

River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Story

A historic regional tribe, the Timucua, referred to the St. Johns River as the “**Welaka**,” which meant “**River of Lakes**.” The St. Johns River and series of lakes it connects are an eternal lifeline for centuries of tribes, settlers, travelers and tourists. People as diverse as the Timucua, early Spanish and English settlers, plantation owners, Civil War supply runners, and 1800s steamboat tourists have utilized the St. Johns River for profit, diversion, and survival.

The **River of Lakes Heritage Corridor** is a Florida Scenic Highway which connects travelers to the numerous cities, towns, heritage and cultural sites in this historic area. The **River of Lakes Heritage Corridor** embodies a unique blend of sophisticated contemporary culture, rich historic preservation, and gorgeous natural Florida.

There is more to Florida than beaches and theme parks. **River of Lakes Heritage Corridor (ROLHC)** is the place to encounter what you have been missing about Florida, whether you are planning to visit Florida from across the globe or call Florida home.

Visit ROLHC.org for more information about the corridor, including links for the activities and sites listed in this brochure. The website includes photo galleries, short videos, and a 30-minute overall video about the byway.

ADVENTURE

Truly wild experiences are close at hand along **ROLHC**.

Adventure Highlights:

- Skydive DeLand
- Paddling Rentals & Diving at Blue Spring State Park
- Hunting & Camping in Various Locations
- Paddling, Boating, & Fishing
- Fishing & Boat Rentals at Highland Park Fish Camp
- Mountain Biking at Chuck Lennon Park

NATURE

River of Lakes Heritage Corridor boasts of some of the most beautiful natural sites in the world. The unique and stunning natural springs are a great place to start exploring.

Natural Highlights:

- Blue Spring State Park
- DeLeon Springs State Park
- Lyonia Environmental Center & Preserve
- Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge
- Hontoon Island State Park
- Spring-to-Spring Trail (several trailheads)



There's More to Florida – more adventure, nature, culture, history & fun!

CULTURE

Art, music, and great food abound on this scenic highway. There is a community passion for the historic downtowns along the corridor. People turn out in droves for farmers' markets, concerts, gallery events, and seasonal festivals.

Cultural Highlights:

- Museum of Art, DeLand
- Gallery on First & Jeanine Taylor Folk Art, Sanford
- Wayne Densch Theatre for the Performing Arts, Sanford
- Athens Theatre, DeLand
- Food venues of diverse cuisines & cultures
- Gateway Center for the Arts, DeBary

HISTORY

This road was designated as a scenic highway for its heritage, and there are many intriguing historic sites along **ROLHC**. Learn about Florida's past at these featured locations, or stroll the downtowns and take in the historic ambiance.

Historic Highlights:

- Barberville Pioneer Settlement
- DeLand House Museum
- Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp
- DeBary Hall Historic Site
- Historic Downtown Sanford & DeLand
- Enterprise Museum

FUN

There's plenty to do that's just plain fun, and many sites which are great for kids and even pets. Some downtown restaurants invite Fido to come with you on a dining adventure. Check ROLHC.org for a listing of known pet and kid-friendly places.

Fun Highlights:

- Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens, Sanford
- Pontoon Boat Tours & Rentals on the St. Johns River
- Old Spanish Sugar Mill Pancake House at DeLeon Springs State Park
- Airboat & Gator Charters, DeLeon Springs
- Reptile Discovery Center, DeLand

RIVER OF LAKES HERITAGE CORRIDOR LOCATION

This map shows distances of popular Florida cities to **DeLand** or **Sanford** – the most culturally dense cities at the heart of the byway. If visiting internationally, we recommend **Sanford-Orlando International Airport** in Sanford as the closest airport to the byway. Many local people use this airport instead of the larger **Orlando International Airport** in Orlando, depending on where they are traveling.



ROLHC VISITOR INFORMATION

West Volusia Tourism Bureau & Visitor Center
116 W. New York Avenue (SR 44) | DeLand, FL 32720
800.749.4350 | 386.734.0162 | visitwestvolusia.com

MainStreet DeLand Association
River of Lakes Heritage Corridor official address
100 N. Woodland Blvd., Suite 4 | DeLand, FL 32720
386.738.0649 | mainstreetdeland.org

Satellite West Volusia Visitor Center at DeBary Hall
210 Sunrise Boulevard | DeBary, FL 32713
386.668.3840 | debaryhall.com

Satellite West Volusia Visitor Center at Lyonia Environmental Center
2150 Eustace Ave. | Deltona, FL 32725
386.789.7207 | www.lyoniapreserve.com

Historic Sanford Welcome Center
230 East First Street | Sanford, FL 32771
407.302.2586 | sanfordwelcomecenter.com

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A National Scenic Byway

Springs & Parks

- 1 Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge
2045 Mud Lake Road | DeLeon Springs, FL 32130 | 386.985.4673
- 2 DeLeon Springs State Park & Old Spanish Sugar Mill Restaurant
601 Ponce de Leon Blvd. | DeLeon Springs, FL 32130 | 386.985.4212
- 3 Beck Ranch Park
751 S. State Road 415 | Osteen, FL 32764 | 386.736.5953
- 4 Lake George Park
770 Nine Mile Point Rd. | Pierson, FL 32180 | 386.736.5953
Access to Lake George is limited - calling ahead is suggested.
- 5 Hontoon Island State Park
2309 River Ridge Road | DeLand, FL 32720 | 386.736.5309
- 6 Blue Spring State Park & Blue Spring Adventures
2100 W. French Ave. | Orange City, FL 32763 | 386.775.3663
- 7 Lyonia Environmental Center & Preserve
2150 Eustace Ave. | Deltona, FL 32725 | 386.789.7207
- 8 Gemini Springs Park
37 Dirksen Dr. | DeBary, FL 32713 | 386.736.5953
- 9 Thornby Park (All-Inclusive Park)
110 Providence Blvd. | DeLeon Springs, FL 32725
- 10 Green Springs Park
994 Enterprise-Osteen Rd. | Enterprise, FL 32725 | 386.736.5953
- 11 Lake Monroe Park
Lake Monroe Park Cir., US Hwy 17-92 | DeBary, FL 32713 | 386.736.5953
- 12 Lake Monroe Wayside Boat Ramp
845 Lake Markham Rd. | Sanford, FL 32771 | 407.665.2001
- 13 Seminole Rest Trail - part of Canaveral Nat. Seashore
River Road | Oak Hill, FL 32759 | 386.428.3384

Fun & Adventure

- 14 Wekiva-Middle St. Johns Aquatic Preserve
407.330.6727
- 15 Reptile Discovery Center, DeLand
2710 Big John Dr. | DeLand, FL 32724 | 386.740.9143
- 16 Skydive DeLand
1600 Flightline Blvd. | DeLand, FL 32724 | 386.738.3539
- 17 St. Johns River EcoTours
488 W. Highbanks Rd. | DeBary, FL 32713 | 386.626.9004
- 18 Blue Spring State Park & Blue Spring Adventures
2100 W. French Ave. | Orange City, FL 32763 | 386.775.3663
- 19 DeLeon Springs State Park - Fountain of Youth Eco/History Tours
601 Ponce de Leon Blvd. | DeLeon Springs, FL 32130 | 386.837.5537
- 20 Blue Heron River Tours
2317 River Ridge Road | DeLand, FL 32720 | 386.873.4843
- 21 Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens
3755 US 17 | Sanford, FL 32771 | 407.323.4450
- 22 Riverboat - St. Johns Rivership
The Barbara Lee is docked at 433 N. Palmetto Ave.
Sanford, FL 32771 | 888.235.1266 | 321.441.3030
- 23 Airboat & Gator Charters
760 Tedders Ct. | DeLeon Springs, FL 32130 | 386.747.0631
- 24 Elliott Vineyards
525 Minshew Rd. | Pierson, FL 32180 | 386.749.4031
- 25 Spring Garden Vineyard
980 Reynolds Rd. | DeLeon Springs, FL 32130 | 386.804.5510
- 26 Greenlund's Blueberry U-Pick and Farm
1515 Harper Rd. | Pierson, FL 32180 | 386.747.9772

Arts, Culture & Museums

- 27 Barberville Pioneer Settlement
1776 Lightfoot Lane | Barberville, FL 32105 | 386.749.2959
- 28 Athens Theatre
124 N. Florida Ave. | DeLand, FL 32720 | 386.736.1500
- 29 Museum of Art - DeLand, two locations
600 N. Woodland Blvd. | DeLand, FL 32720 | 386.734.4371
100 N. Woodland Blvd. | DeLand, FL 32720 | 386.279.7534
- 30 DeLand House Museum & West Volusia Historical Society
137 W. Michigan Ave. | DeLand, FL 32720 | 386.740.6813
- 31 Gillespie Museum, Stetson University
234 E. Michigan Ave. | DeLand, FL 32724 | 386.822.7330
- 32 Hand Art Museum, Stetson University
139 E. Michigan Ave. | DeLand, FL 32724 | 386.822.7271
- 33 Stetson Mansion
1031 Camphor Ln. | DeLand, FL 32720 | 386.873.0167
- 34 DeBary Hall Historic Site & Trailhead
198 Sunrise Blvd. | DeBary, FL 32713 | 386.668.3840
- 35 Gallery on First & Jeanine Taylor Folk Art
211 E. 1st St. | Sanford, FL 32771 | 407.323.2774
- 36 Sanford Museum
520 E. 1st Street | Sanford, FL 32771 | 407.688.5198
- 37 Wayne Densch Theater for the Performing Arts
203 S. Magnolia Ave. | Sanford, FL 32771 | 407.321.8111
- 38 Sanford Public History Center
301 W. 7th Street | Sanford, FL 32771 | 407.936.1679
- 39 Enterprise Museum
360 Main Street | Enterprise, Florida 32725 | 386.259.5900
- 40 Gateway Center for the Arts
880 N. US Hwy 17-92 | DeBary, FL | 386.668.5553

Trails

The trails along River of Lakes Heritage Corridor are world-class. Explore ROLHC.org, which includes links to trail resources. Current trail maps of our region are often updated at River2SeaLoop.org.

- T Spring-to-Spring Trail (Several Trailheads)
Trailheads at: Gemini Springs, Green Springs, Lake Beresford Park, Glenwood, Lake Monroe Park, DeBary Hall & Enterprise
- 41 Chuck Lennon Park and Mountain Biking Trails
5000 Greenfield Dairy Road | DeLeon Springs, FL 32130
386.736.5953
- 42 Heart Island Conservation Area
Access from US 17 and US 40 north of DeLeon Springs
DeLeon Springs, FL 32130 | 386.329.4404
- 43 Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge
2045 Mud Lake Rd. | DeLeon Springs, FL 32130 | 386.985.4673
- 44 Lake Beresford Park
2100 Fatio Road | DeLand, FL 32720 | 386.736.5953
- 45 Hontoon Island State Park
2309 River Ridge Road | DeLand, FL 32720 | 386.736.5309
- 46 Lyonia Preserve
2150 Eustace Ave. | Deltona, FL 32725 | 386.789.7207
- 47 Sanford Riverwalk
City of Sanford | 300 N. Park Ave. | Sanford, FL 32771
407.688.5000
- 48 Mariner's Cove Park
1199 Enterprise-Osteen Rd. | Enterprise, FL 32725
386.736.5953



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