



LAKE COUNTY IS A HAVEN
FOR ALL TYPES OF BICYCLISTS
FROM THE LEISURE RIDERS TO
THE WELL-TUNED SPORTS
COMPETITORS.

All the elements needed for a breathtaking bicycling ride are evident in Lake County's paved trails, on-road biking lanes and off-road paths. Inviting weather year-round, serene rolling vistas, lush natural habitats and quaint small towns make Lake County a haven for all types of bicyclists from the leisure riders to the well-tuned sports competitors.

The one ingredient that makes Lake County stand out from other Florida locales is its hills. The adjoining 4-mile South Lake Trail and 5.5-mile Lake Minneola Scenic Trail boast the highest elevations of any rails-to-trails project in the state. The two trails, which connect to the 22-mile West Orange Trail, offer cycling enthusiasts with an unprecedented amenity. Together, the trails feature a spectacular array of picturesque vistas from the area's rolling hills and tranquil lakes.

Utilized for training purposes and some races, the South Lake and Lake Minneola Scenic trails are an ideal location that benefits the many visiting athletes to the National Training Center in Clermont. For those that are not well-tuned sports competitors, the trails offer a pleasant trip for casual bikers and walkers with spectacular views of Lake Minneola and some breathtaking sunsets.

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Bike Trails

Lake County, Florida



Bourlay Historic Nature Park

901 N. Canal St., Leesburg, FL 34748

(352) 343-3777 | www.lcwa.org

Length: 2.2 miles

Difficulty Rating: Easy

Trail Type: Off-Road



A Lake County Water Authority property, this nature park is excellent for beginning birders as it contains several lakeside habitats where birds can be spotted readily.

Emeralda Marsh

Between SR 42 and SR 44, just north of Lisbon, on the east side of Lake Griffin and west of CR 452

Leesburg, FL 34788

(386) 329-4404 | www.sjrwmd.org

Length: 4.3 miles

Difficulty Rating: Easy

Trail Type: Off-Road



Local bird watchers and environmentalists rave about the large and diverse wildlife population of the 7,089-acre Emerald Marsh Conservation Area, which is managed by the St. Johns Water Management District. The 4.3-mile loop drive is open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., opening sometime in February and normally extending through March, April and May.

Gen. James A. Van Fleet State Trail

Mascotte, FL 34753

(352) 516-7384 | www.floridagreenwaysandtrails.com

Length: 29.2 miles

Difficulty Rating: Easy

Trail Type: Paved Trail



Three trailheads:

1. Mabel Trailhead: From Clermont, take SR 50 west to the trailhead about 5 miles past the intersection with CR 565 and Bay Lake Road.
2. Bay Lake Trailhead: From Clermont, take SR 50 west to CR 565 and Bay Lake Road. Turn left (heading south) and follow the road until reaching the trailhead on the left at the intersection with the trail.
3. Green Pond Road Trailhead: From Clermont, take SR 50 west to SR 33. Turn left (heading south) and follow SR 33 until reaching Green Pond Road. Take a right (heading west) and continue until reaching the trailhead.

The 29-mile trail intersects the counties of Lake, Polk and Sumter and is officially designated as part of Florida's Statewide System of Greenways and Trails.

Green Mountain Scenic Byway

County Road 455, Montverde, FL 34756

www.greenmountainbyway.org

Length: 10 miles

Difficulty Rating: Advanced

Trail Type: On-Road



Cyclists regularly visit this byway to enjoy the rural country scenery while challenging themselves on this winding road. The byway is included in routes for several large, internationally recognized triathlons and is one of the most heavily used routes in the Southeast for bicyclists.

Lake Louisa State Park

7305 U.S. Highway 27, Clermont, FL 34714

(352) 394-3969 | www.floridastateparks.org/lakelouisa

Length: 25 miles

Difficulty Rating: Easy

Trail Type: Off-Road



The park features cabins and campsites and is a popular spot for fishing, canoeing, bird watching and hiking. The 25 miles of trails accommodate hikers and horseback riders.

Lake Minneola Scenic Trail & South Lake Trail

Length: 5.5 miles & 4 miles

Difficulty Rating: Intermediate

Trail Type: Paved Trail



Two trailheads:

1. Minneola Trailhead Park
315 Madison St., Minneola, FL 34715
(352) 394-3598 | www.minneola.us
2. Waterfront Park
East Avenue & Madison Street, Clermont, FL 34711
(352) 253-4915 | www.cityofclermontfl.com

The Minneola Trailhead Park includes two practice ball fields, a basketball court, a playground, paved parking, ball fields, restrooms and a covered pavilion near the trail. Waterfront Park is perfect is for sunbathing or picnicking at the lakeside beach.

Lake Norris Conservation Area

Lake Norris Road, Eustis, FL 32726

(352) 343-3777 | www.lcwa.org

Length: 4 miles

Difficulty Rating: Easy

Trail Type: Off-Road



This area includes a hardwood swamp and the shoreline of Black Water Creek, a major tributary of the Wekiva River. Lake Norris supports an impressive number of ospreys.

Trail Accessibility Legend



Paisley Woods Bicycle Trail

Length: 22 miles

Difficulty Rating: Easy

Trail Type: Off-Road



Two trailheads:

1. Clearwater Lake Recreation Area
24511 County Road 42, Paisley, FL 32767
(352) 669-0078
2. Alexander Springs Recreation Area
49525 County Road 445, Altoona, FL 32702
(352) 669-3522

This 22-mile loop trail in the Ocala National Forest features shorter loops available at the halfway point. Alexander Springs is located on the north end of the trail and Clearwater Lake on the south end.

Sugarloaf Mountain

Sugarloaf Mountain Road

Clermont, FL 34715

Difficulty Rating: Advanced

Trail Type: On-Road



Sugarloaf Mountain is the highest point in the peninsula of Florida rising to about 308 feet above sea level. This daunting climb is a favorite for triathlon and cycling event organizers to include in their routes.

Bike Rentals, Parts and Accessories:

Clermont Bicycles

1712 E. Highway 50

Clermont Florida 34711

(352) 241-6054

www.clermontbicycles.com

Mon, Wed., -Fri. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.,

Tues & Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Epic Cycles USA

2507 S. Highway 27

Clermont, FL 34711

(352) 394-3009

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.,

Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Gear for MultiSport Athletic Store

1935 Don Wickham Dr.

Clermont, FL 34711

(352) 394-7434

Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.,

Sat. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Pure Cycles

51 W Magnolia Ave.

Eustis, FL 32726

Phone: (352) 357-2500

www.purecycles.net

Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.,

Sat. 10a.m. to 6 p.m.

Southlake Bicycles

121 W. Washington St.

Minneola, FL 34755

(352) 394-3848

www.southlakebikes.com

Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sun Cycle Centers

100 W. Burleigh Blvd.

Tavares, FL 32778

(352) 343-4181

www.suncyclecenter.com

Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.,

Sat. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sun. 12-5

The Cycling Hub

1200 Oakley Seaver Dr.

Suite 111

Clermont, FL 34711

(352) 536-2453

www.thecyclinghub.com

Mon.-Fri. 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.,

Sat. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sun. 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Village Cycles

1102 Bichara Blvd.

Lady Lake, FL 32159

(352) 751-3443

www.villagecycle.com

Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.,

Sat. 10a.m. to 5 p.m.

Clermont Waterfront Bikes and Boards

15 2nd street

Clermont, FL 34711

(352) 394-0535

Sat. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun.

11 a.m. to 6 p.m.