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. 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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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.