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Local Area Events

JANUARY - FEBRUARY

- Friday Foodie Fest - Belleview (Jan-Sept)
- Spanish Springs Mercado Outdoor Market & Music - The Villages (Year Round)
- Grandview Invitational Show - Dunnellon

MARCH

- Easter Family Fest - Dunnellon
- Easter Egg Hunt - McIntosh
- Brick City Beer & Wine Festival - Ocala
- Florida Spring Fest - Ocala
- Live Oak Invitational - Ocala
- Santos Fat Tire Festival - Ocala

APRIL

- Annual Fishing Derby - Belleview
- Blueberry Festival - The Villages
- Car Cruise In - The Villages (Apr-May)
- Car Club Showcase - The Villages
- Forest JAM - Ocklawaha
- Levitt AMP Ocala Mucis Series
- Marion County Farmland Preservation Festival - Reddick
- Nandi Boliek's Pedal for Paws Memorial Trail Ride - Ocala
- Annual Ocala Spring Classic
- Artists Walk 7 Talk Event - Ocala
- Citrus Cup Regional Championship Horse Show - Ocala
- Hot Cars Cool Cates - Ocala
- International Jazz, Art & Poetry Festival - Ocala
- NCEA National Championships - Ocala
- Ocala GeekFest
- Ocala Oddities Market with Spectral Runes
- Orange Blossom Classic AQHA & NSBA Futurity - Ocala

APRIL (CONTD)

- Pacl Walk @ Silver Springs State Park - Ocala
- Pints for Parks - Ocala
- Public Archaeology Day - Ocala
- Senior Fishing Derby - Ocala
- Southern Edge Leather & Lace Car Meet & Greet - Ocala
- Spring Home & Garden Tour - Ocala
- Treat Yo' Self Family Fun Day & Dance Party - Ocala
- Water Safety Day - Ocala
- Weiner Wars - Ocala
- Youth Fishing Derby - Ocala
- Boomtown Days, Car & Art Show - Dunnellon
- Rainbow Lakes Estates Car Show - Dunnellon
- Run for The Springs - Ocklawaha

MAY

- Annual Founders Day - Belleview
- Annual Sunshine State MOPAR Car Show & Swap Meet - Ocala
- Arbor Day Celebrations - McIntosh
- Brick City Comic & Toy Show - Ocala
- Cinco de Mayo Celebrations - The Villages & Area Wide
- Derby Day Jackpot Show - Ocala
- Festivals Of Speed - Ocala
- Kentucky Derby Hat Party - Ocala
- Mothers Day Spring Market - Ocala
- Ocala Women's Day

JUNE - JULY

- Great Florida Big Foot Conference - Ocala
- Juneteenth Celebrations - Ocala & Area-Wide
- Ocala Pet Palooza
- Rock The Country - Reddick
- Water Lantern Festival - Ocala
- World Equestrian Center Summer Series - Ocala (Jun-Aug)
- American Ranch Horse Association World Championship Show - Ocala
- Annual Brownwood Paddock Square Arts & Crafts Festival - The Villages
- Fireworks on Lake Weir @ Eatons Beach
- Girls Night Out - Ocala
- Patriotic Skies, 4th of July Drone Experience - Ocala
- Red, White & OSO Blue, A Salute to Our Troops - Ocala
- Salute to Veterans Rodeo - Ocala

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

- North Central Florida Outdoor Expo - Ocala
- Annual Freedom Walk - Remember 9/11 - Belleview
- First Friday Art Walk - Ocala (Sept-May)
- Festival of Speed - Ocala
- Legends of The Fort - Ocala
- Oktoberfest - Ocala (Sept-Oct)
- Ocala Comic CON

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

- McIntosh 1890's Festival
- Pet-Friendly Ocala Arts Festival
- The event at The Expo - Ocala
- Trunk or Treat - Belleview
- Two Rivers Music Festival - Dennellon
- Annual Marion County Chili Cook-Off - Ocala
- Light Up Ocala
- Ocala Christmas Lights Spectacular (Nov-Dec)
- Ocala Food & Wine Festival
- Ocali County Days Festival

DECEMBER

- Belleview Christmas Parade
- Hits Ocala Winter Circuit (Dec-Mar)
- Light Up Lake Lilian - Belleview
- Light Up McIntosh
- Ocala NYE Celebrations

** Events are subject to change*

Residential Services

911 Management	352-671-8460
Administration	352-438-2300
Airport	352-465-8545
Animal Services	352-671-8700
Clerk of Court / Comptroller	352-671-5508
Community Services	352-671-8770
County Attorney	352-438-2333
Extension Service	352-671-8400
Fire Rescue	352-291-8000
Information Technology	352-671-8809
Parks & Recreation	352-671-8560
Public Library	352-671-8551
Public Safety	352-671-8460
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Utilities	352-307-6000
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Located in the northern part of Florida, is Marion County. This county holds evidence of ancient indigenous cultures, dating back to the earliest interactions between European explorers and historic indigenous peoples. In 1976, an archaeological investigation unearthed ancient artifacts in Marion County, potentially the oldest in the mainland United States. Created in 1844 from sections of Alachua, Mosquito (Orange), and Hillsborough counties, Marion County came into existence after the United States acquired the Florida territory in the 1820s. General Francis Marion of South Carolina, a notable figure in the American Revolutionary War known as the “Swamp Fox,” lent his name to this county. Ocala is the County Seat of Marion. According to the 2020 census, Marion County has a population of 375,908.

Cities

Bellevue - 5,413
Dunnellon - 1,928
Ocala - 63,591 (County Seat)

Towns

McIntosh - 463
Reddick - 449

Census Designated Places

Silver Spring Shores - 24,846
The Villages - 79,077 (w/ Lake & Sumter Counties)

Other Unincorporated Communities

Anthony
Citra
Early Bird
Evinston
Fort McCoy
Flemington
Marion Oaks
Ocklawaha
Orange Lake
Orange Springs
Rainbow Lakes Estates
Silver Springs

Salt Springs
Shiloh[46]
Summerfield
Wacahoota
Woods and Lakes

**Populations are approximate.*

Bellevue

Located in Marion County, Florida, Bellevue is renowned for its breathtaking beauty, as its name suggests - derived from the French words “belle” and “vue” which mean “beautiful view”. Embracing a “City with Small Town Charm” ethos, Bellevue has proudly held this as its motto for generations. Since 1883, a functioning post office has served Bellevue. On May 8, 1885, the city was officially incorporated, and as of the 2020 census, Bellevue has a population of 5,413 residents.

Dunnellon

Founded in 1887, Dunnellon is a city located in Marion County, Florida. Before the discovery of phosphate in the region in 1889, Dunnellon had already been established for two years. It achieved official city status in 1891. Following this, a mining boom - the initial one in Florida - occurred and persisted until the beginning of the 1910s. The 2020 census recorded a population of 1,928 in Dunnellon.

Ocala - County Seat

Named after the Timucua village of Ocale, Ocala is situated in Marion County, Florida, serving as its county seat. The village’s name believed to signify “Big Hammock” in the Timucua language, has been recorded in various forms like Cale and Etocale. Seeking refuge in Florida during the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Creek people, other Native Americans, as well as free and fugitive African Americans, contributed to the region’s diversity. Acting as a buffer between the Seminole community and incoming white settlers in the area, Fort King was constructed by the U.S. Army in 1827 near what is now Ocala. Established in 1849, the modern city of Ocala flourished around the fort’s location. The introduction of rail service in June 1881 played a significant role in the city’s economic growth by enhancing access to markets for agricultural products. Renowned as the “Horse Capital of the World,” Ocala hosts over 400 thoroughbred farms and training facilities. Ocala has a population of 63,591, according to the 2020 census.

Silver Spring Shores

A census-designated place (CDP) in Marion County, Florida, is Silver Springs Shores. Locally known as “the shores”, this community functions mainly as a bedroom community for Ocala. Situated in southeast Marion County, it holds the title of being the largest community in the area. The population recorded at the 2020 census was 24,846.

The Villages

In the counties of Marion & Sumter, 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.

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Major Research Findings

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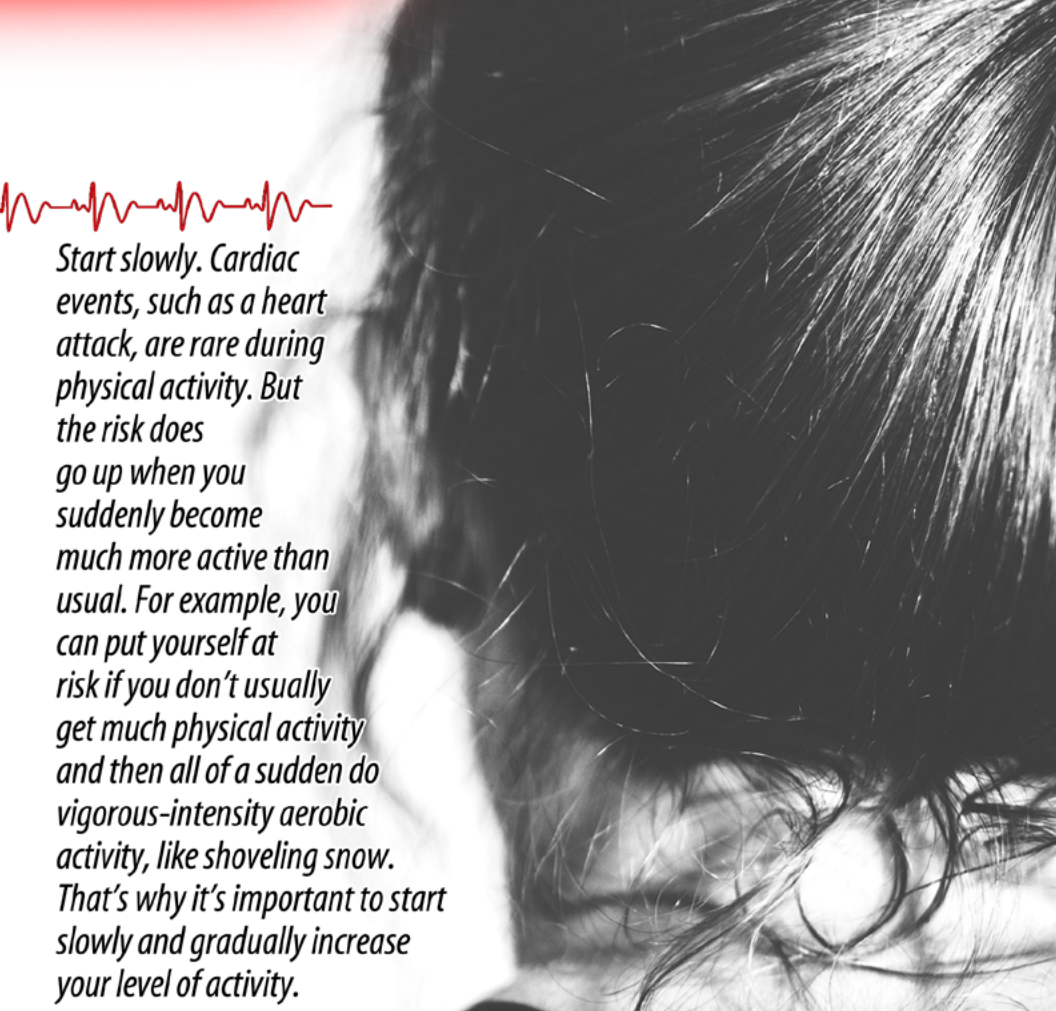
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- Regular moderate-to-vigorous physical activity reduces the risk of many adverse health outcomes.
 - Some physical activity is better than none.
 - For most health outcomes, additional benefits occur as the amount of physical activity increases through higher intensity, greater frequency, and/or longer duration.
 - Substantial health benefits for adults occur with 150 to 300 minutes a week of moderate-intensity physical activity. Additional benefits occur with more physical activity.
 - Both aerobic and muscle-strengthening physical activity are beneficial.
 - Health benefits occur for children and adolescents, young and middle-aged adults, older adults, and those in every studied racial and ethnic group.
 - The health benefits of physical activity occur for people with chronic conditions or disabilities.
 - The benefits of physical activity generally outweigh the risk of adverse outcomes or injury.

Guidelines for Adults

- For substantial health benefits, you should do at least 2.5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 1.25hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, or a combination of the two activities. Aerobic activity should be performed in episodes of at least 10 minutes, and should be done throughout the week.
- For even better health benefits, adults should increase their aerobic physical activity to 5hrs a week of moderate-intensity, or 2.5hrs a week of vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity, or a combination of the two activities.

Guidelines for Children and Adolescents

- Children and adolescents should do an hour or more of physical activity daily.
- Aerobic: Most of the hour or more a day should be either moderate- or vigorous-intensity aerobic physical activity.
- Muscle-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include muscle-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- Bone-strengthening: As part of their hour or more of daily physical activity, children and adolescents should include bone-strengthening physical activity on at least 3 days of the week.
- It is important to encourage young people to participate in physical activities that are appropriate for their age, that are enjoyable, and that offer variety.



Start slowly. Cardiac events, such as a heart attack, are rare during physical activity. But the risk does go up when you suddenly become much more active than usual. For example, you can put yourself at risk if you don't usually get much physical activity and then all of a sudden do vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, like shoveling snow. That's why it's important to start slowly and gradually increase your level of activity.

Intensity Examples

Moderate Intensity

- Walking briskly (3 mph or faster, but not race-walking)
- Water aerobics
- Bicycling slower than 10mph
- Tennis (doubles)
- Ballroom dancing
- General gardening

Vigorous Intensity

- Race walking, jogging, running
- Swimming laps
- Tennis (singles)
- Aerobic dancing
- Bicycling 10mph or faster
 - Jumping rope
 - Heavy gardening (continuous digging or hoeing)
- Hiking uphill or with a heavy backpack



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Parks & Recreation

PARKS, RECREATION, WMA'S, TRAILS, & CONSERVATION AREAS

Baseline Road Trailhead

4255 SE 58th Ave. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Benjamin Louis VanDuuren Park

918 NW 120th Ave. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Blue Run of Dunnellon Park

19680 E Pennsylvania Ave. | Dunnellon | 352-671-8560

Brick City Adventure Park

1211 SE 22nd Rd. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Carney Island Recreation & Conservation Area

13275 SE 15th Ave. | Ocklawaha | 352-671-8560

Coehadjoe Park

4225 NE 35th St. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Cougar Community Park

14660 NE Hwy. 315 | Ft. McCoy | 352-671-8560

Davenport Landing Trailhead, Ocala Forest

Ft. McCoy

Dunnellon Trailhead

1239 W Withlacoochee Trl. | Dunnellon

Flemington Community Park

18200 N Hwy. 329 | Flemington

Forest Community Center at Sandhill Park

777 S Co. Rd. 314A | Ocklawaha | 352-438-2840

Fred King Park

SE 113th St. | Belleview

Gores Landing

13800 NE 98th St. | Ft. McCoy

Historic Santos Recreation Area

3552 SE 80th St. | Ocala

Horseshoe Lake Park & Retreat

23532 NE 110th Ave. | Ft. McCoy

Independence Park

11699 SW 69th Ave. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

KP Hole Park

9435 SW 190th Ave. | Dunnellon | 352-489-3055

Lake Lillian

Robinson Rd. | Belleview

Landbridge Trailhead

11100 SW 16th Ave. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Liberty Community Park

10575 SW 57th Terrace Rd. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway

8282 SE Hwy. 314 | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Marshall Swamp trailhead

8282 SE Hwy. 314 | Ocala | 352-671-8560

McCall Ball Field

523 SE 26th Ct. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Moorhead Park

20740 NE 140th St. | Salt Springs

Norm Westbroom Park

6400 NW 100th St. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Ocala / Estates Park

6371 NW 65th St. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Ocala- Marion County Veterans Memorial Park

2601 E Fort King St. | Ocala | 352-671-8425

Ocklawaha Community Park

12264 SE 141st Ave. | Ocklawaha

Orange Blossom Hills Park

5920 NW 157th Pl. | Summerfield

Orange Lake Community Park

5920 NW 185th St. | Reddick

Rainbow Neighborhood Park

9801 190th Ave. | Dunnellon

Ralph Russel Park

1690 Pine Rd. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Ray Wayside Park

9564 NE 28th Ln. | Silver Springs

Parks & Recreation

PARKS, RECREATION, WMA'S, TRAILS, & CONSERVATION AREAS (CONTD)

Ross Prairie Trailhead & Campground

10660 SW Hwy. 200 | Dunnellon

Salt Springs Civil Park

1491 NE 250th Ave. | Salt Springs

Santos Trailhead & Campground

3080 SE 80th | Ocala

Scott Springs Park

2825 SW 24th Ave. | Ocala | 352-368-5517

Shangri-La Trailhead & Campground

12788 SW 69th | Ocala

Shocker Park

2371 SE 44th Ct. | Ocala

Silver Glen Springs Recreation Area

5271 FL- 19 | Salt Springs

Silver Springs Conservation Area

642 Silver Pass | Ocala

W.H. Willoughby Park

14005 SE 100th Ave. | Summerfield

Wiersdale Park

16286 SE 137th Ct. | Wiersdale

STATE PARKS, FORESTS & SPRINGS

Juniper Glen Springs

26701 E Hwy. 40 | Silver Springs

Ocala National Forest

Ocala

Rainbow Springs State Park

Headspring Entrance: 19158 SW 81st Pl. Rd. | Dunnellon

Tube & Tram Entrance: 10830 SW 180th Ave. Rd. | Dunnellon

Salt Springs

13851 FL-19 | Ft. McCoy

Silver Glen Springs

5271 FL-19 | Salt Springs

Silver Springs State Park

1425 NE 58th Ave. | Ocala | 352-236-7148

Indian Lake State Park

6675 NE 40th Ave. | Silver Springs | 352-732-1779

BEACHES

Hampton Beach

14600 SE 134th St. Rd. | Ocklawaha

Kiwanis Beach at Albright Park

15380 SE 140th Ave. | Weirsdale

DOG PARKS (OFF LEASH) & DOG-FRIENDLY PARKS (LEASH REQUIRED)

DOG PARKS

Brick City Bar-k Park

3552 SW 74th Ave. | Ocala | 352-355-7122

Letty Towles Dog Park

2299 SE 32nd Ave. | Ocala | 352-368-5517

Loves Travel Stop

7791 NW 47th Ave. | Ocala | 352-368-5719

Mulberry Dog Park in the Village of Springdale

17220 SE 86th Belle Meade Cir. | The Villages | 352-674-1800

DOG-FRIENDLY PARKS

Baseline Road Trailhead

4255 SE 58th Ave. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Cohadjoe Park

4225 NE 35th St. | Ocala | 352-671-8560

Ray Wayside Park

9564 NE 28th Ln. | Silver Springs

Salt Springs Civic Park

14691 NE 250th Ave. | Salt Springs

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Blue Run of Dunnellon Park

13275 SE 115th Ave. | Ft. McCoy

Dunnellon Centennial Park & Boat Ramp

20750 River Dr. | Dunnellon

Eureka East & West Boat Ramps

East: 15698 NE 152nd St. | Ft. McCoy

West: 45399 NE 152nd Pl. | Ft. McCoy

Gores Landing Campground & Boat Ramp

13750 NE 98th St. | Silver Springs

Heagy Burry Boat Ramp / Orange Lake

5040 NW 191st Pl. | Reddick

Hog Valley Public Boat Ramp

NE 160th Ave. | Ft. McCoy

Hope Boat Ramp

10650 SE 115th Ave. | Weirsdale

KP Hole Marion County Park Small Boat / Canoe Ramp

9435 SW 190th Ave. | Dunnellon

Lake Bryant Public Boat Ramp

5000 Levy Hammock Rd. / NE 183rd Ave. Rd. | Ocklawaha

Mikes Fish Camp

NW 40th E off NW 219th St. | McIntosh

Moorhead Park Boat Ramp

20740 NE 140th St. | Ft. McCoy

M. Port Marina & Boat Ramp

30600 NE 96th Pl. | Ft. McCoy

Moss Bluff North 7 South Boat Ramps

North: 16298 SE 95th Pl. | Ocklawaha

South: 16255 SE 96th Pl. | Ocklawaha

Ocala National Forest - Hopkins Prairie Campground Canoe Access & Primitive Boat Ramp

Ft. McCoy

Orange Springs Boat Ramp

24399 N US Hwy. 21 | Ft. McCoy

14620 NE 245th Rd. | Ft. McCoy

Rainbow Lakes Estates Bonable Lake Canoe Launch

4000 Deepwater Ct. | Dunnellon

Rainbow Springs State Park

Headwaters Canoe Launch

Dunnellon

Ray Wayside Park (Ocala Boat Basin)

9465 NE 28th Ln. (SR 40) | Silver Springs

Silver Springs State Park Group Camp Canoe Launch

1425 NE 58th Ave. | Ocala

Silver Springs State Park Main Entrance (Canoe / Kayak)

5656 E Silver Springs Blvd. (SR 40) | Silver Springs

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Disc Golf



8th Ave. Gallery

1531 NE 8th Ave. | Ocala | 717-860-3931

Abshier Blueberry Farm

3960 SE 115th St. | Belleview | 352-817-2660

A' Cruisin' Down the River

15395 NE 154th St. | Ft McCoy | 352-299-0282

Appleton Museum of Art

4333 E Silver Springs Blvd. | Ocala | 352-291-4455

Beautiful Creatures Animal Ranch

19410 SW 25th Place | Dunnellon | 352-512-8284

Belleview Sports Complex

6501 SE 107th St. | Belleview | 352-671-8560

Belleview Community Center

5615 SE 110th Place | Belleview | 352-245-7021

B & G Blueberries

10203 NE 100th St. | Ft. McCoy | 352-236-4410

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Brick City Center for the Arts

23 SW Broadway St. | Ocala | 352-369-1500

Bounce N Play Family Center

4881 SW 60th Ave. | Ocala | 352-857-8020

Cactus Jack's Trail Rides

11100 SW 16th Ave. | Ocala

Cannon Farms

11801 SW 180th Ave. | Dunnellon

Captain Bob's Airboat Tours & Boat Rentals

12189 S Williams St. | Dunnellon | 352-586-4657

Central Florida Skydiving

15094 SW 111th St. | Dunnellon

Century Oaks Nursery & Grove

5375 NW 219th St. | McIntosh

Cracker House Pioneer Village

Silver Springs

Discovery Center Ocala

701 NE Sanchez Ave. | Ocala | 352-401-3900

Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing

13700 SW 16th Ave. | Ocala | 352-245-8661

Downtown Ocala / Ocala DT Square

Ocala

Dunnellon Boomtown Historic District

20799 Walnut St. | Dunnellon

Easy Street by Funworks

2727 SW 27th Ave. | Ocala | 352-861-9700

Fishhawk Spirits / Farm Tour

16350 SW 20th Ln. | Ocala

Fort King National Historic Landmark

3925 E Fort King St. | Ocala | 352-368-5533

Gina's Treasures & Antiques

20901 US 441 | McIntosh | 352-591-4400

Glass Bottom Boat Tours @ Silver Springs

State Park

5656 E Silver Springs Blvd. | Silver Springs | 352-261-5840

Grandview Clydesdales Far, & Tours

10020 SW 125th Court Rd. | Dunnellon | 260-388-4279

Greater Dunnellon Historical Society

12061 S Williams St. | Dunnellon | 352-465-5005

Grumbles House Antiques 7 Garden Shop

20799 Walnut St. | Dunnellon | 352-465-1460

Gypsy Gold Horse Farm

12501 8th Ave. | Ocala | 352-307-3777

HITS Post Time Farm

13710 US Hwy. 27 | Ocala

Horse Country Carriage Tours

5400 NW 110th Ave. | Ocala | 352-727-0900

Icehouse Studios

Hwy. 441 & Ave. C | McIntosh | 352-591-5930

John Van Fleet Sports Complex

14445 NE 14th St. | Silver Springs | 352-625-9400

Kimberden Farm Inc

5400 NW 110th Ave. | Ocala | 352-690-3063

Lake Lillian Neighborhood Historic District

SE Robinson Rd. | Belleview

Ma Barker House

13279 SE 115th Ave. | Ocklawaha | 352-671-8560

Magnolia Art Exchange

531 NE 1st Ave. | Ocala | 352-629-8414

Makin' Tracks Trail Rides, LLC

15901 NE 137th Ct. | Ft. McCoy | 352-342-8891

Marion County Museum of History & Archaeology

307 SE 26th Ter. | Ocala | 352-236-5245

McIntosh Historic District

5825 Ave. F | McIntosh

Millwood Flower Farm

4700 NW 165th St. | Reddick | 352-591-0939

Mi Pueblo Flea Market, Belleview

12180 SE US Hwy. 441 | Belleview | 863-617-0245

NOMA Gallery

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* 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.
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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.

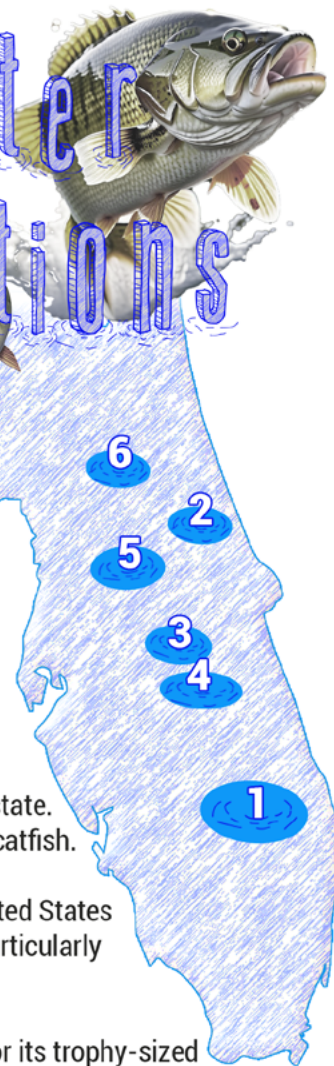
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- 1. Lake Okeechobee:** The largest freshwater lake in the state. Anglers can target largemouth bass, crappie, bluegill, & catfish.
- 2. St. Johns River:** One of the few major rivers in the United States that flows north. It's a prime location for bass fishing, particularly in the upper stretches.
- 3. Lake Tohopekaliga (Lake Toho):** The lake is famous for its trophy-sized largemouth bass. It's a popular destination for bass anglers seeking the thrill of catching big fish.
- 4. The Kissimmee Chain of Lakes:** Comprising several interconnected lakes, the Kissimmee Chain offers diverse fishing experiences. Anglers can target bass, crappie, bluegill, and more in these interconnected waters.
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INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

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.

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.

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.



Enjoy your delicious
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So, You want to adopt a dog...BUT WHAT BREED? If the breed is important to you, please consider the following.

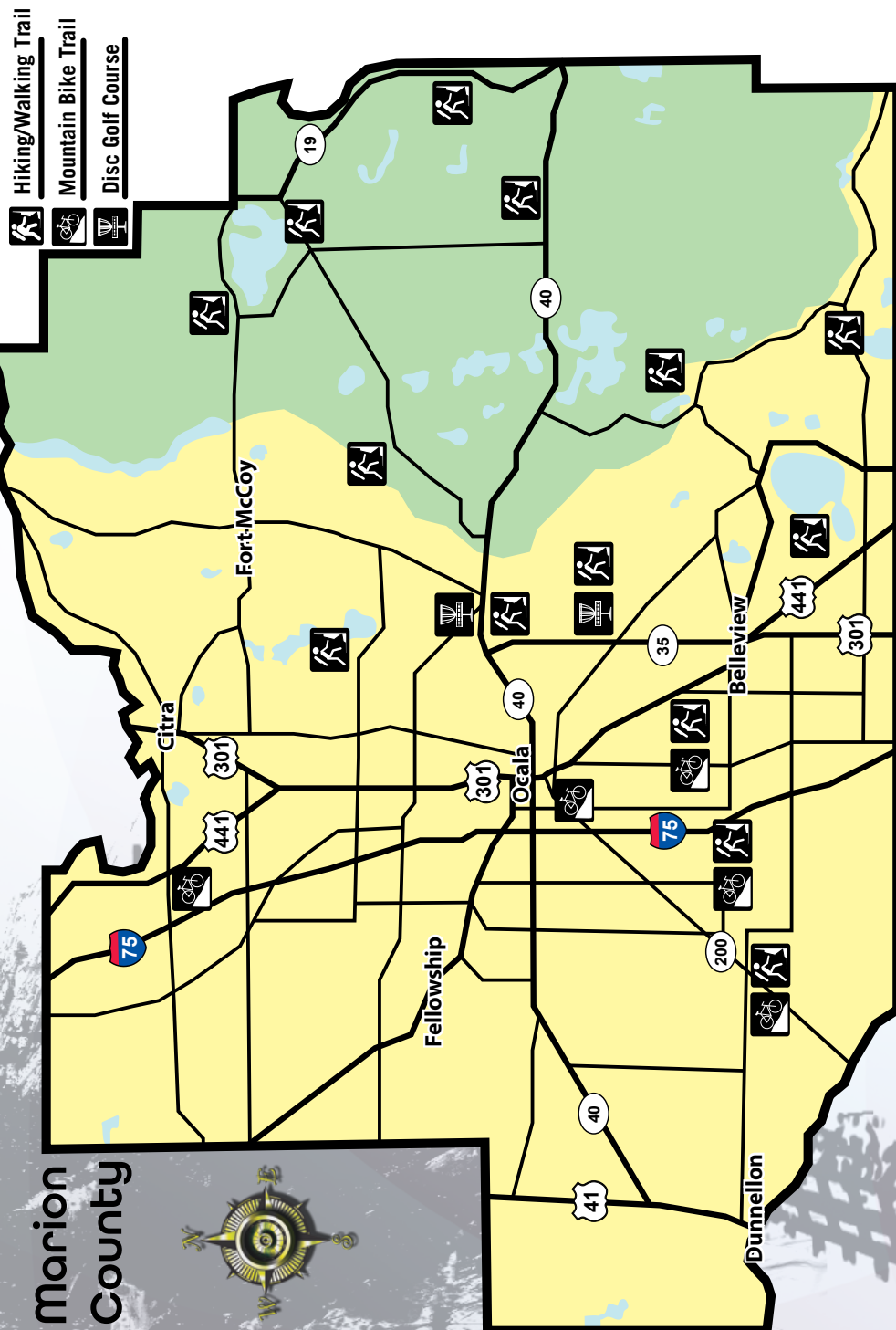
- **Lifestyle Assessment:** Consider your lifestyle and daily routine. Different dog breeds have varying exercise needs, energy levels, and temperament. If you lead an active lifestyle and enjoy outdoor activities, a more energetic breed might be a good fit. If you prefer a more laid-back lifestyle, a calmer breed might be more suitable.
- **Living Space:** Assess your living space. If you live in a small apartment or have limited outdoor space, a smaller or low-energy breed might be more appropriate. Larger and more active breeds might require more space and access to a yard for exercise.
- **Allergies:** Consider any allergies that you or your family members might have. Some dog breeds are more hypoallergenic and produce fewer allergens, making them better choices for allergy sufferers.
- **Time Commitment:** Evaluate the time you can dedicate to training, grooming, and general care. Some breeds require more training and grooming, while others are relatively low-maintenance.
- **Family and Children:** If you have young children or other pets, look for breeds known for their compatibility with kids and other animals. Some breeds are more patient and gentle, making them better companions for families.
- **Temperament and Personality:** Research the typical temperament and personality traits of different breeds. Some breeds are more independent, while others are highly affectionate and crave attention. Consider what type of personality would best complement your own.



- **Health Considerations:** Some breeds are more prone to certain health issues. Research the common health concerns for the breeds you are interested in and be prepared for potential medical expenses.
- **Rescue or Purebred:** Decide if you want to adopt a dog from a shelter or rescue organization or if you prefer a specific purebred dog. Both options have their merits, and there are wonderful dogs available in both categories.
- **Meet the Breed:** If possible, spend time with dogs of the breeds you are considering. Attend dog shows or local events where you can interact with different breeds and get a sense of their personalities.
- **Talk to Experts:** Consult with veterinarians, breeders, or experienced dog owners to gather insights into specific breeds. They can provide valuable information about breed characteristics, care requirements, and potential challenges.
- **Consider Adoption:** Keep in mind that adopting a mixed-breed dog or a dog from a shelter can be incredibly rewarding. Mixed-breed dogs often combine the best traits of different breeds and can make excellent companions.



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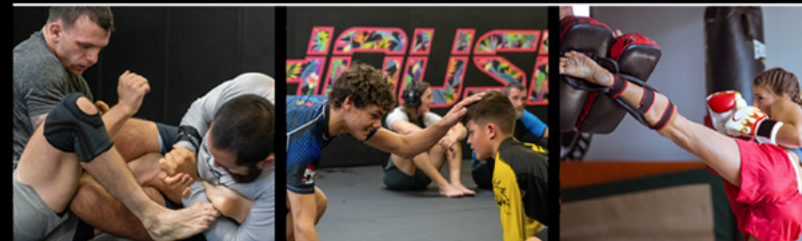
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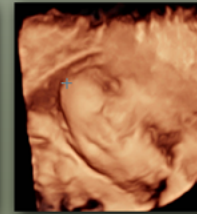


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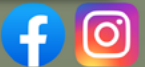


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Mosquitoes

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.
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