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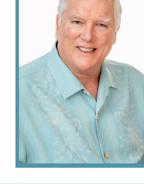
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## ocal Area Events

#### JANUARY

- Bike Florida / New Year EPIC 35/50 Groveland
- Block Party @ Lake David & Martin Luther King
- Jr Celebration Groveland
- Central Florida Film Festival Mount Dora
- Daddy / Daughter Dance Eustis
- First Friday Food Truck Clermont (1st Friday Monthly, No Dec)
- Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration & Parade -Clermont
- Martin Luther King Jr. Parade & March Leesburg
- Martin Luther King Jr Unity Glf Classic -Mount Dora
- Renningers Antique Extravaganza Mount Dora
- Steampunk Industrial Show Mount Dora
- Unity Extravaganza & Walk Mount Dora
- Wine Stroll Clermont (2x monthly)
- Dades Batlle of 1835 Live action at Battlefield
  State Park Bushnell

#### **FEBRUARY**

- African American Heritage Festival -Eustis & Tavares
- Jane Austen Fest Mount Dora
- Leesburg Blues N'Q
- Leesburg Mardi Gras
- Mount Dora Arts Festival
- Mount Dora Scottish Highland Festival
- Renningers Antique Extravaganza Mount Dora
- The Great Clermont Campout
- The Spring Games Clermont
- Annual Italian Festival Coleman
- Annual Mardi Gras Paw March The Villages
- Arts & Crafts Show The Villages
- Chili Cook-Off & Classic Car & Jeep Show -Bushnell
- Dade Bird Walk Bushnell
- Car Cruise-In The Villages (Feb-Mar)
- Mardi Gras Festival The Villages
- Mardi Grove Bash The Villages
- Strawberry Festival The Villages & Oxford

#### <u>MARCH</u>

- Antique and Classic Boat Show Tavares
- Blooms & Brews Leesburg
- Brunch with the Easter Bunny Leesburg
- Crooked River Paddle Clermont
- Downtown Clermont Farmers Market -(Mar-May)
- Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt Groveland
- Easter Egg Hunt Mount Dora
- Easter Festival & Egg Hunt Eustis
- Easter Grand Brunch Buffet -
- Howey-in-the-Hills
- Founders Day Groveland
- Georgefest Eustis
- Irish Art & Music Festival Clermont
- Lady Lake Easter Eggstravaganza
- Lady Lake Farmers & Crafts Market
- Lake Dora Classic Car Show Mount Dora
- Mount Dora Yacht Club Regatta
- Mount Dora Spring Festival of Arts & Crafts
- Movies Under the Stars Clermont (Mar-May)
- PLANES, TUNES & BBQ (Seaplane-a-Palooza) -Tavares
- Pups in the Park Clermont
- Shamrockin' Craft BBQ & Beer Festival Leesburg
- Spring Master Gardener Volunteer Annual Plant Sale - Tavares
- Thundering Spirit Pow Wow Mount Dora
- Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt Wildwood
- Artists Round the Square The Villages
- Baker House Heritage Festival Wildwood
- Bushnell Bunny Bash
- Easter Eggstravaganza Wildwood
- Honey Bee, Wine & Blues Festival Oxford
- St. Patrick's Day Festival The Villages
- Sumter County Fair Webster

#### APRIL

- Clean Up Eustis
- Clermont Earth Day Lake Clean-Up
- Double Run Paddle Astatula
- Fruitland Park Farmers Market
- Hometown Comedy & Music Festival Eustis

MAY - JUNE (CONTD)

**JULY - AUGUST** 

• Bluegrass, Blues & BBQ - Bushnell

Mothers Day Jam Party - Coleman

• 4th of July Fireworks - Mount Dora,

Star Spangled Spectacular - Leesburg

Last Call for Summer - Mount Dora

Fiesta de las Americas - Coleman

Arts & Crafts Show - The Villages

Sips & Salsa Festival - Clermont

Mount Dora Pitmasters & Pourers

Florida Wildlife Festival - Umatilla

Mount Dora Latin Music Festival

Monster Seaplane Fly-in - Tavares

Steampunk Industrial Show - Mount Dora

Annual Cowboy Challenge - Bushnell

Dade Bird Walk - Bushnell (Sept-Oct)

Brown & Browns Fall Fest & Mega Maze -

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National Night Out - Clermont

October Fest - Mount Dora

Rocktober Fest - Tavares

Trunk or Treat - Groveland

Oxford (e/o Sept - e/o Oct)

Fall in the Field - Mount Dora

Harvest Festival - Clermont

Haunted House - Leesburg

• Pig on the Pond - Clermont

Mount Dora Bicycle Festival

Mount Dora Craft Fair

Eustis Fall Festival

**SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER** 

Stampeders Youth Rodeo - Bushnell

Family Pickleball Tournament - Leesburg

Red, White & BOOM! - Clermont

Groveland, Tavares & Eustis

Junk in the Trunk - Wildwood

Cinco De Mayo Celebration - The Villages

Sumter County Sheriff Derby Day - The Villages

- Lake County Fair Eustis
- Leesburg Bikefest
- Mount Dora Blueberry Festival
- Mount Dora Craft Fair
- Mount Dora Earth Day Celebration
- Mount Dora Sailboat Regatta
- Vintage Garden Show Eustis & Mount Dora
- Annual Clay Shoot Sumterville
- Blueberry Festival The Villages
- Breakfast with A Park Ranger Bushnell
   Earth Day Event Center Hill
- Free Fishing Day Webster
- Founders Day Webster
- Paws for The Cause Pet Carnival & Expo -Wildwood
- Paws & Pizzazz Fashion Show Wildwood
   Soldier Reenactor Lead Battlefield Walk -Bushnell (Apl-Jun)

#### <u>MAY - JUNE</u>

- Annual Lake County Back the Blue Walk -Tavares
- Corn Festival Mount Dora
- Clermont Taco & Margarita Festival
- Eustis Busking Festival
- Farmers Market Clermont (Memorial Day-Labor Day)
- Memorial Day Celebration Groveland
- Memorial Day Program Leesburg
- Yard Sale Summer Mount Dora
- Juneteenth Celebration Clermont
- Mega Food Truck Clermont
- Taste of the Caribbean & Jerk Festival -Clermont

### ocal Area Events

#### **SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER (CONTD)**

- Sumter Swap Meet Bushnell
- Fall Festival Bushnell
- Fishin' The Pan Bass Tournament -
- Lake Panasoffkee
- Fright Nights Haunted House Wildwood
- Halloween Spooktacular Wildwood
- Spirited Ladies of The Baker House Wildwood

#### **NOVEMBER - DECEMBER**

- Candy Cane Lane Clermont
- Citrus Tower Light Up Clermont
- Craft Beer, Wine & Food Festival Clermont
- Dios De Los Muertos Celebration & Movie -Groveland
- Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Faire Tavares
- Letters to Santa Clermont (Nov-Dec)
- Light Up Eustis
- Light up Mount Dora
- Mount Dora Plant & Garden Fair
- Pancake Palooza Leesburg
- Renningers Antique Extravaganza Mount Dora
- The Enchanted Tree Forest Clermont (Nov-Jan)
- Annual Tree Lighting & Christmas Parade -Clermont
- Breakfast with Santa Leesburg
- Cookies & Cocoa Clermont
- Christmas Parade Mount Dora
- Children's Christmas in the Park with Snow -Mount Dora
- Groveland Christmas Parade & Stroll

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

- Hanukkah Menorah Lighting Groveland
- Lighted Boat Parade Mount Dora
- Light Up Clermont
- Light Up Venetian Gardens & Boat Parade -Leesburg
- Main Street Christmas Parade Leesburg
- Minneola Moonlight Christmas Parade The Nutcracker Ballet - Mount Dora
- Annual Sumter County Chamber Fish Fry -Wildwood
- Farm City Tour & Presentations Bushnell
- Historical House Tours at the Baker House -Wildwood
- Light Up Bushnell Featuring Santa in the Park
- Touch-A-Truck Wildwood
- Sumter County Farm City Week Oxford
- WILD week Bushnell
- Annual Christmas Parade Wildwood
- Christmas on the Florida Frontier Bushnell
- Cookies with Santa Wildwood
- Light Up Bushnell Featuring Santa in the Park
- NYE Party Wildwood
- Sumter Swap Meet at the Fairgrounds -Bushnell
- Winterfest & Light Up Wildwood Christmas Parade

\* Events are subject to change



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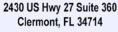
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## Lake County Florida



In 1887, Lake County emerged from parts of Sumter and Orange counties, earning its name from the many lakes it encompasses - with 250 lakes identified by name and 1,735 additional bodies of water. During the 1800s, the two dominant industries in the region were cotton cultivation and cattle breeding. However, as the latter half of the 19th century approached, citizens focused on growing citrus trees. The subsequent decades saw a significant increase in citrus production, propelling it to become the area's leading industry.

But prosperity was short-lived, as the devastating cold wave of December 1989 wiped out most of the citrus groves, severely crippling the local economy. Grove owners were forced to sell off their land to developers, leading to the area's rapid expansion of urban sprawl. According to the most recent census, Lake County has a population of 383,956, with its county seat being Tavares and its largest city being Clermont.

Cities	Census Designated Places
Clermont - 43,021	Altoona - 89
Eustis - 23, 189	Astor- 1,556
Fruitland Park - 8,325	Ferndale - 472
Groveland - 18,505	Four Corners - 56,381
Leesburg - 23,671	Lake Katheryn - 920
Mascotte - 6,609	Lake Mack-Forest Hills - 1,010
Minneola - 13,843	Lisbon - 260
Mount Dora - 16,341	Mount Plymouth - 4,011
Tavares - 19,003 (County Seat)	Okahumpka - 267
Umatilla - <i>3,685</i>	Paisley - 818
	Pine Lakes - 862
Towns	Pittman - <i>180</i>
Astatula - <i>1,889</i>	Silver Lake - 1,879
Howey-in-the-Hills - 1,643	Sorrento - 861
Lady Lake - 15,970	Yahala - <i>1,364</i>
Mountverde - 1,655	

#### Other Unincorporated Communities

Bassville Park Fort Mason Grand Island Lanier Orange Bend The Villages (partial)

\*Populations are approximate.

Lake County Communities

#### Clermont

Clermont, founded in 1884 and named after the birthplace of A.F. Wrotnowski in France, was the esteemed manager of the Clermont Improvement Company forged for land development. The city was officially incorporated in 1916. The initial endeavors in the county led to the evolution of numerous orange and citrus groves, serving as the cornerstone of the economy into the middle of the 20th century. The 1956 Florida Citrus Tower, a guintessential Florida monument, proudly stands in Clermont. Located in central Florida and nestled within Lake County, Clermont serves as a hub for cultural diversity and a flourishing metropolis. A bustling population of 43,021 residents called Clermont home in 2020.

#### **Eustis**

The settlers of Eustis took their time in deliberating on a suitable name. Initially, it was called Highlands, later changing to Pendryville, and finally, in 1825 they ultimately settled on Lake Eustis - paying homage to the esteemed General Abraham Eustis. The prominent military figure, widely recognized for his prowess in the Seminole Wars, had engaged in skirmishes with the indigenous people on the southern coast, in what is now known as Tavares, Florida. Before the advent of railroads in the 1880s, Eustis bustled with activity as a central port for steamers navigating Lakes Harris, Eustis, Dora, and Griffin. However, in 1883, the "Lake" in its name was omitted, and the town was established simply as Eustis. Despite the United States government inviting settlers to claim land in the area during the 1850s, the Civil War hindered the process of settlement. Finally, surveying was completed in 1875 and the settlement began in full force. Currently, Eustis's population is recorded at 23,189.

#### Groveland

Originally named Taylorville, the city known as Groveland, Florida was established in 1922. Positioned in the western region of Lake County, within the heart of the state, this city has undergone several transformations. Initially, it garnered acclaim for its sawmill, eventually attaining recognition for its bountiful citrus plantations. According to the 2020 census, the population stands at 18,505.

### Lake County Communities



#### Leesburg

The town of Leesburg was initially established in 1857 by Evander McIver Lee, and his siblings soon joined him in this area. Among them was Calvin Lee, who is credited with naming the town. In 1875, Leesburg was officially incorporated as a city and served as the county seat of Sumter County for a period. However, when Lake County was founded in 1887, Tavares was chosen as its seat instead. According to the latest count by the U.S. Census Bureau, the population of Leesburg stands at 23,671.

#### **Mount Dora**

Mount Dora, a quaint town with southern hospitality, has a history steeped in tradition since its establishment in 1880. Overlooking Lake Dora, the downtown area boasts a picturesque view of its sparkling waters. The settlement of Mount Dora was initiated in 1874 by David Simpson, alongside his wife and two children. However, it was not until 1880, with the arrival of Ross C. Tremain as the town's first postmaster and prominent real-estate developer, that the town began to flourish. From humble beginnings as a rural settlement, Mount Dora has blossomed into a thriving community with a rich heritage. The post office in Mount Dora, aptly named after the town itself, has been in continuous operation since 1883. According to the 2020 census, the population stands at 16,341.

#### Tavares - County Seat

In 1880, Alexander St. Clair-Abrams, a newspaper and railroad mogul from a Creole family in New Orleans, established the town of Tavares. He gave it the surname of a Portuguese ancestor. Within three years, a post office was established, and by the following year, a vibrant community had emerged, featuring a hotel, three stores, a sawmill, and eight cottages. Despite St. Clair-Abrams's ambitions of making Tavares the state capital, that dream never came to fruition. However, in 1887, it was officially named the county seat of Lake County. Additionally, St. Clair-Abrams went on to charter a railroad connecting Tavares to Orlando. In 1919, Tavares was officially incorporated as a town and has since grown into a bustling city, now serving as the county seat of Lake County with a population of 19,003 as of the 2020 census.

#### **Four Corners**

Four Corners, Florida bears its name from the convergence of four counties at its four-way intersection: Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Polk. This peculiar location has become an emblem of the region's diversity and abundance of possibilities. According to the 2020 census, the population of this area stands at 56,381.



Situated in the heart of Florida lies Sumter County, which grew from what was once known for its beauty, to a thriving community that attracted settlers seeking land for farming and raising their families. Legislation created Sumter County on January 8, 1853, from a portion of Marion County. Sumter County bears the namesake of General Thomas Sumter, a distinguished leader during the American Revolutionary War. Sumter County has been playfully dubbed "Hog County" by past residents and present-day locals, possibly stemming from its abundant feral swine population. The pursuit of hog hunting remains a popular pastime among rural residents. According to the 2020 census, the county's population has reached 129,752.

#### Cities

Bushnell - 3,047 (County Seat) Center Hill - 846 Coleman - 642 Webster - 778 Wildwood - 15,730

**Census Designated Places** Lake Panasoffkee - *4,072* The Villages - *79,077*  Other Unincorporated Communities Croom-A-Coochee Cumpressco Linden Mabel Oak Grove Orange Home Oxford Royal

#### Other Unincorporated Communities (Contd)

Ruttland St. Catherine Sumterville Tarrytown Wahoo

\*Populations are approximate.

#### Sumter County Communities

#### Bushnell

Sumter County's county seat is Bushnell. Established in 1885, Bushnell Post Office has provided the area with postal services. John W. Bushnell is credited with bringing the railroad to the area and is the reason the city of Bushnell got its name. Additionally, the City of Bushnell is home to Dade Battlefield Historic State Park, where 107 men were ambushed by Seminoles on December 28, 1835, in the park's forested area. Dade Battlefield produced only three survivors, and the conflict marked the start of the Second Seminole War. 3,047 people were counted in the population in 2020.

#### **Center Hill**

Originally known as "Abraham's Old Town," Black Seminoles and "maroons," or runaway slaves, had made their home in the modern-day City of Center Hill by 1800. After the American Revolution, when slaves escaped to Florida, a free territory ruled by Spain, Maroons who fought for England joined the Black Seminoles. In 1813, the Black Seminoles called the Center Hill region "Peliklakaha" after they had settled there. The families of Mobley and Beville came to the area in the late 1830s and early 1840s. The town was named "Center Hill" by either Carrie Lovell or Thomas W. Spicer, the postmaster. Spicer believed that the center of activity was the town. Lovell named the town because of its hilltop location in the county's middle. The City of Center Hill became a formally recognized municipality in 1925.846 people were counted in the population in 2020.

#### Wildwood

According to legend, Wildwood got its name from the abundance of natural vegetation workers encountered when constructing the city's initial communications and transportation systems. A major factor in the city's expansion was the railroad's arrival in 1883, which made trade and tourism in the region easier. Since 1881, there has been a post office in Wildwood. The city's isolated setting in the woods inspired its name. In 2020, 15,730 people were living there.

#### Lake Panasoffkee

Slaves from Kongo, Central Africa, founded the independent black Seminole village of Boggy Island. Around 1813, Black Seminoles established themselves close to the Boggy Island region of Lake Panasoffkee, naming the settlement Sitarkey's Village in honor of an Alachua Seminole named Sitarkey. Old ledgers show that on October 11, 1883, a Yellow Fever outbreak forced the town into quarantine; at that time the town was only known as Panasoffkee, which translates to "Valley of Water" in the native language. It was home to 4,072 people as of the 2020 census. Sumter County Communities

#### **The Villages**

In the counties of Sumter and Marion, The Villages is a census-designated place (CDP). In the 1960s, a businessman named Harold Schwartz from Michigan started selling land tracts in The Villages area via mail order. After a 1968 federal law that outlawed mail-order real estate sales was put into effect, he and his business partner, Al Tarrson, were obliged to shut down this portion of the company. The CDP had 79,077 residents as of the 2020 census.



## Mosquitoes Prevention & Health Risks



#### A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

Create an environment in your yard that invites animals that like to eat mosquitoes. Some things that enjoy eating mosquitoes are: • Bats • Frogs • Fish • Turtles • Birds • Dragonflies

To help repel mosquitoes, plant some of the different vegetation listed: • Citronella • Geranium • Eucalyptus • Rosemary • Basil • Anise • Mint • Marigolds • Catnip • Wormwood • Tansy • Lavender • Cedar • Cloves

Don't have stagnant water sitting around in things like buckets or tires.

#### BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

When a mosquito bites you it can leave saliva in your body. If the mosquito is infected it can transfer diseases to you. A few of the more common diseases transmitted to people are: • Dengue • Encephalitis • Malaria • Yellow Fever. Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are: • Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats) • Encephalitis. To reduce your chance of getting a disease from mosquitoes you can, apply mosquito repellent to your skin and clothing.

#### RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

- More than 3,000 different mosquito species can be found around the world.
- Female mosquitoes feed on blood. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar.
- Some mosquito species prefer to feed on animals or reptiles over humans.
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- One female mosquito can lay over 200 eggs at one time.
- Mosquito larvae only need a week in water to hatch.
- Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.
- Mosquitoes can fly around 1 to 2 mph.
- Mosquitoes find food by sight, infrared radiation and chemicals in the air.
- Around 1,000 Americans get ill or die from mosquito bites each year.
- Mosquitoes are a huge food source for birds, bats and some reptiles.

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## Parks & Recreation (Lake County)

#### **NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS**

Smaller neighborhood parks throughout Lake County. Carlton Village Park

40201 Orange Cir. | Lady Lake Lake Joanna Park 33415 E Lake Joanna Dr. | Eustis Lake Mack Park 21235 Lake Dr. | Deland Lake Saunders Park 31310 Saunder Dr. | Tavares Lake Thomas Cove Park 3020 Thomas Cove Dr. | Clermont **Mount Plymouth Park** 31300 Lochmore Cir. | Mt. Plymouth Scott Park 25633 Aberdovey Ave. | Mt. Plymouth Sorrento Park 31535 Church St. | Sorrento South Umatilla Park 17107 Ball Park Rd. | Umatilla **Spring Lake Park** 36209 N Spring Lake Blvd. **Fruitland Park** 

Sylvan Shores Park 1540 Morningside Dr. | Mt. Dora Trout Lake Park 45 E Laural Oak Dr. | Eustis

#### PARKS

**Astor Lions Park** 54835 Alco Rd. | Astor **Haynes Creek Park** 34606 S. Haines Creek Rd. | Leesburg Lake Idamere Park 12335 County Rd. 448 | Tavares Lake Jem Park & Boat Ramp 16141 County Rd. 448 | Tavares **Marsh Park & Boat Ramp** 36545 Yale Retreat Rd. | Eustis Mc Tureous Memorial Park 42100 State Rd. 19 | Altoona **Paisley Community Park** 24956 County Rd. 42 | Paisley Palatlakaha River Park & Boat Ramp 12325 Hull Rd. | Clermont Pear Park 26701 US Hwy. 27 | Leesburg Pine Meadows Recreation Area 17110 Pibne Meadows Rd. | Eustis **Twin Lakes Park** 35303 County Rd. 473 | Leesburg

## Parks & Recreation (Lake County)

#### **BOAT RAMPS**

**Arnold Brothers Boat Ramp** 15945 State Rd. 19 | Groveland **Astatula Boat Ramp** 12703 Florida Ave. | Astatula **Butler Street Boat Ramp** 55400 Butler St. | Astor **Marsh Park & Boat Ramp** 36545 Yale Retreat Rd. | Eustis **McDonald Canal Boat Ramp** 24600 County Rd. 448A | Mount Dora Palatlakaha River Park & Boat Ramp 12325 Hull Rd. | Clermont **Pearl Street Boat Ramp** 25140 E Pearl St. | Astor **Sparks Village Boat Ramp** 3200 Lake Dr. | Leesburg

#### **STATE FOREST & PARK**

Seminole State Forest 41238 Royal Trails Rd. | Eustis Alternate address: 8300 FL 46 | Sanford Seminole State Forest Cassia Trail Head 0 Brantley Branch Rd. | Eustis | 352-360-6675 Lake Louisa State Park 7305 U.S. Hwy. 27 S | Clermont | 352-394-3969

## CONSERVATION AREAS & PUBLIC LANDS

**Ellis Acres Reserve** 25302 County Rd. 42 | Paisley **Ferndale** Preserve 19220 County Rd. 455 | Ferndale Lake May Reserve 36300 County Rd. 44A | Eustis **Neighborhood Lakes Scenic Trail &** Trailhead 26656 County Rd. 46A | Sorrento **PEAR Park** 4800 University Ave. | Leesburg **Pasture Preserve** 5144 Lake Erie Rd. | Groveland **Pine Meadows Conservation Area** 2280 Pine Meadows Golf Course Rd. Eustis

#### COUNTY SPORTS COMPLEXES East Lake Sports & Community

Complex 24809 Wallick Rd. | Sorrento | 352-343-9800 North Lake Regional Park 40730 Roger Giles Rd. | Umatilla | 352-253-4950 Minneola Athletic Complex 13930 Education Ave. | Minneola | 352-253-4950

#### DOG PARKS Aesop's Park Dog Park 501 E Caroline St. | Tavares | 352-742-6319 Brinson / Perry Dog Park 1231 Bonita Blvd. | The Villages | 652-674-1800 Carla Gnann-Thompson Memorial Dog Park 721 Hill St. | Eustis | 352-589-4040 Lake Hiawatha Preserve Dog Park 450 N 12th St. | Clermont | 352-394-3500 Lake Idamere Dog Park 12335 County Rd. 448 | Tavares | 352-253-4950

Leesburg Dog Park 9745 Silver Lake Dr. | Leesburg | 352-728-9885 Minneola Dog Park 315 Madison St. | Minneola | 352-394-3598

#### **DOG PARKS (CONTD)**

**Mount Dora Dog Park** 1200 N Unser St. | Mount Dora | 352-735-7183 Mulberry Dog Park in the Village of Springdale 17220 SE 86th Belle Meade Cir. The Villages | 352-674-1800 North Lake Community Park **Dog Park** 40730 Roger Giles Rd. | Umatilla | 352-253-4950 **PEAR Park Dog Park** 26701 US Hwy. 27 | Leesburg | 352-728-9885 **Ronald Sefton Gaffney Memorial Dog Park** 121 Maravilla Way Groveland 352-429-0227

Disc golf or frisbee golf is played a lot like traditional ball golf but instead of hitting a ball with a club into a hole the player throws a frisbee into a basket. Disc golf can be played by just about anyone at any age. It's also a cheap sport to get into. Specialized frisbees for disc golf cost around \$10-\$15 and a lot of courses are free. Playing disc golf is a great way to get out for some exercise, enjoy nature and have some fun.

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### Parks & Recreation (Sumter)

#### **BOAT RAMPS**

Coleman Boat Landing 61 CR 514 | Wildwood Grant Lake Boat Ramp 1125 C-478 A | Webster Lake Miona Boat Ramp 10501 CR 115 | Oxford Lake Okahumpka Boat Ramp 6085 E SR 44 | Wildwood Wysong Boat Ramp 4743 NW 46 Rd. | Lake Panasoffkee

#### PARKS, RECREATION, PRE-SERVES & RESERVES

**Chumlee Park** 5159 W County Rd. 48 | Bushnell | 352-339-9699 Croom- A- Coochee Park 4870 CR 687 | Webster **Croom Wildlife Management Area** 31475 Silverlake Rd. | Brooksville | 352-732-1225 **Gant Lake Park** 1125 C-478A | Webster **Green Swamp Wildlife Management** Area Off of CR 471 | Webster | 352-796-7211 **Half Moon Wildlife Management** Area 7 Miles West of I-75 off of SR 44 Rutland | 352-488-4676 **Hog Island Campground & Day Use Area** 9274 CR 635 | Bushnell | 352-797-4140 **Iron Bridge Day Use Area** 11050 SW 60th St. | Webster | 352-797-4140

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**Jumper Creek Wildlife Management Area** Off of CR 416 **Kenny Dixon Sports Complex** 824 W Noble Ave. | Bushnell | 352-793-2591 La Hacienda Regional Recreation Ctr 1200 Avenida Central | Lady Lake | 352-753-1716 Lake Deaton Park 5300 CR 155 | Wildwood | 352-330-1330 x4 Lake Miona Park 10501 CR 115 | Oxford | 352-689-4400 Lake Okahumpka Park 6085 E SR 44 | Wildwood | 352-689-4400 Lake Panasoffkee Recreation Park 1582 CR 459 | Lake Panasoffkee | 352-732-1225 Lake Panasoffkee Wildlife **Management Area** 7519 NW 18th Way | Wildwood **Lincoln Park** 207 Southland PI | Bushnell | 352-569-6700 Marsh Bend (Lake Pan) Outlet Park 3100 CR 413 | Lake Panasoffkee | 352-689-4400 **Martin Luther King Jr. Park** 600 Walker Rd. | Wildwood | 352-467-0134 **Millenium Park & Community Center** Powell Rd. (CR 139) | Wildwood | 352-569-6700 **Mulberry Grove Recreation Center** 8445 SE 165th Mulberry Ln. | Summerfield

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2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)
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2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Fresh herbs (optional)

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**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.

**2** 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.

**7** Pour the garlic butter over the steaks on 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.

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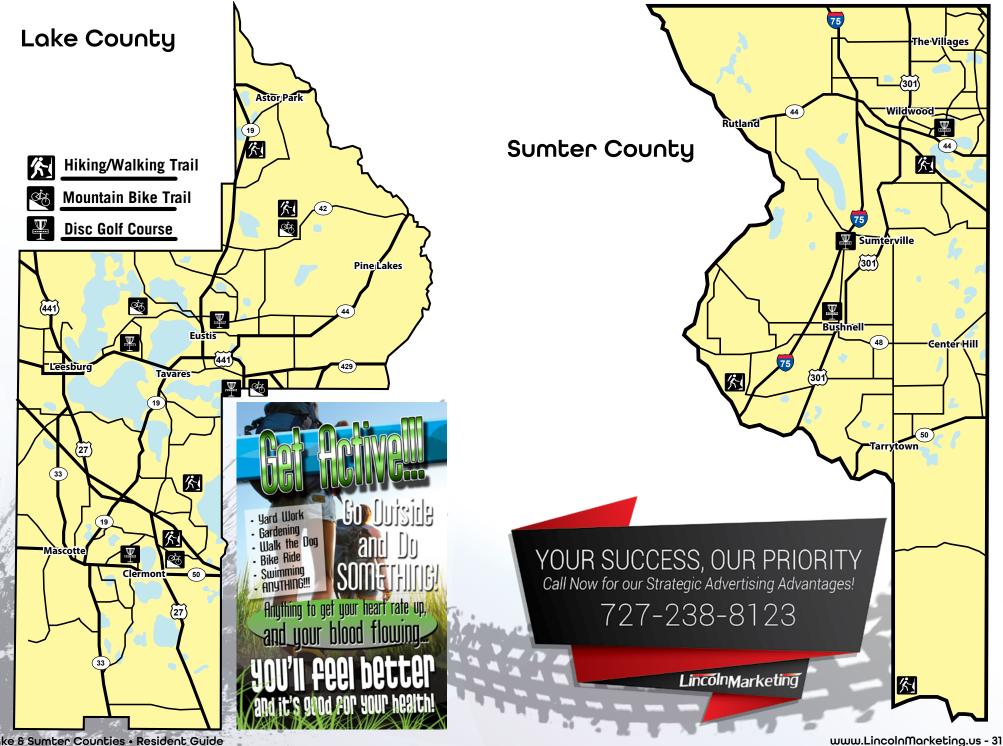
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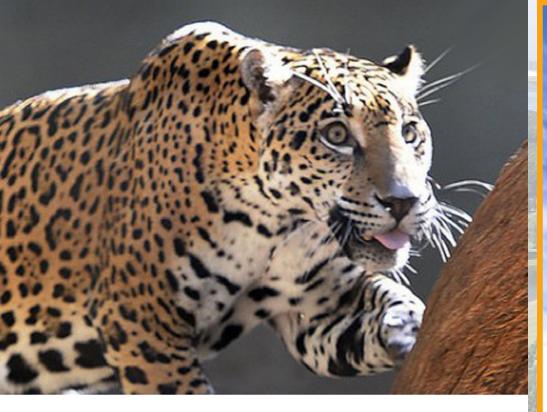
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