GUIDE TO OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND THE TALLAHASSEE AREA

FORESTS, GARDENS, and OTHER PLACES TO GO HIKING

Apalachicola National Forest

More than 500,000 acres of pristine forest, woodland, rivers and springs providing an outdoor escape. Boat and canoe. Bike, horse, and nature trails. Tent camping. Grills, shelters and tables also available, plus restrooms with showers. 10 miles S of Tallahassee, 319 S. 926-3561 www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt

Falling Waters State Recreational Area

State park featuring recreational activities and spectacular waterfall. Nature trails. RV and tent camping. Grills, shelters and tables available, plus restrooms with showers. 84 miles W of Tallahassee, SR 77A. 638-6130 www.floridastateparks.org

FSU Seminole Reservation


Lake Talquin State Forest

More than 16,000 acres features abundant trails and recreational activities on Lake Talquin and Ochlockonee River. Camping, bike, horse and nature trails, boat and canoe rentals. Grills, shelters and tables available, plus restrooms with showers. 865 Geddie Road, 488-1871 www.floridastateparks.org (nearby camping 875-2605)

Leon Sinks Geological Area

is located in southern and southwestern Leon County, Florida, United States. It's a mature karstic area on the Upper Floridan Aquifer. It is one of the most extensive underwater cave systems in the world and connects to Wakulla Springs. This hydrological system is extremely vulnerable to pollution because of the very high permeability of the carbonate aquifer. Extensive mapping and exploration of these caves has been done by the Woodville Karst Plain Project to understand the complex dynamics of the area and to understand the proper ecological approach to keeping this system clean. The Leon Sinks are full of life, including the cave crayfish, freshwater eel, and rare amphipods that exist only in the Woodville Karst Plain.
Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park

These beautiful ornamental gardens were first planted in 1923 by Alfred B. and Louise Maclay after they purchased the property for their winter home. A masterpiece of floral architecture, the gardens feature a picturesque brick walkway, a secret garden, a reflection pool, a walled garden, and hundreds of azaleas and camellias. Lake Hall provides opportunities for swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Only boats without motors or with electric motors are allowed. Pavilions and grills along the lake shore provide the perfect setting for a picnic. For walking enthusiasts, two short nature trails meander through the woods overlooking the lake. Hikers, bicyclists, and equestrians can enjoy five miles of multi-use trails winding through the woods surrounding Lake Overstreet, located on park property adjoining the gardens. High blooming season is from January 1-April 30 with the floral peak in mid-to-late March. During these months, the Maclay house is usually open daily, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The park is located one-half mile north of I-10 on U.S. 319.

Miccosukee Canopy Roads Greenway

5.5 miles of multi-use trails through mixed hardwood and pine forests. Also features several large pastures perfect for picnicking and recreational activities. 
3 miles east of Capital Circle NE, Miccosukee Rd. 488-0221 www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt

Ochlockonee River State Park

State park providing outdoor recreation along the shores of the pristine Ochlockonee River, just 10 miles from the Gulf. 42 miles S of Tallahassee, US 319. Camping, fitness and nature trails, boat and canoe rentals. Grills, shelters and tables available, plus restrooms.
962-2771 Fax: 962-2403 www.floridastateparks.org

St. George Island State Park

Boat Launch, Sandy Beaches, Nearby Stores/Restaurants/Accomodations 75 miles SW of Tallahassee, US 98. Camping, bike and nature trails, boat and canoe rentals. Grills, shelters and tables available, plus restrooms with showers.
927-2111 www.floridastateparks.org

St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge

Wilderness area sculpted with marsh, rivers and woodland, overlooking Apalachee Bay. 25 miles S of Tallahassee, SR 363. Horse and nature trails, boat and canoe rentals. Tables available, plus restrooms.
925-6121 www.saintmarks.fws.gov

Three Rivers State Recreation Area
Outdoor recreation at the junction where the Apalachicola, Chattahoochee and Flint rivers flow into Lake Seminole, 45 miles W of Tallahassee, SR 271. Camping, nature trails, boat and canoe rentals. Grills, shelters and tables available, plus restrooms with showers.
482-9006 www.floridastateparks.org

Wakulla Springs State Park

Home of one of the largest and deepest freshwater springs in the world, this park plays host to an abundance of wildlife, including alligators, turtles, deer, and birds. Daily guided riverboat tours provide a closer view of wildlife, and glass bottom boat tours are offered when the water is clear. Swimming is a popular activity during the hot summer months. A nature trail offers a leisurely walk along the upland wooded areas of the park. The Wakulla Springs Lodge was built in 1937 by financier Edward Ball and is open year-round. A full-service dining room overlooks the spring; lodge meeting facilities offer an excellent place for retreats. Wakulla Springs State Park and Lodge is listed on the Natural Register of Historic Places and is designated as a National Natural Landmark. To reserve a guest or meeting room, please call the park. Located 14 miles south of Tallahassee on State Road 267 at the intersection with State Road 61.

CANOE/KAYAK RENTALS
T-N-T Hide-A-Way

Canoe or kayak a four hour scenic trip along the Cypress tree-lined, spring-fed Wakulla River abundant with native wildlife and lush native flora. Canoe Rentals: $25/Two, $30/Three Kayak Rates: $20/Single, $30/Tandem. ACA certified instructions, kayak fishing, guided tours by certified green guides and shuttling services to other rivers.
6527 Coastal Hwy., Crawfordville, FL 925-6412 www.tnthideaway.com

CYCLING/IN-LINE SKATING
St. Marks Historic Railroad Trail

Sixteen-mile paved trail borders Apalachicola National Forest and leads to Gulf of Mexico. Also features 7.5 miles of off-road bike trails encompassing more of the forest and several natural sink holes. Open daily from sun up to sun down.

MY ADVICE IS TO BIKE TO ST MARKS AND GET YOURSELF SOME OYSTERS AND BEER US 319 and SR 363

FAMILY FUN CENTERS
Fun Station
Features area’s only Go-Kart track and thrill ride, plus two 16-hole miniature golf courses, 20,000 sq. ft. arcade, bumper boats, batting cages, pizza kitchen and laser tag. Special group rates and birthday parties. Mon-Thurs 10 am-11 pm, Fri 10 am-1 am, Sat 9 am-1 am, Sun 11 am-11 pm.
2821 Sharer Rd. 383-0788
NATURE BASED/FISHING TOURS & CHARTERS

Barefoot Charters
Tell the folks back home a "real" fish story! Charter services, located in nearby Panacea, including fishing inshore and back bays for trout, redfish, Spanish mackerek and more! Plus scalloping (seasonal), bowfishing and near-shore meat trips. USCG approved, no license required; bait and tackle provided. Call Cap'n Vic Davis!
121 Spokan Trail, Crawfodville, FL  926-1730  879-0216 www.barefootcharters.org

The Wilderness Way
Explore the Florida Panhandle's lazy rivers, hardwood forests, cypress swamps, bay and inland wetlands and tidal creeks. Trips offer fantastic wildlife viewing of manatee, eagles and gators. Canoe, kayak, hike, bike and bird-watch in the Real Florida's best kept secret. Custom and pre-scheduled day/week/weekend packaged adventures.
877-7200  www.thewildernessway.net

GOLF

Cross Creek Driving Range & Par 3 Golf
6701 Mahan Drive
850-656-4653

Hilaman Park Municipal Golf Course
2737 Blair Stone Road
850-891-3935

Jake Gaither Golf Course
801 Tanner Drive
850-891-3942

Seminole Golf Course
2550 Pottsdamer Street
850-644-2582

Southwood Golf Club
3750 Grove Park Drive
850-942-4653

The Golf Club at Summerbrooke
7505 Preservation Road
850-894-4653

Crawfordville
Wildwood Country Club
3870 Coastal Highway
850-926-4653
**TENNIS**

Forestmeadows Park  
Nineteen (13 clay/six hard) lighted courts, three indoor racquetball courts, one indoor squash court, two weight rooms, locker rooms, spa, pool, restrooms, picnic shelters and playground. Mon-Fri 8 am-10 pm, Sat-Sun 8 am-7 pm.  
4750 N. Meridian Rd. 891-3920 www.talgov.com/residents/receis.cfm

Tom Brown Park  
12 lighted courts, 12 outdoor racquetball courts, restrooms. Reservations available during supervised hours: Mon-Fri 5:30-10 pm, Sat-Sun 8:30 am-2:30 pm. Walk-in play during unsupervised hours.  
501 Easterwood Dr. 891-3966 www.talgov.com/parks/tombrownpk.cfm

Winthrop Park  
Six lighted courts, two outdoor racquetball courts, restrooms. Reservations available during supervised hours: Mon-Fri 5:30-10 pm, Sat-Sun 8:30 am-2:30 pm. Walk-in play during unsupervised hours.  
1601 Mitchell Ave. 891-3980 www.talgov.com/residents/receis.cfm

**HORSEBACK RIDING**

J.K. Arabian Stables (I CAN'T GIVE THIS ANY STARS, BUT I'VE HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE THAT THIS IS A GREAT PLACE)  
3280 Creek Stable Rd. 575-3000  www.jkarabianstables.com

Steinhatchee Landing  
Resort 25 acres of pristine marshes and woodlands feature horse boarding/corral, boating/canoeing, fresh/saltwater fishing, hunting, scalloping and resort accommodations.  
Steinhatchee, FL (800) 584-1709 or (352) 498-3513

**DOG PARK**

Tom Brown Park  
501 Easterwood Drive

**SOFTBALL**

Graduate English students organize an informal weekly softball game at Winthrop Park on Sunday afternoons. No talent required! For more information, contact Dominika Wrozynski @ djw04@fsu.edu for more information.