



Swimmers enjoying the spring at Wekiwa State Park.

FUN FOREVERYONE

Seminole County offers visitors and residents alike a few attractions of its own, in the form of pristine nature and abundant wildlife. Those who want to get away from the hustle and bustle of urban life can lose themselves in the miles of enchanting rivers and forest trails that wind through Central Florida’s striking landscape. It’s no wonder that Seminole County is called Florida’s natural choice.

Wekiwa Springs State Park

Located just west of Seminole County, Wekiwa Springs State Park offers locals a chance to experience an oasis of nature in the busy metro Orlando area. Wekiwa Springs is the oldest tourist attraction in Central Florida, and thousands have flocked to its crystal clear waters since its discovery in the 1860s.

Visiting swimmers will enjoy the half-acre spring that maintains a refreshing 72 degrees year-round. After a refreshing dips, visitors can relax or picnic on the spring slope, which includes ample space for sunbathing and shaded pavilions.

People interested in a walking tour of

Florida’s natural splendor can explore one of the park’s trails. Ranging from less than a mile to more than 13, the trails offer vigorous experiences to hikers of all abilities. During a hike, visitors may encounter white-tailed deer, gopher tortoises, turkeys, and perhaps even a rare bobcat or Florida black bear.

Seminole County Waterways

Seminole County visitors and residents can canoe or kayak on crystal-clear rivers, enjoy a thrilling airboat ride, or go horseback riding on scenic trails. Seminole County has over 2,000 rivers and lakes to explore, including



A romantic view from the Sanford RiverWalk.

the scenic St. Johns River, Florida’s longest at 342 miles, and the Wekiwa River. One of Florida’s two federally designated “Wild and Scenic Rivers,” the Wekiwa River is located in the Wekiwa Springs State Park, where visitors can enjoy swimming, canoeing, kayaking tubing, or overnight camping.

Those who like sailing will like Monroe Harbour Marina in Sanford, where they can dock their own boat or rent a sailboat or charter. Daily boat rentals are offered on fully-equipped fishing and pontoon boats, where patrons can enjoy fishing or cruising on the scenic St. Johns River.

Seminole County Trails

Seminole County is home to several miles of picturesque trails perfect for hiking, biking and enjoying the sights and sounds of nature. The Great Florida Birding Trail runs across several Seminole County wilderness areas, giving visitors the chance to see some of the world’s most enchanting birds. They can also discover some of the most scenic areas of the county on the Florida National Scenic Trail, a 1,300-mile trail that runs from the Panhandle to the Everglades



Seminole County's trails provide a great opportunity to experience the area's unique flora and fauna.

Dining

The city of Sanford has a growing variety of restaurants, from local eateries to well-known chains. A favorite in downtown Sanford is Theo Hollerbach's Willow Tree Cafe, which serves German food with a side of German Gemütlichkeit, a sense of well-being and happiness that comes from enjoying the company of friends and family while savoring good food and drink along with German polka music.

Lake Mary has a variety of eateries as well, from high-end to affordable. For the affluent diner, there is Ruth's Chris Steak House, known for its expertly prepared USDA Prime steaks and an award-winning wine list. For those who want to go easy on their wallets, there is BurgerFi, which serves up classic American hamburgers, fries, and onion rings in an earth-friendly and sustainable environment.

Close to Heathrow, diners can take an

exotic culinary adventure without ever leaving the county at Lale Turkish Cuisine, which serves authentic Turkish food in an elegant atmosphere.

Entertainment

Uptown Altamonte's Cranes Roost Park offers a variety of fun activities, including frequent art and wine festivals, and Red Hot & Boom, a massive Fourth of July celebration that features food and live music and culminates in a spectacular fireworks display.

Many of the cities in Seminole County also provide a regular schedule of free events, such as Sanford's Art Walk, a monthly arts and music showcase located on historic First Street, and Casselberry's Art & Music in the Park and Food Truck Bazaar, a festival held every month in the city's carefully tended Lake Concord Park. Throughout the county, live music can also be heard at many bars and clubs.



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Fireworks over the Reiter Park amphitheater in Longwood.