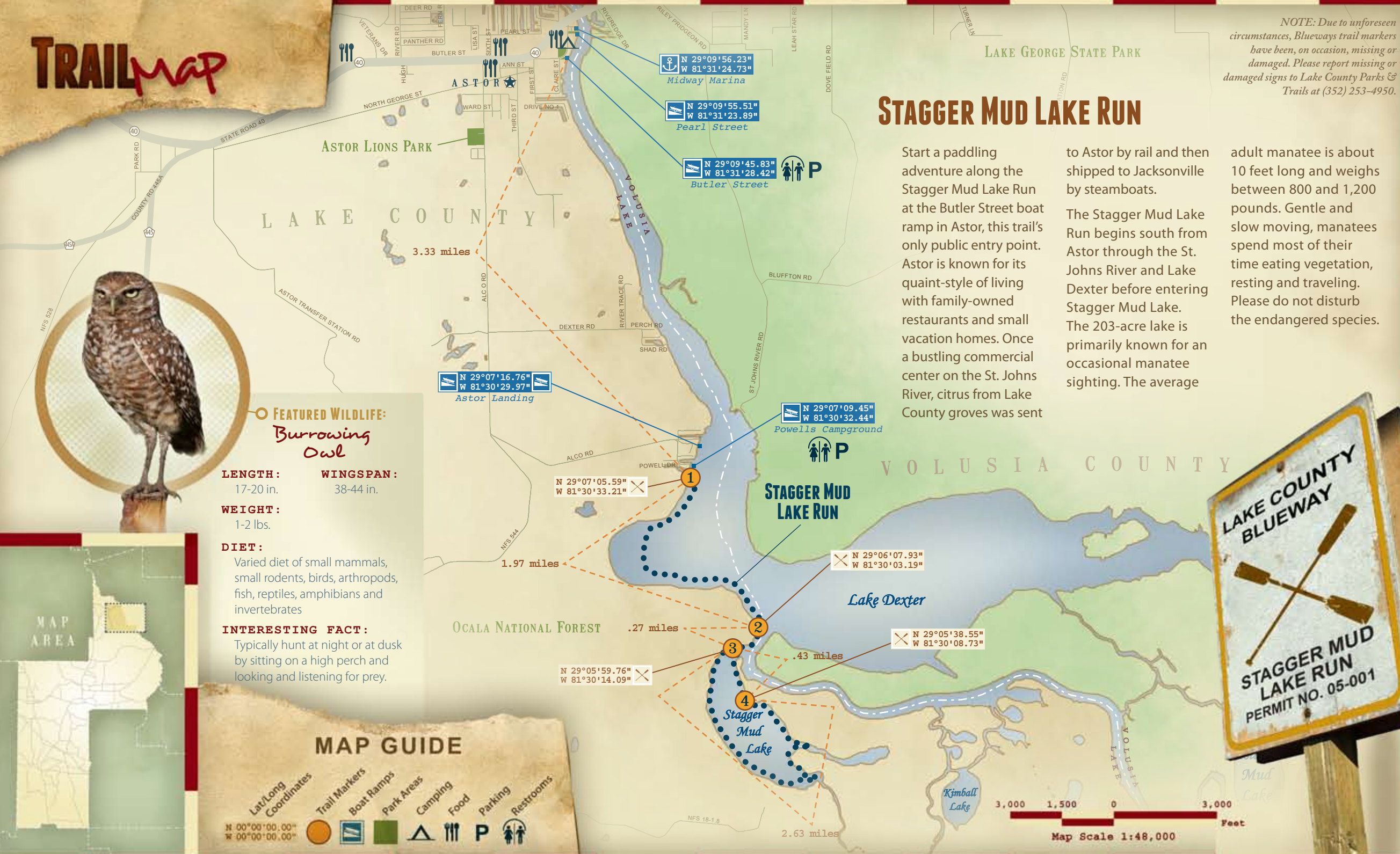
**WEIGHT:** 1-2 lbs.

**DIET:** Varied diet of small mammals, small rodents, birds, arthropods, fish, reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates

**INTERESTING FACT:** Typically hunt at night or at dusk by sitting on a high perch and looking and listening for prey.

## MAP GUIDE

Lat/Long Coordinates   Trail Markers   Boat Ramps   Park Areas   Camping   Food   Parking   Restrooms



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.

## STAGGER MUD LAKE RUN

Start a paddling adventure along the Stagger Mud Lake Run at the Butler Street boat ramp in Astor, this trail's only public entry point. 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. The Stagger Mud Lake Run begins south from Astor through the St. Johns River and Lake Dexter before entering Stagger Mud Lake. The 203-acre lake is primarily known for an occasional manatee sighting. The average

adult manatee is about 10 feet long and weighs between 800 and 1,200 pounds. Gentle and slow moving, manatees spend most of their time eating vegetation, resting and traveling. Please do not disturb the endangered species.

