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LOCAL AREA EVENTS (HERNANDO COUNTY)

JANUARY

- Croom Zoom 100K/50K/25K Brooksville
- First Day Hike Brooksville
- Floridas Gulf Coast Cluster Dog Show Brooksville
- Martin Luther King Jr Celebration Parade -Brooksville

FEBRUARY

- Annual Chamber Golf Classic Brooksville
- Bocks & BBQ Festival & Competition -Masaryktown
- Celtic Family Jamboree Brooksville
- CroomFest Brooksville
- Disc Golf International Brooksville & Weeki Wachee
- Florida Classic Music Fest & Car Show -Brooksville
- Florida Mermaid Trail Festival Brooksville
- Hernando County Alzheimers Walk -Brooksville
- Hernando County Greek Festival -Brooksville
- Hernando Heritage Day Brooksville
- Hernando Parade Of Homes Area Wide (FEB-MAR)
- Spring Hille Farmers Market (FEB-AUG)
- The Fancy Flea Brooksville & Spring Hill
- Weeki Wachee Winds Winter Concert -Spring Hill
- Weeki Wachee Car SHow Spring Hill
- Whippersnapper Music & Arts Festival -Brooksville

MARCH

- Annual Art in The Park Brooksville
- Annual Junkfest Explosion Brooksville
- Annual Weeki Wachee SwampFest -Brooksville & Spring Hill
- Big Pine Hike Brooksville
- Cirque Ma'Ceo Brooksville
- Downtown Brooksville Farmers Market (MAR-NOV)
- Easter Eggstravaganza Spring Hill
- EMS Spring Bluegrass Fest Brooksville
- Florida AG & Wildlife Expo Brooksville
- Greater Tampa Bay Chili Championship Masaryktown
- Hernando Audobon Birding & Biking Trip -Brooksville
- Hernando County BikeFest / Florida Nature Coast Bikefest - Brooksville
- Hernando Untapped Brooksville
- Musicade Brooksville
- Pet Palooza Spring Hill
- RMB's Arts & Antiques Outdoor Market -Spring Hill
- Spring Hill Showcase Toy Show
- SpringFest / Family Easter Weekend -Spring Hill
- Spring into Summer Craft Bazaar -Brooksville
- St. Patricks Day Celebrations Area Wide
- St. Puppy's Day Spring Hill
- Thursday Target Classic Car Cruise In -Spring Hill (MAR-JUL)
- Will McLean Music Festival Brooksville

APRIL

- 50M,50K,16M Fools Run Brooksville
- Annual Salute to First Responders -Brooksville
- Breakfast with Mermaids Spring Hill
- Brooksville Blueberry Festival
- Earth Day Celebration Spring Hill
- EarthFest CFL Largest Family Art & Music Festival Brooksville
- Florida Americana MusicFest Brooksville
- Florida Cracker Birthday Bash Brooksville
- Food Truck Festival Masaryktown
- Hernando County Fair Brooksville
- Hernando Home & Garden Show Spring Hill
- Mothers Day Market- Masaryktown
- Nature Coast Orchid Society Annual Show
 & Sale Spring Hill

MAY - JUNE

- Annual Juneteenth Hair & Fashion Show -Spring Hill
- Annual Rock & Roll Revival Brooksville
- Annual Sunshine Get Down at Florida Sand Music Ranch - Brooksville
- Cinco De Mayo Weekend Health Expo Brooksville
- Cinco De Mayo Celebrations Area Wide
- Florida MerCon Festoval Spring Hill
- Hey Day In May Brooksville
- LatinFest Spring Hill
- Miss Magnolia Senior Citizens Beauty Pageant - Spring Hill
- Moon Over Croom Trail Run Brooksville
- Richloam General Store Annual Hoopla-Webster
- Spring Lake Memorial Classic 2Mile/5K/10K
- Brooksville

MAY - JUNE (CONTD)

- Sunflower Mazes Brooksville
- Sunshine Getdown Brooksville
- Women Fishing Tournament Brooksville

JULY - AUGUST

- 4th Of July / Independence Day
 Celebrations & Fireworks Area Wide
- Bee Conscious Honey Bee Day & Craft Fair -Spring Hill
- Health & Wellness Expo Spring Hill
- Heros Boat Parade Hernando Beach
- Junkin' In July Brooksville
- Red, White & Brew Festival Brooksville
- Stars & Cars Demolition Derby & Fireworks
- Brooksville

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

- Florida Cracker Invitational Brooksville
- Florida Cracker Mural Dinner Brooksville
- International Coastal Clean-Up Day -Spring Hill
- OktidalFest Spring Hill
- Camping with the Blues Brooksville
- Coming Out on Friday Night Spring Hill
- Haunted House & Fall Festival Brooksville
- John Holmes Trail Run Brooksville
- Marker 48 / Oktoberfest Brooksville
- Multi-Cultural Parade & Festival -Brooksville
- Papa Joe's Pasta Fest Brooksville

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

- Annual Hernando County VetFest -Spring Hill
- Awaken Florida Festival of Mind, Body & Soul - Brooksville & Spring Hill
- Brooksville Christmas Parade

LOCAL AREA EVENTS (HERNANDO COUNTY)

LOCAL AREA EVENTS (CITRUS COUNTY)

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER (CONTD)

- Christmas on Main Street & Tree Lighting -Brooksville
- Downtown Art Stroll Brooksville
- Festival Of Dreams Car Show Brooksville
- Festival of Trees Brooksville
- Florida Cracker Christmas Brooksville
- Hilly Hundred Brooksville
- Hometown Hernando Expo Brooksville
- Masaryk Winery Fall Festival -Masaryktown

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER (CONTD)

- "Sew it Up" Quilt Exhibit & Craft Show -Spring Hill
- ShowFest Brooksville
- Small Business Saturday Area Wide
- Thanksgiving Bluegrass Festival -Brooksville
- Weeki Wachee Race for CupCakes
- * Events are subject to change

JANUARY / FEBRUARY

- First Friday Crystal River (Yr Round)
- Friday Night Classics Car Cruise In -Inverness (3rd Fri Yr Round)
- Market at The Depot Liberty Park / Inverness (1st & 3rd Sat Yr Round)
- Citrus County Concert Series Inverness (Jan, Feb, April, May, Jun, Aug & Dec)
- Florida Manatee Festival Crystal River
- Ozello Craft Show & Chili Cook-Off -**Crystal River**

MARCH / APRIL

- St. Patricks Day Dog Parade Crystal River
- St. Patricks Day Parade Inverness
- Inverness Big Bass Classic
- Small Town Saturday Night Inverness (Mar, Jun & Aug)
- Shrimp-A-Palooza Festival Homosassa
- Fort Cooper Days Inverness
- Clean Air Ride Inverness
- Annual Catr's Meow Scrabble Golf Fundraiser - Homosassa
- Annual Homosassa Pirate Invasion
- Fort Cooper Bluegrass Festival Inverness
- Taste of Inverness

MAY/JUNE

• Homosassa River Fireworks Fest & Poker Run

JULY/ AUGUST

- Pine Street Jam & Parrothead Party -Inverness
- City Centennial Celebration Crystal River
- Patriotic Evening Inverness

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER

- Citrus County Sheriff National Night Out -Inverness
- Cootertober Inverness
- Cooter Carnival Inverness
- Cooter King & Queen Pageant Inverness
- Cooter Music Festival Inverness
- Heritage Village Scarecrow Festival -**Crystal River**
- Withlacoochee Annual Ride Inverness

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

- Blues n BarBOue Homosassa
- Homosassa Arts, Crafts & Seafood Festival
- Stone Crab Jam Crystal River
- Festival of The Arts Inverness
- Ozello Arts, Crafts & Blue Crab Festival -**Crystal River**
- · Celebration of Lights Homosassa
- Floral City Heritage Days
- Fort Cooper Nights of Lights Inverness
- Light up Liberty Inverness
- Light up The Lake & Inverness Boat Parade
- Tree Lighting Festival Crystal River
- * Events are subject to change

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South Brooksville - 4,007 High Point - 3,686 Communities

Cities

Brooksville - 7,719 ~ County Seat

Census Designated Places

Aripeka - 320 North Brooksville - 3,544 Bayport - 43

North Weeki Wachee - 8,524

Brookridge - 4,420 Pine Island - 64 Garden Grove - 674 Ridge Manor - 4,513 Hernando Beach - 2,299 Spring Hill - *113,568* Hill n' Dale - *1,934*

Spring Lake - 458 Istachatta - 116 Timber Pines - 5,386

Lake Lindsey - 71 Weeki Wachee Gardens - 1,146

Masaryktown - *1,077* Wiscon - *681* Nobleton - *282* Other Unincorporated Communities

Croom (Ghost Town)
Rolling Acres
Royal Highlands
Weeki Wachee - 16

*Populations are approximate.

Brooksville ~ County Seat

In 1845, Brooksville was founded by four families who settled in different areas: the Howell family claimed the north, the Mays family the east, the Hale family the west, and the Parsons family the south. Some years earlier, around the 1840s, the population moved approximately 3 miles southward to form a new community named Pierceville, established by the Hope and Saxon families. By 1856, the merging of Melendez and Pierceville birthed the town of Brooksville, now the county seat of Hernando County. The town was named after Congressman Preston Brooks. Situated in Hernando County, Brooksville is a city that saw its population rise to 7,719 in the 2010 census, up from 7,264 in 2000.

Brookridge

Brookridge was founded in 1973. Brookridge is recognized for its vibrant community of active adults aged 55 and above. This residential area decided, by vote, in 2013 to impose age limitations on all its (new) residents through a community vote. The population at the most current census stood at 4,420.

North Weeki Wachee

Located in Hernando County, Florida, North Weeki Wachee is a census-designated place (CDP) with a population of 8,524 according to the 2010 census. This residential area offers a blend of suburban living and natural surroundings, allowing residents to access outdoor recreational activities conveniently alongside essential amenities.

people were living there as of the 2020 census.

Hernando County Communities

Ridge Manor

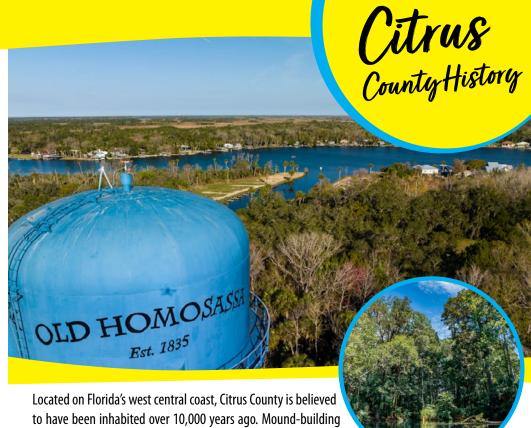
Ridge Manor, situated in eastern Hernando County, is a census-designated place characterized by a suburban and rural ambiance. The majority of its residents are homeowners, with many retirees choosing to make Ridge Manor their home due to its conservative atmosphere. The public schools in this area are considered above average. The southern and western regions of Ridge Manor are traversed by the north-flowing Withlacoochee River, while its southern border meets Lacoochee in Pasco County. According to the 2010 census, Ridge Manor had a population of 4,513 residents.

Spring Hill

A census-designated place (CDP) known as Spring Hill is located in Hernando County, Florida. Initially, Spring Hill was a vast area characterized by the endangered Longleaf Pine Ecosystem and Sand Pine Scrub, boasting a rich biodiversity and serving as a sanctuary for numerous vulnerable species. The landscape remained untouched until the 1970s when extensive deforestation took place, altering its original state. Its presence can be traced back to as early as 1856 in Hernando County maps, situated along the current Fort Dade Avenue just north of the Wiscon community. The present-day Spring Hill was established in 1967 as a meticulously planned community, developed by the Deltona Corporation and the Mackle Brothers. Originally, the developers intended to name the community Spring Lake, which was used as a temporary title during the development phase. However, the necessity arose to select a new name due to the existing usage of Spring Lake locally, leading to the adoption of the name Spring Hill. According to the 2020 census, the population saw an increase from 98,621 in the 2010 census to 113,568.

Timber Pines

Nestled in Hernando County, Florida, United States, Timber Pines emerges as a census-designated place (CDP) with a population count of 5,386 as documented in the 2010 census. Back in 1982, the inception of the Timber Pines Community Association ensued, envisioning a vibrant lifestyle for our esteemed Members aged 55 and above. Comprising 3,452 homes and villas, sprawled across 1,400 acres, our flourishing community stands debt-free, with a robust reserve fund earmarked for forthcoming maintenance and renovations.



Native Americans settled in the area about 2,500 years ago and established the now-famous Crystal River Archeological Site, which remained in use for around 2,000 years. The circumstances surrounding the site's abandonment remain a mystery. Established in 1887, Citrus County was once part of Hernando County, deriving its name from the abundance of citrus groves in the region. However, citrus production dwindled significantly following the devastating "Big Freeze" of 1894-1895. Originally established in Mannfield, the county seat was later relocated to Inverness, leaving only remnants of Mannfield in the form of a street and a pond. According to the 2020 census, the population of Citrus County stood at 153,843.

Cities

Crystal River - 3,396

Inverness - 7,543 County Seat

Census Designated Places

Beverly Hills - 9,961 Black Diamond - 1,255 Citrus Hills - 9,302 Citrus Springs - 10,246 Floral City - *5,261* Hernando - *9,284*

Homosassa - 2,299

Homosassa Springs - 14,283 Inverness Highlands North - 2,707

Inverness Highlands South - 6,698

Lecanto - *6,301* Pine Ridge - *9,598*

Sugarmill Woods - 11,204

Other Unincorporated Communities

Chassahowitzka (Wildlife Refuge)

Holder Meadowcrest

Pineola Red Level

*Populations are approximate.

Citrus County Communities

Beverly Hills

Located in Citrus County, Beverly Hills is a censusdesignated place and unincorporated community. In the 1930s and 1940s, Sam Kellner, a Jewish businessman from New York, amassed a fortune in the tire industry before venturing

into real estate and construction. The acquisition of 3,500 acres of land in interior Citrus County around 1960 marked the beginning of Kellner's foray into development. Transitioning the former cattle land into a residential area, he targeted retirees predominantly from urban Northern areas such as New York and Detroit, offering modest, single-story homes for sale. The resulting Beverly Hills project represented one of the pioneer planned retirement communities in Central Florida. As of the 2020 census, the population stood at 9,961.

Citrus Springs

Located in Citrus County, Citrus Springs is a designated census place (CDP) that was meticulously developed by the Mackle Brothers, a well-known real estate developer in Florida operating under The Deltona Corporation. Initially planned as a large subdivision encompassing more than 34,000 homesites, Citrus Springs has a historical connection to phosphate mining, which was a significant industry in Citrus County until the conclusion of World War II, after which the mining activities were mostly outsourced abroad. The inaugural newspaper of Citrus County, known as the Phosphate Times, reflects this mining heritage. In the Withlacoochee River basin, numerous abandoned mines can be found, with a notable clustering of these mines within the vicinity of Citrus Springs. The population of Citrus Springs was recorded at 9,302 during the 2020 census.

Crystal River

Dating back to 1842, the United States federal government played a crucial role in encouraging settlers to the Crystal River area through the passing of the Armed Occupation Act. Subsequently, in 1903, the city of Crystal River was officially incorporated in Citrus County, Florida, becoming known as the "Home of the Manatee". Interestingly, twenty-two men applied for land patents in this region following the Second Seminole War. During the mid-1800s, families gradually started to establish their homes in Crystal River, which initially belonged to Hernando County when it was established in 1843. However, just a year later, the county was renamed "Benton" in recognition of Senator Thomas Hart Benton, the main advocate of the Armed Occupation Act. It wasn't until 1850 that the county reverted to its original name, Hernando. As of the 2020 census, Crystal River boasts a population of 3,396 residents.

Hernando

In Citrus County, Florida, there exists a census-designated place known as Hernando. Once considered a city, it underwent disincorporation during the 1970s. The population, according to the 2020 census, amounts to 9,284 residents.

Homosassa Springs

In Citrus County, Florida, there is an unincorporated community named Homosassa Springs, which is also designated as a census-designated place (CDP). This area is famous for the warm spring found within Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park, a natural attraction that draws manatees to the vicinity. As of 2020, the population of this community was recorded at 14,283 residents.

Inverness ~ County Seat

The city of Inverness, Florida, has served as the county seat of Citrus County since 1889, succeeding Tompkinsville, which was later renamed "Inverness." Archaeological excavations have disclosed the presence of Seminole tribes in what is now Inverness, including the establishment of a camp by the Seminole leader Osceola during the Second Seminole War, referred to as Powell's Town. The area witnessed the arrival of white settlers around 1868, with Tompkinslater fondly known as "Uncle Alf"-playing a pivotal role in the community's development. To encourage migration to the town, Tompkins initiated a mail service and assisted in the establishment of the county's inaugural sawmill. Subsequently, the town of Tompkinsville was purchased by a Jacksonville-based firm, leading to its transformation into Inverness. The official incorporation of Inverness took place on March 6, 1919, as documented by the city records. As of the 2020 census, the population of Inverness stands at 7,543 residents.

Sugarmill Woods

Sugarmill Woods, located in southwestern Citrus County, Florida, is an unincorporated area recognized as a census-designated place (CDP). The origins of its name can be traced back to the Yulee Sugar Mill Ruins situated near Homosassa. In the year 1972, the community was officially mapped out, featuring an innovative concept incorporating six distinct villages: Cypress, Oak, Pinewood, Palm, Orange, and Meadow Run, each equipped with its village hub. The meticulously planned development included a total of 24,000 earmarked lots. By 1975, initial constructions were completed, which encompassed the first nine holes of the Sugarmill Woods Country Club's golf course, along with two tennis courts and a swimming pool. According to the most recent census conducted in 2020, the population of Sugarmill Woods was recorded at 11,204 residents.

Parks & Recreation

HERNANDO COUNTY

please be aware, parking & access fees may apply

ALFRED MCKETHAN/PINE ISLAND PARK

10840 Pine Island Dr. | Spring Hill Park amenities include a beach, Bird Watching, changing rooms, concessions, electricity, pavilions, picnic shelters, playground, restrooms, showers, swinging & volleyball.

ANDERSON SNOW PARK

1360 Anderson Snow Rd. | Spring Hill Park amenities include baseball/softball, bike trail, concessions, electricity, lighted trails, open play area, pavilions, picnic shelters, playground, press box, reservations, restrooms, soccer/football & walking trail.

BAYPORT PARK

4140 Cortez Blvd. | Spring Hill Park amenities include bird watching, a boat ramp, a canoe/kayak launch, electricity, fishing pier, observation points, pavilion, picnic shelter, reservations & restrooms.

COACH LORENZO HAMILTON SR. PARK

899 Kennedy Blvd. | Brooksville Park amenities include an activity center, baseball/softball, basketball, concessions, electricity, lighted fields, picnic shelters, playground, press box, reservations & restrooms.

CYPRESS LAKE PRESERVE

S.R. 50 & Ridge Manor Blvd. | Ridge Manor Amenities include bird watching & walking trails.

DELTA WOODS PARK

3400

Deltona Blvd. | Spring Hill Amenities include an activity center, basketball,

bocce ball, concessions,

electricity, gazebos, horseshoes, lighted fields, pavilions, pickle ball, picnic shelter, playground, reservations, restrooms, shuffleboard, soccer/football, tennis, volleyball & walking trails.

ERNIE WEVER YOUTH PARK

19473 Youth Dr. | Brooksville
Park amenities include an activity center,
baseball/softball, concessions, electricity, lighted
fields, billions, picnic shelters, playgrounds, press
box, reservations, restrooms, & soccer/football.

FICKETT HAMMOCK PRESERVE

Enter off Centralia Rd. before Citrus Way | Brooksville

Amenities include bird watching & walking trails.

HERNANDO BEACH PUBLIC BOAT RAMP

4477 Calienta Dr. | Hernando Beach
The public boat ramp at hernando beach
provides access to the gulf of mexico and is open
24 hours a day. It has four launching lanes, 90
boat trailer parking spaces, courtesy docks, and
restrooms that are situated in the lot closest to
the street. A kiosk system by the restrooms is
used to collect parking fees.

HERNANDO PARK

205 E Fort Dade Ave. | Brooksville Amenities include band shell, electricity, pickleball, playground, reservations & tennis.

HILL N DALE PARK

6460 Boxwood St. | Brooksville Amenities include basketball, electricity, open play area, pavilions, picnic shelter, playground & restrooms.

JENKINS CREEK PARK

6401 Shoal Line Blvd. | Spring Hill Amenities include bird watching, boat ramp, canoe/kayak launch, fishing pier, picnic shelter & restrooms.

LAKE TOWNSEN REGIONAL PARK

28011 Lake Lindsey Rd. (CR 476) | Brooksville Amenities include baseball/softball, basketball, bike trail, bird watching, boat ramp, electricity, fishing pier, horse trail, horseshoes, open play area, pavilions, picnic shelter, playground, reservations, restrooms, volleyball & walking trails.

LINDA PEDERSON PARK @ JENKINS CREEK

6300 Shoal Line Blvd. (CR 595) | Spring Hill Amenities include activity center, beaches, bird watching, canoe/kayak launch, electricity, fishing pier, pavilion, picnic shelter, playground, reservations, restrooms, showers & swimming.

LONNIE C COBURN PARK

19340 Oliver St. | Brooksville Amenities are pavillions.

NOBLETON WAYSIDE PARK

29061 Lamkin Dr. | Nobleton Amenities include basketball, boat ramp, canoe/ kayak launch & picnic shelters.

PIONEER PARK/STEWYS SKATE PARK

6799 Pinehurst Dr. | Spring Hill Amenities include basketball, concessions, open play area, picnic shelters, playground, restrooms, skateboarding & volleyball.

RIDGE MANOR COMMUNITY PARK

34030 Ridge Manor Blvd. | Ridge Manor Amenities include baseball/softball, basketball, concessions, electricity, gazebos, lighted fields, open play area, pavilions, picnic shelters, playgrounds, press box, reservations, restrooms, volleyball & walking trails.

ROGERS PARK

7244 Shoal Line Blvd. | Spring Hill Amenities include beaches, bird watching, boat ramps, canoe/kayak launches, concessions, picnic shelter, playground, restrooms, shower, swimming & volleyball.

ROTARY CENTENNIAL DOG PARK

10375 Sandlor St. | Spring Hill Amenities include dog area, picnic shelter & restrooms.

VETERANS MEMORIAL

12254 Spring Hill Dr. | Spring Hill Amenities include baseball/softball, concessions, electricity, lighted fields, open play area, picnic shelters, playground, press box, reservations, restrooms, soccer/football & walking trails.

Parks & Recreation

CITRUS COUNTY BEVERLY HILLS COMMUNITY PARK/ SKATE PARK

997 W Roosevelt Blvd. | Beverly Hills

BICENTENNIAL PARK/SKATE PARK

501 N Baseball Pt. | Crystal River

BLUEBIRD SPRINGS PARK

8950 W Bluebird Springs Ln. | Homosassa

CENTRAL RIDGE COMMUNITY PARK

952 Lake Beverly Dr. | Beverly Hills

CENTRAL RIDGE DISTRICT PARK

6905 N Lecanto Hwy. | Lecanto

CITRUS SPRINGS TENNIS COURTS

9940 N Citrus Springs Blvd. | Citrus Springs

COOTER POND PARK

181 Hwy 415 | Inverness

COPELAND COMMUNITY PARK

850 NE 3rd Ave. | Crystal River

CRYSTAL RIVER ARCHAEOLOGICAL

3400 N Museum Pt. | Crystal River | 352-795-3817

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3266 N Sailboat Ave. | Crystal River

CRYSTAL RIVER TOWN SOUARE

559 N Citrus Ave. | Crystal River

CREATIVE PLAYGROUND

635 NW 2nd Ave. | Crystal River

EAGLE-TON PARK

S.J. Kellner Blvd. | Beverly Hills

EDEN PARK

614 Park Lake Ter. | Inverness

ELLIE SCHILLER HOMOSASSA SPRINGS WILDLIFE STATE PARK

4150 S Suncoast Blvd. | Homosassa Springs | 352-423-5600

FIRE STATION PARK

8350 W Homosassa Trl. | Homosassa

FLORAL PARK

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FT. COOPER STATE PARK

3100 S Old Floral City Rd. | Inverness | 352-726-0317

FT. ISLAND TRAIL PARK

12073 W Fort Island Trail | Crystal River

HERNANDO PARK

2552 N Railroad Ave. | Hernando

HIGHLAND PARK

3755 E Kirk St. | Inverness

HOLDEN COMMUNITY PARK

4229 S Rainbow Dr. | Inverness

HOMOSASSA AREA RECREATION PARK

4210 S Grandmarch Ave. | Homosassa Springs

HUNTER SPRINGS PARK

1204 NE 1st Ave. | Crystal River

JIM LEGRONE MEMORIAL PARK

425 SE 8th Ave. | Crystal River

KEATING PARK

8820 E Metcalf Ln. | Floral City

KING'S BAY PARK

268 NW 3rd St. | Crystal River

LECANTO COMMUNITY PARK

3505 W Educational Path | Lecanto

LECANTO PARK

3798 W Educational Path | Lecanto

LIBERTY PARK

286 N Apopka Ave. | Inverness

LITTLE SPRINGS PARK

630 NW 2nd Ave. | Crystal River

OZELLO COMMUNITY PARK

410 N Pirate Point | Crystal River

OZELLO PARK

2045 S John Brown Dr. | Crystal River

POTTS PRESERVE

2700 Dee River Rd. (Equestrian Camping)
2988 N Hooty Pt. (river hiking/trails/campground)
Inverness | 352-796-7211 x4470

SPORTSMANS PARK/OZELLO PARK

95 N Twin Lake Dr. | Inverness

ST. MARTINS MARSH AOUATIC PRESERVE

Crystal River | 352-563-0450

THE DEPOT DISTRICT

300 N Apopka Ave. | Inverness

THREE SISTERS SPRINGS

917 Three Sisters Springs Trl. | Crystal River | 352-586-1170

TRAILS END PARK

7594 S Old Oaks Dr. | Floral City

TWO MILE PRAIRIE

7112 N Lecanto Hwy. (C-491) | Hernando | 352-797-4140

WALLACE BROOKS PARK

321 E Dampier St. | Inverness

WATER TOWER PARK

4 Laurenshire St. | Beverly Hills

WESLEY JONES PARK

2510 W Castania Dr. | Citrus Springs

WHISPERING PINES PARK/POOL &

SPLASH PAD

1700 Forest Dr. | Inverness | 352-726-1995

WITHLACOOCHEE STATE TRAIL

3100 S Old Floral Cty. Rd. | Inverness

WITHLAPOPKA PARK

11104 E Flounder Dr. | Floral City

YEOMAN PARK

3600 N Turkey Oak Dr. | Crystal River

YULEE SUGAR MILL RUINS HISTORIC STATE PARK

SR 490 Yulee Dr. | Homosassa | 352-795-3817

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Bag & Length Limits

ONE DAY BAG LIMITS FOR FRESHWATER GAME FISH:

- **5** Black Bass (including largemouth, suwannee, spotted, choctaw & shoal bass, individually or in total), only one of which may be 16 inches or longer in total length. There is no minimum length limit for largemouth bass.
- * No person shall kill or possess any Suwannee, shoal, spotted, or Choctaw bass that is less than 12 inches in total length.
- * Chipola River and its tributaries: No person shall kill or possess shoal bass on the Chipola River or its tributaries. Any shoal bass that are caught must be released immediately.
- **20** Striped Bass, white bass, & sunshine bass (individually or in total), of which only 6 may be 24 inches or longer in total length. * In the Suwannee River, areas north & west of the Suwannee River, & in any tributary, creek or stream of the Suwannee River: the bag limit for striped bass is 3, each of which must be at least 18 inches in total length (20 fish combined bag limit).
- * In the lower Ochlockonee River (downstream of the Jackson Bluff dam to Ochlockonee Bay): the bag limit for striped bass is 3, only one of which may be 24 inches or longer in total length. There is no minimum length limit (20 fish combined bag limit).

50 Panfish including bluegill, redear sunfish (shellcracker), flier, longear sunfish, mud sunfish, shadow bass, spotted sunfish (stumpknocker), warmouth & redbreast sunfish, individually or in total.

25 Crappie (speckled perch).

2 Butterfly Peacock Bass, only one of which may be 17 inches or longer in total length.

10 Alabama Shad, american shad, hickory shad, & blueback herring (individually or in total), which may only be taken with hook & line gear.

25 American Eels, must be nine inches or greater in total length. The recreational bag limit for american eels is 25 per angler per day. Wholesale/retail purchase exemption. Recreational anglers purchasing american eel as bait may possess more than the legal bag limit provided that the eels were purchased from a licensed dealer.

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If authorities issue evacuation orders, follow them promptly. Delaying evacuation can put your life and the lives of emergency responders at risk. They have the most up-to-date information on the storm and can provide guidance on the safest course of action. Remember that each hurricane is unique, so it's essential to stay informed and adapt your plans accordingly. Preparedness and early action are key to minimizing risks and ensuring the safety of yourself and your loved ones during a hurricane.

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The Highest Recorded Wind Speed of a Hurricane is 215 mph



- 1. Leashing: Always keep pets on a leash, especially near water bodies, to prevent them from wandering too close to potential alligator habitats.
- **2**. **Supervision**: Supervise your pets when they're outside. This is crucial during dawn and dusk, as alligators are more active during these times.
- **3**. **Avoid Water**: Keep pets away from lakes, ponds, and marshy areas where alligators might be lurking. Even small bodies of water can pose risks.
- 4. Training: Ensure your pets have good recall and respond well to commands. This can help you quickly call them back if they venture too close to danger.
- **5**. Feeding and Food Storage: Do not feed alligators or leave pet food outside, as this can attract wildlife and increase the likelihood of encounters with alligators.





INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

Enjoy your delicious buttered-up steak!

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Take the steaks out of the refrigerator and let them come to room temperature for about 30 minutes. This helps the steak cook more evenly.
- Preheat your oven to 400°F.
- 3 Season the steaks generously with salt and pepper on both sides.
- 4 Heat a large skillet over high heat until very hot. Add the steaks and cook for about 2-3 minutes per side, until nicely browned.
- 5 Remove the steaks from the skillet and place them on a baking sheet.
- 6 In the same skillet, add the butter and garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds, stirring constantly, until the garlic is fragrant.

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- Pour the garlic butter over the steaks or the baking sheet.
- 8 Place the baking sheet in the oven and cook for about 5-7 minutes for medium-rare doneness, or longer if you prefer your steak more well-done.
- 9 Remove the steaks from the oven and let them rest for a few minutes before slicing.
- 10 Serve the steak with any remaining butter from the baking sheet and fresh herbs if desired.

PREP: 35 MIN - TOTAL: 50 MIN

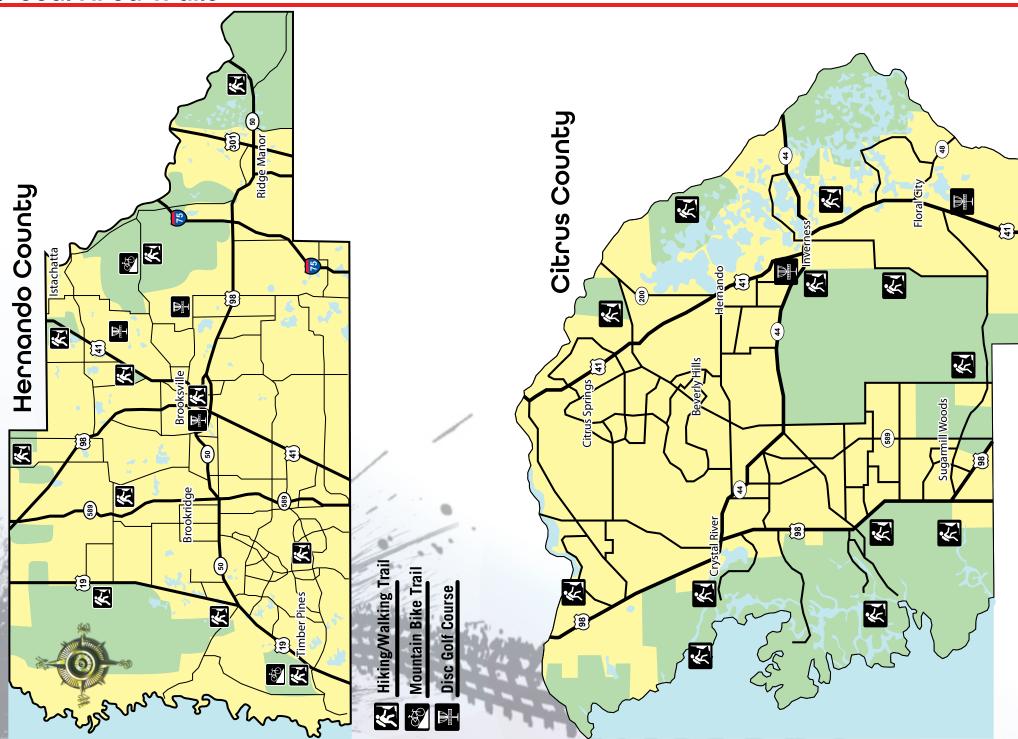


BARBECUE DO'S:

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

BARBECUE DON'TS:

- use lighter fluid to start your grill.
 Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.



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Health Benefits of the Outdoors

Spending time in nature offers numerous benefits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Stress Reduction: Nature has a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress levels. The peaceful surroundings,

fresh air, and natural beauty can lower cortisol levels, decrease heart rate, and promote relaxation.

Improved Mental Health: Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative thoughts and emotions.

Increased Physical Activity: Nature encourages physical activity, whether it's hiking, biking, walking, or simply exploring outdoor spaces. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes exercise, which is essential for maintaining physical health and fitness. Additionally, being in nature often involves exposure to sunlight, which helps the body produce vitamin D and supports overall well-being.

Enhanced Creativity & Cognitive Function: Nature stimulates creativity and cognitive function. Research suggests that spending time in natural environments can improve problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and enhance concentration and focus. Nature provides a rich sensory experience that activates different parts of the brain, fostering cognitive development and innovation.

Connection with the Environment: Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world. This connection can lead to greater awareness of environmental issues and a desire to protect and preserve natural habitats for future generations.

Overall, being in nature offers a multitude of benefits for both physical and mental well-being, making it essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

