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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 Festival - 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

## MAY - JUNE (CONTD)

- Spring Lake Memorial Classic 2Mile/5K/10K - Brooksville
- 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

# Local Area Events (Hernando County)

## **NOVEMBER - DECEMBER**

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

## **NOVEMBER - DECEMBER (CONTD)**

- Hometown Hernando Expo - Brooksville
- Masaryk Winery Fall Festival - Masaryktown
- "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*

# Local Area Events (Citrus County)

## **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 Fund-raiser - 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 BarBQue - 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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Condado de Hernando, also known as Hernando County, is a county in the state of Florida that is situated on the west central coast. Spring Hill is The largest community, and Brooksville serves as the county seat. Hernando was the 35th fastest-growing county in the nation as of 2005. A group of Upper Creeks moved to the Tampa Bay area in 1767 from Eufaula, Alabama, and settled in Hernando County. They would eventually integrate into the Seminole who spoke Muskogee. In February 1842, about fifty slaves and about 100 settlers arrived in what would become Hernando County. Fort DeSoto was quickly built to defend these newcomers from Native Americans on the northeastern border of modern-day Brooksville. The fort developed into a small way station, trading post, and community center along the way to Tampa. Around 1845, more settlements began to spring up around the fort. When Hernando County was formally created on February 27, 1843, it covered a far greater area of west central Florida than it does now. It encompassed all of the current counties of Citrus and Pasco and was formed from parts of Alachua, Hillsborough, and Orange Counties. Hernando County was formerly known as Benton County in 1844 in honor of Missouri Senator Thomas Hart Benton, a fervent advocate of territorial expansion who played a role in the county's establishment. 194,515 people were living there as of the 2020 census.

**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

**Census Designated Places (Contd)**  
Hernando Beach - 2,299  
South Brooksville - 4,007  
High Point - 3,686  
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

**Census Designated Places (Contd)**  
Wiscon - 681  
Nobleton - 282

**Other Unincorporated Communities**  
Croon (*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.

## 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 Lacochee 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.



Located on Florida's west central coast, Citrus County is believed to have been inhabited over 10,000 years ago. Mound-building 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

### Census Designated Places (Contd)

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

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### **Beverly Hills**

Located in Citrus County, Beverly Hills is a census-designated 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 Tompkins later 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**

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## **COOTER POND PARK**

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## **COPELAND COMMUNITY PARK**

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## **CRYSTAL RIVER ARCHAEOLOGICAL**

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## **All Shores Outdoors**

2130 S Waterman Dr. | Crystal River | 321-202-9081

## **Amanda Z Studio Art Gallery**

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## **Art Center for Citrus County**

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## **Coastal Art Gallery**

652 N Citrus Ave. | Crystal River | 352-586-8546

## **Crystal River Watersports**

2380 NW US Hwy. 19 | Crystal River | 352-795-7033

## **Dames Caves**

10701 S Lecanto Hwy. | Lecanto

## **Drunken Pirate Tours**

5581 S Willard Ave. | Homosassa | 352-601-1577

## **Floral City Heritage Museum**

8394 E Orage Ave. | Floral City | 352-697-2999

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2389 N Lakefront Dr. | Hernando | 352-585-7276

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659 N Citrus Ave. | Crystal River | 352-697-2702

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## **Valerie Theater Cultural Center**

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## 1885 Brooksville Train Depot

70 Russel St. | Brooksville | 352-799-0129

## Adventure Coast Fun Park

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## Art4Art

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## Boyette's Grove & Citrus Attraction

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## Brooksville Gallery

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## Brooksville Mural Tour

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## Bolero - Spring Hill

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## FLG X - Tampa

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## Hernando Beach Mural Tour

Starting point address:  
6485 Glen Lakes Blvd. | Spring Hill |  
352-587-8062

## Historical May-Stinger House

601 Museum Ct. | Brooksville | 352-799-0129

## Lead Foot City

17109 Old Ayers Rd. | Brooksville |  
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## Locomo

10451 County Line Rd. | Spring Hill |  
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## Mermaid Tail Trail

Recommended Starting Location:  
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352-754-4405

## Nature Coast Botanical Gardens & Nursery

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## Stagewest Community Play House

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352-683-5113

## Vermillion Enterprise

5324 Spring Hill Dr. | Spring Hill |  
352-585-9772

## Wildlife Survival Sanctuary

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## The Hernando County Florida Mermaid Tail Trail

is a unique and captivating experience that combines art, nature, and community engagement. This trail features a series of beautifully decorated mermaid tail sculptures that are scattered throughout the county, creating a whimsical and enchanting outdoor art gallery. As visitors follow the trail, they are not only treated to the stunning raftsmanship of each mermaid tail but also get to explore the diverse landscapes and attractions of Hernando County. The Mermaid Tail Trail serves as a creative way to showcase local artists while promoting tourism and outdoor exploration. Whether you are a local resident or a curious traveler, embarking on the Mermaid Tail Trail is sure to be a memorable and delightful adventure.

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## Top Five Tips

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.

1. **STAY INFORMED**
2. **SECURE YOUR HOME**
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# HERNANDO COUNTY



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Whether you prefer freshwater or saltwater fishing, you're sure to reel in a memorable catch against the backdrop of Florida's stunning natural beauty. Moreover, for those seeking a more immersive water experience, kayaking and paddleboarding are popular choices in Hernando County. Glide along the serene waterways, surrounded by lush mangroves, towering cypress trees, and an array of wildlife. Bird-watchers will be especially thrilled by the diverse avian species that call this region home. In Hernando County, the possibilities for water adventures are as endless as the horizon. So, whether you're seeking adrenaline-pumping thrills or tranquil moments of reflection, this hidden oasis promises an unforgettable aquatic escapade for all who dare to explore its waters.



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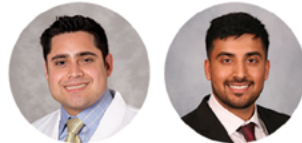
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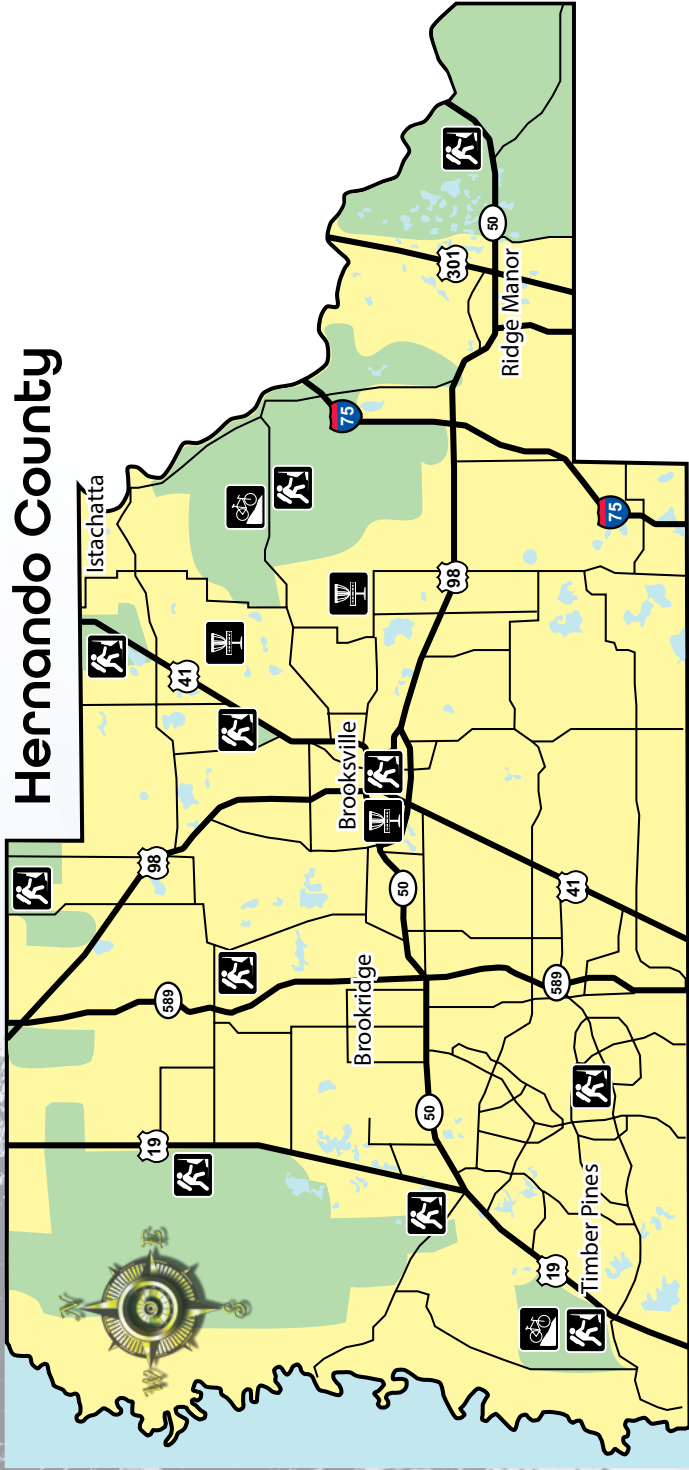
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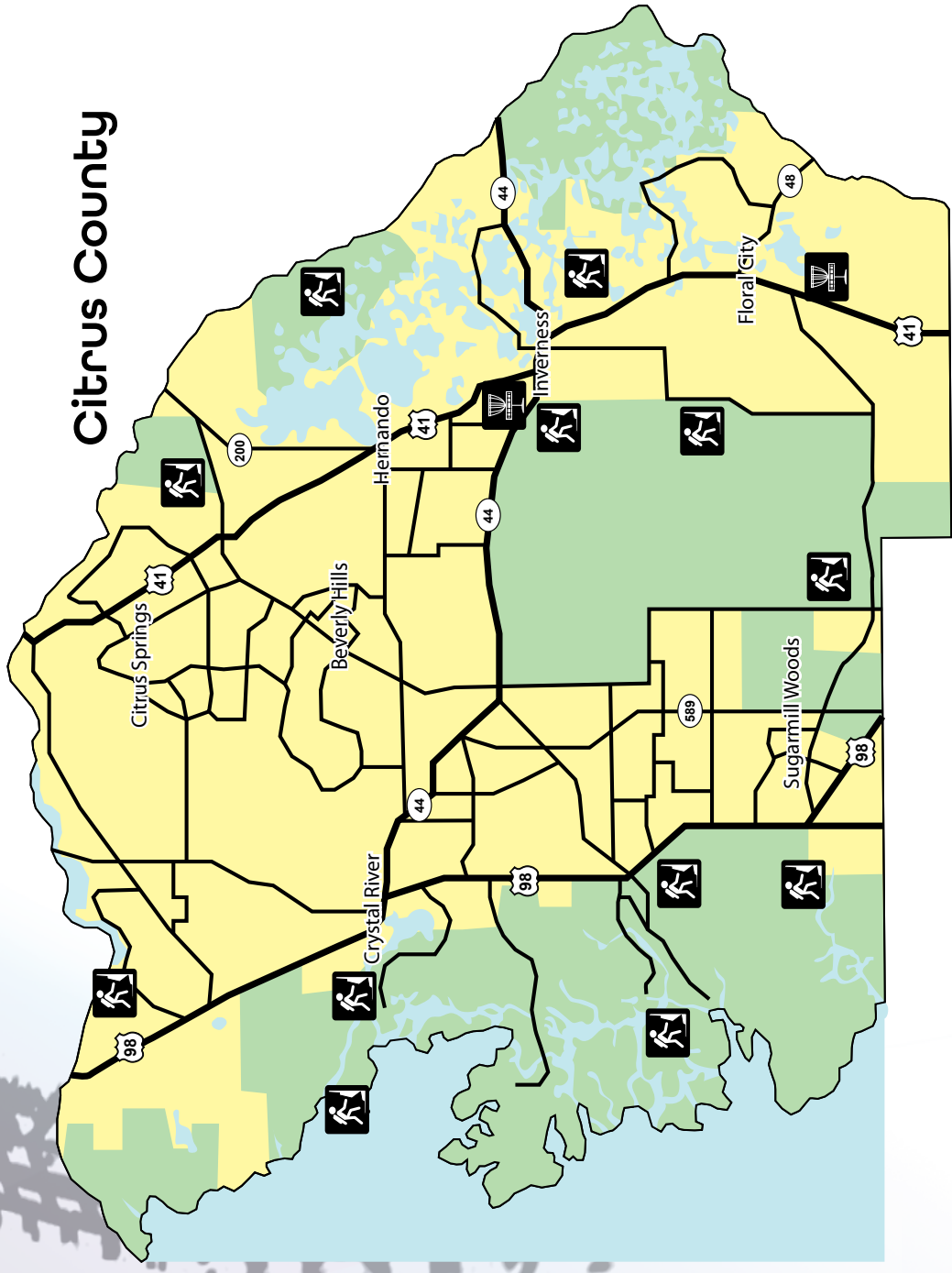
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