**Florida Camping Destinations**

FL SP

<https://www.floridastateparks.org/>

<https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/onsaleCampgroundSearchResult.do?onsaleCode=FLStateParksWeekends>

FL SP with camping <https://www.floridastateparks.org/activity-list/Camping>

FL Recreation Areas <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/recreation/>

FL Water Management Districts Look For Equestrian Camp Areas <https://floridadep.gov/water-policy/water-policy/content/water-management-districts>

<https://www.gonewiththewynns.com/fabulous-free-camping-florida>

FL Free RV Camping <https://www.campendium.com/camping/free-camping-florida/?utm_source=Campendium&utm_campaign=deb559d293-19-02-20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_d42c2750af-deb559d293-112865877>

Some private RV Parks have minimum RV lengths requirements. You may need to be vague about your length like “I have a LTV Unity on a Mercedes Chassis just under 30 feet.”

**Plan Ahead**: Although you may luck out and grab a last-minute cancellation, we plan our trip one year in advance. Florida State Parks accept reservations 11 months in advance, and Fort De Soto, run by Pinellas County, accepts reservations six months in advance for non-residents. Turtle Beach, run by Sarasota County, accepts reservations 12 months in advance

FL- AL Ferry across Mobile Bay - The **Mobile Bay Ferry** crosses beautiful Mobile Bay, Alabama and connects SR 193 at Dauphin Island on the west side with SR 180 at Mobile Point on the east. Considered “the Gulf-Coast’s Most Scenic Drive”, the ferry saves travelers hours of driving time plus the high cost of fuel by providing a travel link across the mouth of Mobile Bay. <http://mobilebayferry.com/>

FL Apopka 32712, 1800 Wekiwa Circle, **Wekiwa Springs State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Wekiwa-Springs> - Located at the headwaters of the Wekiva River, the beautiful vistas within this park offer a glimpse of Central Florida. Swim in Wekiwa Spring. Canoeists and kayakers can paddle along the Wekiva River and Rock Springs Run.  Canoe and kayak rentals are available from the park's concessionaire.

Very popular park near Orlando. 53 spacious campsites and each wooded site has water and electrical hook-up. Some have sewer too. Caution Bear country. Also near Orlando

<https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/wekiwa-springs-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281080>

FL Apopka 32703, 2929 S Binion RD, (407) 886-4231 **Magnolia Park** <http://www.orangecountyfl.net/CultureParks/Parks.aspx?m=dtlvw&d=26> - Hikers, cyclists and bird watchers will enjoy the beauty of the Lake Apopka Loop Trail!

Lake Apopka Loop Trail Map. Magnolia Park campground <http://www.ocfl.net/Portals/0/Library/Culture-Recreation/docs/Camping%20at%20Orange%20County%20Parks%208.7.2017.pdf> has 18 RV/tent sites. All campsites have fire rings, grills, picnic tables, lantern hangers, water and electric. A dump station is available free of charge for registered guests.

FL Big Pine Key 33043, 36850 Overseas Highway (MM 37), **Bahia Honda State Park** <http://bahiahondapark.com/> and <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Bahia-Honda> - is located Oceanside on US Hwy. 1 and MM 37 on Bahia Honda Key. The park is currently open but with "limited" Park Activities due to Hurricane Irma storm related repairs, still underway.Sandspur Beach and Sandspur campground are closed until further notice. Possibly best place to camp in The Keys. The concession service provider offers a complete gift shop, snack bar, kayak rentals and daily snorkeling tours to the fabulous Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary. Buttonwood campsites (sites #1-48) Can accommodate a variety of camping rigs from large RVs to small tents. RV sites #13 - #25 still offer the best water front views. The sites are gravel, making them more suitable for an RV or pop-up. These sites are the largest in the park.  The sites on the water have little shade. They all have electricity, water, a picnic table and grill. The RV section bathrooms and showers are currently in portable trailers until the bath house can be reconstructed. Has a dump station. Reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance through Reserve America: Call (800) 326- 3521 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.) or TDD (888) 433-0287.

<https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/bahia-honda-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281005>

FL Big Pine Key 33043, 33000 Overseas Hwy, 305-872-2351 Big Pine Key Fishing Lodge <http://www.bpkfl.com/> - free WIFI, electric/water RV sites, pool and camp store. Beach <http://www.bpkfl.com/BookYourStay.html>

FL Cape Canaveral 32920, 400 Jetty Road, 321-783-7111 **Jetty Park** <http://jettypark.org/> and <https://www.portcanaveral.com/Recreation/Jetty-Park-Campground> - Featuring a 4.5 acre beach, 1,200 foot fishing pier, 150 campsites, pavilions and picnic tables and tackle shop. Watch cruise ships arrive & depart. Over 100 campground sites have water and electric. LTVer recommended. <http://jettypark.org/campground/> and <https://www.portcanaveral.com/Recreation/Jetty-Park-Campground> Reservations call 321-783-7111.

FL Cedar Key 32625, 17650 SW 78th Place,(352) 221-4466 **Shell Mound County Park** <http://www.levycounty.org/cd_parks.aspx> **-** this county campground does not accept reservations and payment is cash only. Campground about 9 miles or 15 minutes outside of Cedar Key. The campground is inside the Lower Suwannee National Wildlife Refuge. There are some great, short hiking trails in the Refuge, just a short distance from the campground. Air boats launch at the park ramp so there can be some noise as the depart & return. There is an on-site manager that you register with and pay the fee. No-see-ems and mosquitoes are a real presence. The gnats are awful around sunset. Clean restroom and shower building. Some sites have water & electric. Other sites only have electric.

FL Cedar Key 32625, 11850 FL-24, 352-543-5375 Sunset Isle RV Park & Motel <http://www.cedarkeyrv.com/> - Full hookups and a dump station. LTVer recommended.

FL Chipley 32428, 1130 State Park Road, Falling **Waters State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Falling-Waters>- - is home to Florida's tallest and most impressive natural waterfall. Plan your visit for after a heavy rain, so there will be plenty of water rushing down this 73-foot sinkhole. Campground has 16 sites with electric.

<https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/falling-waters-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281021>

FL Chokoloskee 34138, 1150 Hamilton LN, 239-695-2414 **Chokoloskee Island Park and Marina** <http://www.chokoloskee.com/> 38 RV sites up to 28 ft. with electric, water, sewer & cable. Located on Chokoloskee Bay. Close to Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge and the Florida Everglades National Park <https://www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm>

FL Clermont 34714, 7305 US Highway 27, (352) 394-3969 **Lake Louisa State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Lake-Louisa> The park is located on US Highway 27, seven miles south of State Road 50 in Clermont. It is a short drive from Orlando. The park is a 4,372-acre Florida State Park located south of Clermont, in the northeast corner of the Green Swamp and the southwestern shore of Lake Louisa. It is made up of bald cypress, live oak and saw palmettos. At the park's Camper Canteen, you can rent a bicycle, canoe or kayak. You can also purchase refreshments, insect repellant, sunscreen, fishing worms, firewood and ice. A designated swimming area and horseback riding tours are available. Lake Louisa has 60 full-facility campsites nestled between Dixie and Hammond Lake. Each site has 30 and 50-amp hookups. Some sites can accommodate rigs up to 50'. A dump station is located between Dixie Loop and Sandhill Loop. Campground amenities include two accessible bathhouses, two accessible fishing piers and a small accessible pavilion. Reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance through [ReserveAmerica](http://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/lake-louisa-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281108). Book online <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/lake-louisa-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281108> or call (800) 326-3521 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

FL Crystal River - **Crystal River NWR** <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Crystal_River/> is the only refuge created specifically for the protection of the threatened Florida Manatee. Three Sisters Springs <http://www.threesistersspringsvisitor.org/> is an important habitat for the Florida manatee from mid-November until late March. These natural springs stay a constant temperature of 72-degree Fahrenheit (22 C). In the winter, the temperature of the Gulf of Mexico will decrease and manatees will migrate into the springs to stay warm.

FL **Defuniak Springs** 32433, <http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/defuniak-springs.html> - DeFuniak Springs is home to a once-gated campus/resort built during the Victorian era and marketed to the nation as “The Education Resort of the South.” The historic grounds of this campus/resort first welcomed visitors to the annual, multi-week Florida Chautauqua Assembly from 1885 to 1927. Incredibly, the grounds are mostly intact today and the charming structures collectively are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

366 Paradise Island Dr, 850-892-7229 **Sunset King Lake RV Resort** <https://www.sunsetking.com/home.html>- Just minutes north of Interstate-10 in the Florida Panhandle, Pool and Hot Tub, ​Slim Gym, Free Cable, Free WIFI, Private Bath Houses, ​Pontoon Boat Rentals, Bark Park, Laundry. Good Sam affiliated.

FL DeFuniak Springs 32433, 580 Holley King Road, 850-892-5914 **Twin Lakes Camp Resort** <http://www.twinlakescampresort.com/> - Just off I-10, 45 Full Hook-Up RV Sites, Located between Holly Lake on one side and King Lake on the other. A Beautiful Bath House, Laundry room, and Activity Center for play or gatherings. Good Sam affiliated and LTVer recommended.

FL Destin 32541 We camped at **Henderson Beach State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Henderson-Beach>

- off Hwy 98 east of Destin. We had site # 22 in B Loop which is an awesome large level gravel site with electric and water, plus fire ring, picnic table, and clothes line. Vegetation and native shrubs hide your neighbors. Wonderful bike riding with bike paths along the paved campground roads to the private boardwalk to the beautiful white sandy beach. Bathrooms and showers were pristine. The only bummer was no Wi-Fi but excellent cell phone service and four local TV stations via antenna. Restaurants, Wall Mart, shopping were an easy drive away. We certainly will go back again. LTVer recommended.

FL Dunnellon 34432, 19158 SW 81st Place RD, **Rainbow Springs State Park** <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/rainbow-springs-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281211> - Rainbow Springs is Florida's fourth largest freshwater spring and feeds the Rainbow River, popular for swimming, snorkeling, canoeing and kayaking. The campground has 44 campsites with full hookups (20, 30, and 50 amp). Each campsite also has a table, fire ring and grate. A dump station is located between the upper and lower campgrounds. The campground amenities include a campground store, recreation hall, amphitheater, drinking water, hot showers and restrooms (flush toilets), laundry, pool and playground. Ice, firewood and supplies are available at the camp store. Rainbow Springs State Park also has a visitor center, restaurant, picnic area and interpretive exhibit. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/rainbow-springs-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281211>

FL Eastpoint 32328, 957 Highway 98, 850-799-1016 Coastline RV Resort <http://www.coastlinervresort.com/> - offers an unobstructed view of St. George Sound, St. George Island and Dog Island. The RV resort has 30 spacious sites with their own spacious brick paver patio along with a grill and picnic table. Each site will provide 20/30/50-amp service along with Wi-Fi and cable television. Outdoor pool. LTVer recommended. <http://www.coastlinervresort.com/p/resort-amenities.aspx>

FL Estero, 33928, 3800 Corkscrew RD, **Koreshan State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Koreshan> - home of the Koreshan Unity Settlement, the pioneering colony that led the development of Estero in the mid 1890’s. Today, the Settlement is comprised of the 11 remaining historic buildings where you can return to an earlier era to see how the Koreshan community lived and experienced life in those earlier days. Located on the Estero River provides access to Estero Bay (Florida’s first Aquatic Preserve) and Mound Key Archeological State Park. Canoe and kayak rentals are available at the Ranger Station for guests. A weekly Farmers Market every Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 60 campsites, all with electricity and water, a picnic table and fire ring. Campsites at Koreshan are nestled among the palms and palmettos, offering shade and privacy. A dump station is available for RV campers. Any farther south and you will run into Mosquitos.Best Seafood Market is [Skip One Seafoods](http://skipone41.com/), along with US 41. Take an 11-mile day trip to the beach at Lover Key State Park. Avoid the traffic jams in Fort Myers Beach by taking US 41 south from Koreshan State Park, then west on Bonita Beach Road to the coast and then north to Lover’s Key. If you travel with a dog, your pooch might want to visit the dog beach south of the Lovers Key entrance instead. LTVer recommended.
<https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/koreshan-state-historic-site/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281045>

FL Fernandina Beach 32034 - 2601 Atlantic Ave - **Fort Clinch State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Fort-Clinch>

- situated on Florida’s northernmost barrier island, Amelia Island. Visit historic Fort Clinch on the first weekend of the month and step back to the year 1864, as soldiers reenact life during the Civil War. Explore the many rooms, galleries and grounds of the fort as you learn how the soldiers worked and lived each day. Willow Pond Trail winds around a series of freshwater ponds that offer prime habitat for alligators and turtles. Fernandina Beach is the home of the modern scrimping industry. Three-mile shoreline. 69 campsites in two separate and unique campgrounds. The Amelia River campground is located at the north end of the park along the St. Mary’s River.  Shady, Spanish moss-laden oak trees and Atlantic Beach Campground offers 21 RV sites surrounded by dunes. Pets are welcome. Reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance through [**ReserveAmerica.**](http://www.reserveamerica.com/) Book Online or call (800) 326-3521

FL Flagler Beach 32136, 3100 S. Oceanshore Blvd, **Gamble Rogers Memorial State Recreation Area at Flagler Beach** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Gamble-Rogers> - Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Intracoastal Waterway, this 145-acre park is named for Florida folk singer and storyteller Gamble Rogers.

Swim and play in the surf of the Atlantic Ocean, build castles in the golden-brown coquina sand or watch pelicans glide along the dunes and ocean waves. Fishing is popular along the beach. Hike the three-quarter mile Joe Kenner Nature Trail. Canoe, kayak and bicycle rentals are available. At night from May through September endangered and threatened sea turtles crawl on the beach to lay their eggs. The park has two camping areas (the Intracoastal Side and the Atlantic Ocean Beach side) with a total of 56 sites with electric & water or just electric hookups. You enter the intracoastal side to check in for both sides. The intercoastal side has newer facilities. A very popular campground often booked a year in advance on the beachside. Absolutely use exit 284 off I-95. Do not follow your GPS if it recommends the exit to the south. The only way from there to reach the park is via a road with a 8'6" low clearance warning (that did not come up on ANY of our RV routing tools.). LTVer recommended. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/gamble-rogers-memorial-sra/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281024>
FL Flagler Beach 32136, 2815 N. Oceanshore Boulevard (A1A), 386-439-3111 Beverly Beach Camptown RV Resort <http://beverlybeachcamptown.com/> - 1,500 linear feet of Atlantic Ocean beachfront for enjoyment and situated directly on a seawall along the beach. Pet friendly. Three full service bath houses. LTVer recommended.

FL Fort Myers Beach 33931,18701 San Carlos Blvd, (239) 466-3133 San Carlos RV Resort & Marina <http://www.sancarlosrv.com/> is located on Hurricane Bay. We offer excellent fishing with easy access to the Gulf of Mexico. With a quick walk down,the street or a trolley ride, you can enjoy local attractions, restaurants and shopping on Ft. Myers Beach. No electric heaters or stoves. There are 4 dog runs. Used by Leisure Travel Vans FL/Flamingoes for their Spring 2018 rally.

FL Fort Myers 33903, 16555 North Cleveland AVE, (866) 573-2041 Tamiami Village & RV Park <https://www.tamiamicommunity.com/rv-park/> - It usually has a few nights open if you call a week or two in advance. The campsites are tight and there is not a lot of shade here, but kitschy decorations, like flamingo-themed campsites and lots of home-state pride, prevail here among this clean, well-kept, private campground with daily trash pickup. Most folks hang out at one of the pools in the afternoon, and potlucks, campfires, and pancake breakfasts bring this small 55+ community together. **Day Trip:** Head for [Matlacha](http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/things-to-do/florida-fishing/matlacha-pine-island-florida.html), west of the Cape Coral/Fort Myers area on Pine Island Road. Pronounced “Matt-LaShay”, this Seminole name is reputed to mean “big warrior, junior warrior or knee-deep water.” It’s a fishing town, a shopping town, but most of all, it’s a small town, population just over 700, with whimsical, brightly painted homes and shops flanking the main street. Park at the Matlacha County Park where it’s an easy walk to visit a few shops. Lunch at the Blue Dog Bar & Grill, sample their crab cakes and other delights, and then walk across the street to Barnhill Seafood Market for their fresh catch for dinner, along with Karen’s Key Lime Pie, made locally. Also plan to spend the day at the [Edison & Ford Winter Estates](http://www.edisonfordwinterestates.org/) in Fort Myers, where 20 acres of historic buildings, historic gardens, the Edison Botanic Research Lab and the Edison Ford Museum will open your eyes to hundreds of inventions, artifacts, special exhibits, and the award-winning Moonlight Garden. Picturesque banyan trees and tree-lined walkways give a glimpse into the winter estates for these two inventors who were winter neighbors. Try LUNCH at [Lobster Lady Seafood Market and Bistro](https://www.lobsterladyseafood.com/), nestled in a shopping area on Cape Coral Parkway West. Bring a cooler so you can also buy some fresh, local fish to cook later. Affiliated with Good Sam. LTVer recommended.

FL Hobe Sound 33455, 16450 SE Federal Hwy, **Jonathan Dickinson State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/jonathan-dickinson-state-park> - The park offers outdoor enthusiasts a variety of opportunities, including canoeing, hiking, picnicking, cycling, camping, and nature study. The Loxahatchee River, Florida's first federally designated "Wild and Scenic River," winds its way through the park under a canopy of cypress trees. 112 sites with full hookups or electric only hookups. Bath house, hot showers, playground, boat ramp. Dump station. <https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/jonathan-dickinson-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281043>

FL Homestead 33034 - **Everglades National Park** <https://www.nps.gov/ever/index.htm> - the Everglades has two very distinct seasons: dry season and wet season. Dry season lasts from December to April and wet season lasts from May to November. Dry season is also the busy season because of the warm winters that attract the largest variety of wading birds and their predators. Wet season is buggy, humid and many ranger programs are no longer offered. The northern section of the park is accessible via Miami or Everglades City, the southern section is accessible through Homestead. Habitat for manatee, American crocodile, and the elusive Florida panther. All these areas offer a wide range of activities. You can take a short walk on the Anhinga Trail to spot abundant wildlife--turtles, herons and alligators! Climb atop Shark Valley's 65-foot observation tower for a bird's eye view of the glades. Glide over Florida Bay by tour boat or kayak for a chance to glimpse a crocodile, manatee, or dolphin. Watch as the sun sets over Flamingo, the southernmost point in mainland Florida. Explore the pinelands by bike, paddle amongst the mangroves on Nine-Mile Pond, or tour the historic Nike Hercules missile base. Join a ranger on a slough slog deep into the heart of a cypress dome. The 4-mile RT Christian Point Trail shows a wide diversity of habitats. <https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/christian-point-trail.htm> There are two drive-in campgrounds accessible from the Homestead entrance of the park: Long Pine Key Campground - has 108 drive-up sites for tents and RVs, including one group site. There are rest rooms, water, and a sewer dump station with fresh water fill, but no showers or hookups. Sites at Long Pine Key are currently on a first-come basis. Closed from May 1 to November 14 , first served and \*\*Flamingo Campground <https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/flamcamp.htm> open year round, electric hookups are available on 41 sites in the T-loops and run $30/night, During the summer wet season, portions of the campgrounds are closed due to flooding. Huricane Irma did heavy damage to the Flamingo campgrounds but they have reopened the RV T-Loop . Flamingo boat tours remain closed. <https://www.recreation.gov/fl/flamingo/campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=70976>

FL- Homestead 33033 - **Biscayne National Park** <https://www.nps.gov/bisc/index.htm> - You can see 72 different shipwrecks in this national park, including one that’s even shallow enough for snorkelers to visit. This park is one of the best destinations for snorkeling and scuba diving in the U.S.  With 95% of its 172,000 acres covered by water, going out on a boat is the best way to really experience the park. On the water programs from the Dante Fascell Visitor Center <https://www.nps.gov/bisc/planyourvisit/convoy-point.htm> and <https://www.biscaynenationalparkinstitute.org/> include sailing on beautiful Biscayne Bay, interpretive cruises to Boca Chita Key and its lighthouse, snorkeling at colorful coral reefs full of life, camping on undeveloped and scenic Elliott Key, and exploring the seldom seen wonders of Jones Lagoon. Paddle craft are also available for rent at the visitor center for self-guided tours. Trips may be booked by using the link above, by calling 786-335-3644 or by stopping at the park store. Advance reservations are advised. Within sight of Miami skyline. Trips are best during the winter months when temperatures are mild and bugs are easier to deal with. No overnight camping for RV because the two campgrounds are located on islands accessed by boat. No services are available on the islands.

FL Immokalee 34142, 506 1st ST, 239-658-1313 **Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee**

<https://www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com/> - casino with 12 free overnight RV parking spots with electrical hookups along parking lot perimeter. Go into the casino to register and ask what their present promotions are.

FL Indiantown 34956, SW Kanner HWY, 561-924-5310 **DuPuis Campground South Florida Water Management District** <https://www.sfwmd.gov/recreation-site/dupuis-management-area> **–** located just minutes from Lake Okeechobee.This free campground is a large field where you can pick any spot. The campground is at Gate 3. There is a gate with a chain at the entrance, but there is no lock. You just move the gate and close it behind you This is an equestrian campground, but there is a section for non-equestrian campers. \*\*[You do have to get a permit (called a Special Use License) ahead of time to stay](https://www.sfwmd.gov/community-residents/recreation/sul). There are no hook-ups at this camping area, but there is a dump station near the entrance and there are potable water spigots placed around the camping area. There are bathrooms with showers. Camp as far away from the road as possible to minimize road noise.

FL **Jacksonville Beach** <https://www.visitjacksonville.com/>

 - Visitors and natives alike are delighted by dolphins rolling just outside the surf line. On the weekends Jacksonville Beach can get packed. Lots of restaurants and places to get a cocktail right on the Jacksonville beach. **Little Talbot Island SP** Camping <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park-activities/Little-Talbot-Island#Camping>

 - more than five miles of beautiful, white sandy beaches, the campground is nestled among ancient dunes in a lush maritime hammock of live oaks, American holly and southern magnolias. Each of the 40 campsites has 20 and 30-amp electricity, fresh water, fire ring and picnic table. The campground offers a laundry facility and two bathhouses with hot showers. Both restroom facilities are ADA accessible. A dump station is available at the campground exit for RV campers.

<http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/jacksonville-beach.html>

\*FL Keystone Heights 32656, 6239 State RD 21, 352-473-4701 **Mike Roess Gold Head Branch State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/mike-roess-gold-head-branch-state-park> - located on rolling sandhills on the North Central Ridge of Florida. Visitors can swim or fish in Little Lake Johnson or spend a lazy afternoon canoeing. Great paved bike trails. Nestled under the trees are three campgrounds, Sandhill, Turkey Oak, and Lakeview, providing water and electricity. Each campground has its own bathhouse facility with hot showers. A coin-operated washer and dryer are available at the Sandhill and Lakeview bathhouses. Playground, dump station. LTVer recommended. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/gold-head-branch-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281032>

FL **Key West** <http://keywest.com/> - The high season is June through August; this is when kids are out of school and families are vacationing, so expect to pay higher hotel rates during the high season. Also, hurricane season is June 1st through November 30th, and once you reach the Keys driving can be very, very slow and precarious during rainy weather (which also creeps up in January). Poise for a Southernmost Point Buoy. Old Town Trolley Tour of Key West <https://www.trolleytours.com/key-west?phta=kwcom>, Hemingway House Tour, $175 Day Trip Ferry to **Dry Tortugas National Park** <https://www.nps.gov/drto/index.htm> - Almost 70 miles (113 km) west of Key West and the home of magnificent Fort Jefferson <https://www.drytortugas.com/>

$45 Key Lime Bike Tours for a historical journey around Key West <https://www.keylimebiketours.com/?utm_medium=listing&utm_source=keywest>

<http://keywest.com/>

FL Key West 33040, 6401 Maloney AVE, 305-294-1465 Boyd’s Key West Campground <https://www.boydscampground.com/> is operational after hurricane in 2-2018. $93/night campsites in winter, 50 amps and 30 amps electricity, Heated swimming pool, 24-hour security, FREE Wireless Internet, on city bus service. LTVer recommended.

FL Key West 33040, 5236 Suncrest RD, 305-296-5260 Leo’sCampground<http://leoscampground.com/> **-** gravel pad sites include a picnic table, water, sewer hook-up, cable and electric (most of our sites up to 50 amp).  We also offer Wi-Fi spots throughout the park. The bathhouse centrally located in our park has hot showers and laundry facilities. Only allow pets under 30 lbs and charge $1/night for your pet.

FL Key West 33040, 5 Geiger RD, 305-296-3553 Geiger Key RV Park <http://www.geigerkeymarina.com/rv-park/> - 10 miles away from downtown Key West, waterfront hook-ups, boat slips, laundry, showers, kayaks and paddle boards for exploring and restaurant serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. Pets must be approved in advance by management. There is no pool or playground for children.

FL Key Largo 33037 - **John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Pennekamp> and <http://pennekamppark.com/> - is a Florida State Park located on Key Largo in Florida, and includes approximately 70 nautical square miles of adjacent Atlantic Ocean waters. It was the first underwater park in the United States. March 2018 - Pennekamp currently open but with limited Park Activities due to storm related repairs, still underway. Please call (305) 451-6300 for daily updates on the Park Activities. CAMPING: 47 full-facility sites for both tent and RV campers are available. Restrooms and hot showers are easily accessible. Call 1-800-326-3521. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/john-pennekamp-coral-reef-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281015>

FL Key Largo 33037, 104200 Overseas Hwy, 305-440-2832- Keys Palms RV Resort – 33 camp sites situated on the Florida Bay water front. A private sandy beach area, pool, direct access to the Florida Bay. Full hookups with 30, 50, or 100-amp electric with Water, sewer, and cable. Dog Walk area. WIFI, very clean. $125-150/night. LTVer recommended.

<http://keyspalmsrvresort.com/home/home.php>

FL Lake Buena Vista 32830, 4510 North Fort Wilderness Trail, Disney’s Fort Wilderness Resort & Campground <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/en_CA/resorts/campsites-at-fort-wilderness-resort/> - 750 acres of pine and cypress forest. There are four different types of campsites with 3 types catering to RVs. Bus and boat transportation to the theme park. Free Wi-Fi. Horse drawn excursions, Arcades, Boat rentals, Pools. Golf. <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/en_CA/resorts/campsites-at-fort-wilderness-resort/rates-rooms/>

FL Lake Wales 33898, 14248 Camp Mack RD, 863-696-1112 **Lake Kissimmee State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/lake-kissimmee-state-park> - located on the shores of lakes Kissimmee, Tiger and Rosalie, off State Road 60, 15 miles east of Lake Wales. Boating including air boats is popular and can be noisy. Florida's cowboy heritage comes alive with living history demonstrations of the early Florida "cow hunters" in an 1876-era cow camp. The park offers 13 miles of hiking trails and a children’s playground. Sixty campsites are available with electric and water hookups. A dump station is located nearby. LTVer recommended. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/lake-kissimmee-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281087>

\*\*FL Lake Worth 33461, 4759 South Congress AVE, 561-582-7992 **John Prince Park Campground** <http://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Pages/Camping-JohnPrincePark.aspx> -on beautiful Lake Osborne, dog park, tennis, golf learning CTR, Campground has 102 sites with 30 amp. electric service, 198 sites with 50 amp. electric service and sewer, restroom and shower building, wifi, laundry facility, dog park, tennis, golf learning CTR. 4.5 miole long walking/bike path. Make reservations by toll free telephone 877-992-9925 7:00 am and 9:00 pm, 7 days a week - No online registration.

FL Layton/Long Key 33001, 67400 Overseas HWY, 305-664-4815 **Long Key State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/long-key-state-park> - Due to campground reconstruction, all reservations are closed through December 31, 2019. All 42 sites are oceanfront. Some complain of road noise, rats near dumpster and no see ums that can pass through screens in windless conditions. <https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/long-key-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281050>

FL Lithia 33547, 14326 South County RD 39, 813-672-5320 **Alafia River State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/alafia-river-state-park> - The main park entrance leading to the ranger station and campground is located on County Road 39. This park is known for its mountain biking trails and has a full-service bike shop. 20 miles of hilly trails through forests and flatwoods. Canoeing and fishing opportunities are also available along the South Prong of the Alafia River. 30 paved campsites are outfitted with 20/30/50-amp electric service, water hook-up, a picnic table and a fire ring. Bath house with showers. Note that during heavy Florida rainstorms, some of the sites on loop 2 (14-20) tend to flood. Reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance through [ReserveAmerica](http://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/alafia-river-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281251). Book Online or call (800) 326-3521 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.) or TDD (888) 433-0287. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/alafia-river-state-park/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281251>

FL Live Oak 32060, 3631 201st Path, **Suwannee River State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Suwannee-River> - offers some of the best backcountry canoeing opportunities in the state. The Suwannee River has a history that includes plantations, steamboats and civil war earthworks. Five trails, ranging from a quarter mile to 18 miles, loop through surrounding woodlands. The campground offers 23 oak-shaded sites with electricity, water, sewer, picnic table and fire ring. showers and dump station. LTVer recommended.

<https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/suwannee-river-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281073>

FL Long Key 33001, 67400 Overseas Hwy, **Long Key State Park -** Kayaks are available for rent from the Ranger Station. Snorkeling is available in designated areas. The water in the park is generally shallow and the bottom covered with seagrass. The park is a designated location on The Great Florida Birding Trail and provides an exceptional opportunity for birding. 60 campsites all overlook the Atlantic Ocean. <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park-activities/Long-Key#Camping> Each campsite comes equipped with a picnic table, and ground grill; as well as electric and water hookups. Although each campsite has its own individual hookups, they are located between sites. An extension cord is highly recommended. Adjacent sites are separated by trees. Three restrooms with hot showers, and a dump station are available to campers. Well behaved pets are welcome in the campground. Reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance through [ReserveAmerica](http://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/long-key-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281050). Book Online or call (800) 326-3521, (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)
FL Long Key 33001, 70001 Overseas HWY, 305-664-4922 **Fiesta Key RV Resort**

<https://rvonthego.com/florida/fiesta-key-rv-resort/> - Lobster Crawl is the on-site restaurant that many like. Beach & Beach bar, free WiFi hotspots, spa, pool. Affiliated with thousand Trails/Encore Resorts. Many different types of sites including value sites which have only electric & water. LTVer reported no shade, crowded sites and dirty bathrooms/showers.

FL Marathon 33050, 56200 Overseas Hwy, (305) 289-2690 - **Curry Hammock State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Curry-Hammock> - is the largest uninhabited parcel of land between Key Largo and Big Pine Key. The shallow, protected waters of Curry Hammock State Park make an ideal place to kayak and paddleboard, with a beautiful mangrove creek and miles of pristine coastline. Bring your own equipment or inquire at the ranger station about rentals. When the wind is blowing, the oceanfront is a popular place to launch windsurfers and kiteboards. Visitors can enjoy kayaking from the beach, a 1.5-mile nature trail and bicycling along the Florida Keys Overseas Heritage Trail. A 28-site campground is located along the oceanfront. [co](http://www.jrtp.com/)mposting toilets and solar-powered hot showers. Each campsite comes equipped with a picnic table, charcoal grill, water and 20/30/50-amp electrical service. A dump station is available. The campground fills quickly in winter, so make your plans early. Call 800-326-3521 or <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/curry-hammock-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281228>

FL Marathon 33050, 59275 Overseas Hwy, (305) 289-0404 Jolly Roger RV Resort <http://www.jrtp.com/> - 160 full hook up sites offering 50-amp electrical. Free cable & WIFI. Swimming Pool & dog park. One-hour drive from Key West, and just 45 minutes from the world-famous John Pennecamp State Park. Next to the world-famous Dolphin Research Center where you can swim with the dolphins. Sites can be over $100/night in the winter season unless you have Passport America & Good Sam affiliation. LTVer recommended.

FL Marathon 33050, 58671 Overseas Hwy,305-289-1606 Grassey Key RV Park <https://www.grassykeyrvpark.com/> - All Waterfront, Premium, and Standard sites are fully equipped with water, sewer, electric (50 & 30 amp), cable and free WIFI hotspot at the clubhouse (and available on most of the property) LTVer recommended.

FL Marathon 33050, 59275 Overseas Hwy, 305-289-0404 Jolly Roger RV Resort <http://www.jrtp.com/> - 160 + full hookup sites, laundry, pool, free cable & WIFI. 45 minutes to Key West. LTVer recommended.

FL Marianna 32446, 3345 Caverns Rd - **Florida Caverns State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/florida-caverns>

 - popular for camping, picnicking and horseback riding, only park in FL that offers 45-minute cave tour. 35 campsites with electric and water hookups available for RV. Camping reservations may be made by visiting ReserveAmerica.com or by calling Reserve America at (800) 326-3521

FL Marion, Ft Brooks RD **Juniper Springs Campground** <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/ocala/recreation/camping-cabins/recarea/?recid=37187&actid=29> – located in the Ocala National Forest. The concessionaire sells snacks, groceries, charcoal, firewood, ice and novelties, as well as renting canoes. 79 deeply shaded spaces within walking distance of some of Florida's most beautiful springs. There are no electrical, water or sewer hookups. Site 27 and 28 are good**.** Restrooms has flush toilets & hot showers. Reservations 877-444-6777 or online <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/234031>

FL Miami 33129, 3251 S Miami Ave, **Vizcaya Museum and Gardens** <http://www.vizcaya.org/> - former villa and estate of businessman James Deering, of the Deering McCormick-International Harvester fortune. Features an architecturally significant Main House with 34 decorated rooms, ten acres of **European-inspired** formal gardens and diverse collections including European antiquities, American art commissioned in the 1900s and century-old plants. Non-flash photography and video recording are permitted throughout the Museum and gardens for personal use by means of phones, hand-held cameras. Parking arrangements for buses or other large vehicles should be made in advance. Join our expert tour guides on a 45-min. walk through Vizcaya’s gardens, exploring everything from their design and composition to the exotic plants and animals they host. Taking place November through April, these interactive tours take place on Wednesday and Fridays at 2:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Cost: $5 per person. Vizcaya offers guided tours of the first floor of the Main House and gardens. Guided tours are interactive, discussion based, and last 45 minutes. Tickets are available for purchase onsite only. Tour times are posted daily in Main House. Only registered service dogs are allowed at Vizcaya. There is a Citi bike share program station at the museum. <http://www.citibikemiami.com/>

Miami Beach <http://www.discovermiamibeach.com/> has a free trolley service with 4 routes. <http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/transportation/trolley/>. Take a self-guided audio tour or regularly scheduled 10:30 AM walking tour of one of the world’s greatest concentrations of 1930’s architecture in South Beach. Start at the Art Deco Welcome Center at 1001 Ocean Drive. <https://www.artdecowelcomecenter.com/>

FL North Miami Beach - **Haulover Ocean Front Park**. <https://www.hauloverbeach.org/>

<http://www.miamidade.gov/parks/haulover.asp> - Daytime place on Florida’s East coast @$5.27 /day . Clothing optional. Although Haulover Nude Beach is only a small portion of the larger Haulover Beach Park, approximately 66% to 85% of visitors use the nude beach area. Towels are a must **-** One of the first things noticed at a first social nudity gathering is that everyone carries a towel with them. As a courtesy to others, nudists always place a towel down on any area that they will sit on, especially chairs or public benches. Park under a palm tree, walk or bike to the beach. Fishing fleet on the backside. “The best “

FL Milton 32564, 7720 Deaton Bridge RD **Blackwater River State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Blackwater-River> - the “canoe capital of Florida.” The park includes a 30-spot campsite with water, electricity and RV sewer hookups. It’s just a short walk to the river, where vacationers can canoe, kayak or tube past cypress swamps and longleaf pine forests. Camping reservations may be made by visiting ReserveAmerica.com or by calling Reserve America at (800) 326-3521.

FL Moore Haven 33471, 2410 Dalton LN SW, 863-675-8400 **Ortona Lock Campground Army Corps Of Engineers** <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/campgrounds/233570> - Water views, fishing pier, concrete pads, water and 50/30 amp on-site, bath house with showers, dump station, WiFi adjacent to Parks laundry facility. The campground sits on the Okeechobee Waterway and overlooks the Oronta Locks. Alligators, osprey and otters are also frequently spotted in this area. 51 campsites have electric and water hookups with waterway sites booking up first. Very hard to spots here, you need to reserve 6 months in advance.

FL Mount Dora 32757, 5802 Trimble Park Rd, **Trimble Park County Park** -

Located on a lake this Orange county park has 15 shaded Campsites are available on a first-come, first-served basis, All individual sites have electric, water, Check-in time is 2 p.m. known bear habitat. 14 miles from Orlando. $23/night

<http://www.orangecountyfl.net/Portals/0/Library/Culture-Recreation/docs/Camping%20at%20Orange%20County%20Parks%208.7.2017.pdf>

FL Navarre 32566, Grassy Point RD, 850-265-3676 **Bayside Campground Escribano Point Wildlife Management Area** <https://myfwc.com/recreation/lead/escribano-point/camping/>– 12 free dry camping with vault toilets, small sandy beach and trash containers but no water/electric near Milton FL. Campers must obtain a free permit/site reservation using the online reservation system or by calling (850) 265-3676 (Mon-Fri, 7am-4pm CST). Permit must be displayed at your campsite. Upon arrival, campers must confirm their presence by calling 850-767-3639. Failure to do so may result in cancellation Dusty 5-mile red clay entrance road is OK just makes RV dirty. Many sites empty each night because people make reservations and then don’t show up! A real shame. The nats are bad when there is no wind. Bears do inhabit the area.

FL Niceville 32578, Highway 20, 850-833-9144 **Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/fred-gannon-rocky-bayou-state-park> - This beautiful park’s centerpiece is Rocky Bayou which is great for fishing & boating. 36 sites with electric hookups, showers & laundry.

<https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/rocky-bayou-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281065>

FL North Fort Myers 33917, 8991 Triplett Rd, 239-543-2919 Seminole Campground <http://www.seminolecampground.com/> - near I-75, 129 RV sites with full hookups. Many shaded sites but some in full sun. Heated pool, dog park, exercise room, bathhouse with hot showers. Laundry, General Store. Good Sam affiliated. LTVer recommended.

**FL Ocala** 34470 <http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/ocala.html>

**-** Horse Capital of World consider **Silver Springs State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Silver-Springs> - One of the world's largest freshwater springs, a group of 30 artesian spring vents form the 5.4-mile Silver River. Glass-bottom boats offer 30-minute tours of the water but canoes and kayaks offer the best way to experience the crystal-clear river. The camping & Museum entrance is located on State Road 35 at 1425 NE 58th Avenue, Ocala FL 34470. <https://www.reserveamerica.com/camping/silver-springs-state-park/r/facilityDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281203>

 59-site full-facility campground

<http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/listing.a0t40000007qtmiAAA.html>

<http://www.silversprings.com/>

FL Okeechobee 34972, 33104 NW 192nd Ave, **Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Kissimmee-Prairie> - located approximately 33 miles north of Okeechobee, off US 441. This 54,000 acre preserve protects the largest remaining stretch of Florida dry prairie, home to an array of endangered plants and animals. While driving the five-mile-long road into the preserve, visitors can enjoy sweeping vistas of grasslands reminiscent of the Great Plains of the Midwest. Kissimmee Prairie’s remoteness makes it one of Florida’s premier locations for stargazing. Winter and early spring is an awesome time to visit. Water and electricity are provided at all 35 camp sites along with a spacious accessible restroom with showers and laundry. A water-filling and dump station is centrally located for campers. LTVer recommended. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/kissimmee-prairie-preserve-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281252>

FL **Orlando** <http://www.visitorlando.com/> - [theme parks](http://www.visitorlando.com/things-to-do/theme-parks/) from Walt Disney World Resort and Universal Orlando Resort to SeaWorld Orlando and Legoland Florida. Buy discounted attraction tickets <https://tickets.visitorlando.com/> Visitor Centers are located on some of the FL TWP <https://tickets.visitorlando.com/official-visitor-center> List of Orlando Campgrounds <http://www.visitorlando.com/places-to-stay/campgrounds/>

Disney Fort Wilderness <https://disneyworld.disney.go.com/en_CA/resorts/campsites-at-fort-wilderness-resort/> Nearby is Wekiwa Springs SP in Apopka, FL <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Wekiwa-Springs>

FL Orlando 32835, 3401 S Hiawassee Road, 407.246.4486 **Bill Frederick Park AT Turkey Lake** <http://www.cityoforlando.net/parks/bill-frederick-park-turkey-lake/> -covers 183 acres of land alongside Turkey Lake, one of the top-five rated fishing lakes in the state of Florida. Close to Orlando attractions but many sites are not level. Some hookups available.

FL Osprey 34229, 1843 S Tamiami Trail, **Oscar Scherer State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Oscar-Scherer>

is a Florida State Park located between Sarasota and Venice, near Osprey, amidst the heavily developed southwest Florida coast. Canoes and kayaks can be rented. The park also has access to the Legacy Trail; a paved rail to trails; suitable for walking, biking, jogging, or rollerblading which runs from Venice, Florida to Sarasota. The Lester Finley Barrier Free Nature Trail, located in South Creek Picnic Area, is accessible to those with sight, hearing or mobility impairments. Campground has multiple sites with electric hookup. LTVer recommended. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/oscar-scherer-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281062>

FL Panama City Beach 32408, 4607 State Park LN - **St. Andrews State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/St-Andrews>

- Well-known for its sugar white sands and emerald green waters, this former military reservation has over one-and-a-half miles of beaches on the Gulf of Mexico and Grand Lagoon. Water sports enthusiasts can enjoy swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, kayaking and canoeing. Two fishing piers. Shell Island Boat Tours are available during the spring, summer and some of the fall. Two campground loops are situated in the pinewoods near Grand Lagoon. There are 176 camp sites with electricity, water, picnic tables and grills. The sites will accommodate camping units ranging in size from tents to RVs up to 40 feet in length. Dump stations are in the campground. Five bathrooms with showers and a laundry facility are also available. Trails, beaches, a boat launch and concessions are located a short distance from the campground. Pets are welcome at campsites.Best Eats: [Casey Key Fish House](http://www.caseykeyfishhouse.com/), 801 Blackburn Point Road, Osprey. This “Old Florida” waterfront restaurant offers a casual atmosphere where dogs are welcome to sit with their owners. Grab a beer, crab cakes or a grouper sandwich. LTVer recommended. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/st-andrews-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281067>

Walton Outdoors - Walton County Florida <http://www.waltonoutdoors.com/>

FL **Pensacola** 32507,Pensacola <https://www.visitpensacola.com/>

-  **is home of the National Naval Air Museum** <http://www.navalaviationmuseum.org/>

 Home of the World Famous Blue Angels, The Pensacola Beach RV Resort, located on Santa Rosa Sound, includes 72 full-hookup sites with picnic tables, a clubhouse, swimming pool, restrooms, laundry facilities and free WIFI. <http://www.pensacolabeachrvresort.com/index.php?page=Home>

FL Pensacola 32507, 12301 Gulf Beach Highway**, Big Lagoon State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Big-Lagoon>

- offers swimming, boating, fishing, camping, hiking, birding and 62 tent or RV camping sites equipped with water and electricity, camp store. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281128#sr_a>

FL Pensacola 32507, 13770 River RD, (850) 934-6592 Perdido Cove RV Resort and Marina <http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/listing.a0t40000007qt94AAA.html> - The resort boasts 56 RV sites equipped with 30/50 Amp service, water, sewer, cable TV, WIFI, a laundry facility and more.

FL Pensacola Beach 32561, 1463 Fort Pickens Rd, (850) 934-2622 **Fort Pickens Campground** <https://www.recreation.gov/camping/fort-pickens-campground/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=NRSO&parkId=97219> - is situated on Santa Rosa Island, a part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore south of Pensacola and Gulf Breeze, Florida. Visitors enjoy the seashore for its great recreational activities, historic sites and unique white sand beaches. This large campground is open for reservations year-round. It contains 180 family sites with electric and water hookups. Short distance from downtown Pensacola. Campground is popular so book early. LTVer recommended.

<http://www.pensacolabeachrvresort.com/index.php?page=Home>

FL Perdido Key 32507, 16990 Perdido Key DR, Playa Del Rio RV Resort <http://playadelrio.com/> - located near Pensacola with dog park. Private beach access with private boardwalk and dune walkover. Kayaks and Pedal Boat Rental. Each of the 26 sites includes: 30 and 50-amp service, water, sewer, trash pickup and Wi-Fi. Office is closed on Saturday & Sunday.

FL Port St. Joe 32456, 8899 Cape San Blas Road, (850) 227-1327 - **T.H. Stone Memorial St. Joseph Peninsula State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/St-Joseph> - 9.5 miles of snow-white sand beaches. The 2516-acre park is surrounded on two sides by the waters of St. Joseph's Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. An isolated 1750-acre Wilderness Preserve occupies the tip of the peninsula. 74 campsites with water, electricity. Sustained a lot of damage in a Fall 2018 hurricane.

<https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/st-joseph-peninsula-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281069>

FL Port St. Joe 32456 - Indian Pass Campground – A private campground located directly on Indian Pass and Apalachicola Bay. Electric, water, and basic cable available at each site. Has beautiful trees to give you the shade you need, local beach access, dog friendly beach. LTVer recommended.

<https://www.indianpasscamp.com/rv-sites>

FL **Saint Augustine** 32084 - <https://www.visitstaugustine.com/>

Visit the **Castillo de San Marcos Fort** built in 1672, the 165-foot-tall St. Augustine lighthouse <http://www.staugustinelighthouse.com/> with its views of the Atlantic Ocean and downtown St. Augustine, and the legendary Fountain of Youth. If you're an art lover, you'll want to visit the Lightner Museum. Hop On/Hop Off Old Time Trolley Tour. Tour and taste at the St. Augustine Distillery and the San Sebastian Winery.

FL St. Augustine 32084, 4125 Coastal Hwy, 904-824-1806 North Beach Camp Resort <https://northbeachcamp.com/> - located just 4.5 miles north of historic downtown St. Augustine. Aunt-Kate’s Restaurant on the property. Full hookups run $73 -$98. Stay 6 nights & Get 7th Night FREE!LTVer recommended. Reservations: <https://northbeachcamp.com/contact-us/>

FL St. Augustine 32080, 300 Anastasia Park Rd, **Anastasia State Park**, <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/anastasia> Explore up to four miles of pristine beach, the estuarine tidal marsh teeming with plant and animal life, or the self-guided nature trail which takes you through the maritime hammock and onto ancient sand dunes. The campground contains 139 campsites. Anastasia has concessions to provide guests with rental opportunities of bicycles, paddleboards, kayaks, sail boats and canoes. All sites have electricity and water. LTVer recommended. [ReserveAmerica](http://www.reserveamerica.com/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281003). Book online or call 1-800-326-3521 (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.). <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park-activities/anastasia#Camping>

FL Saint Petersburg 33715, Pinellas Bayway South, **Fort De Soto Park Campground**

**County Park** <http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/camping.htm> - has a beautiful beach. A 238-site family camping area with facilities including picnic tables, grills, water, electricity, washers, dryers, sanitary disposal stations, modern restrooms, showers, play areas, and a camp store. Area 3 has the best sites. Special camp sites for camping with pets. The presence of Canine Distemper has been confirmed at Ft. De Soto Park so your dog must be vaccinated for distemper to be safe The Pet area has a few spots that are nice & on the water favorites are 135-138. Reserve if possible because very popular although they do have some walk up sites. <https://public.co.pinellas.fl.us/parks/ParksMain.jsp>

FL Sanibel 33957, 1119 Periwinkle Way, (239) 472-1433 **Periwinkle Park & Campground** <http://www.sanibelcamping.com/index.shtml> - Complete Hookups, Restrooms/Showers, Laundry, LP Gas, Beach, Golf, Shops & Dining all within walking distance. LTVer recommended. No dogs or credit cards.

FL Sanderson 32087, U.S. 90, **Ocean Pond** - The two-mile wide lake has a shallow, sandy beach and facilities for fishing, picnicking, hiking, restrooms, fire rings and picnic tables. Part of the Osceola National Forest. Camping <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/osceola/recreation/camping-cabins/recarea/?recid=75104&actid=29> on the lake includes19 sites have electric and water hook-ups and 27 have water hook ups, nice bathrooms and hot showers. All sites are first come first serve and worth the early arrival. $12-18 per night.

**FL Sarasota** 34242<https://www.visitsarasota.com/> - Peak season starts in January and ends in April. **Ringling Museum** <https://www.ringling.org/> - is a beautiful 66-acre property on the Sarasota bayfront, which was once the home of famed circus owner John Ringling and his wife Mable. Casa de Zan. Admission to the Ringling Museum of Art is free on Mondays all year round - plan to spend the day there.

Visit **Siesta Key Beach** <http://www.siestakeychamber.com/beaches>- officially ranked as "the finest, whitest sand beach in the world". In adjacent Siesta Village, you'll find an assortment of boutiques, bars and restaurants for quiet dinners and more raucous pub-crawling

FL Sarasota 34242, 8862 Midnight Pass Road, 941-861-2267 **Turtle Beach Campground** <https://www.scgov.net/government/parks-recreation-natural-resources/things-to-do/facilities/turtle-beach-campground> - is Sarasota County’s premier beachfront campground on Siesta Key. From sunrise to sunset, there is nothing like camping next to the Gulf of Mexico. Take the free open-air trolley into town and visit all that Siesta Village offers including restaurants, recreational rentals, sightseeing and more. Sea turtle season is May 1- October 31 which gives the opportunity to see Loggerhead and Green turtle nests on the shores of Turtle Beach. This campground features 39 RV and tent sites which are close to each other. The tree lined campground has crushed shell padded campsites with picnic tables, all sites are equipped with a full hookup (20/30/50-amp electrical service, water, sewer and free Wi-Fi) and state of the art utility pedestals. Siesta Key Beach. Take the trolley to spend the day on the powdered-sugar soft sand, always cool on your feet. Rated the #1 Beach in America, plan for big crowds on hot, sunny days. LTVer recommended. <https://web1.vermontsystems.com/wbwsc/flsarasotawt.wsc/splash.html?ccode=TurtleCampTypeSelection>

FL Sarasota 34241, 13208 State Road 72, - **Myakka River State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Myakka-River>

 - The Myakka River, designated as a Florida Wild and Scenic River, flows through 58 square miles of wetlands, prairies, hammocks, and pinelands. Scenic lake tours are offered daily on the world´s two largest airboats. Safari tram tours of the park´s backcountry are offered from mid-December through May. Expect alligators in this parks waters. Full-facility campgrounds. Located nine miles east of Sarasota on State Road 72. LTVer recommended.

<https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/myakka-river-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281056>

FL Silver Springs 34488, 14434 NE Hwy 314, (352) 625-6312 Fore Lake Campground <https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/ocala/recreation/recarea/?recid=40322> - has 31 sites tucked in the shade of oaks and pines along shimmering Fore Lake, The campground is a quiet spot for camping on the western edge of the Ocala National Forest. Toilets, Hot Showers but no hookups First come, first served. $12/night.

FL Sopchoppy 32358, 429 State Park RD, 850-962-2771 **Ochlockonee River State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/parks-and-trails/ochlockonee-river-state-park> - The park provides access to some of the best canoe and kayaking opportunities in the area. The brackish waters of the park provide excellent fresh and saltwater fishing. The park is equipped with a 30-site campground with three accessible sites. 28 sites offer 30-amp service only and two sites have 50-amp service. All sites have water hookups, fire ring, picnic table and clothes line. A dump station is provided for your convenience. The comfort station located within the campground provides restrooms and hot showers, an outside sink for washing dishes and water fountains. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/ochlockonee-river-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281059>

FL Stuart 34997, 2170 Southwest Canal ST, 772-287-1382 **St. Lucie South Campground Army Corps Of Engineers** <https://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Missions/Civil-Works/Recreation/Camping/St-Lucie-South/> - Located on the St. Lucie Canal portion of the Okeechobee Waterway . A nine-site campground with water/electric hookups. Sites 1, 2, or 3 which pull through sites right on the water. Showers, restrooms, playground & fishing pier. Not a lot of shade. Open year round. Camping is limited to 14 days within a 30-day period. 50% senior discount. For reservations call toll free at 1-877-444-6777 or visit <https://www.recreation.gov/>

FL Sugarloaf Key 33042, 251 SR-939 305-745-3549 Sugarloaf Key-Key West KOA <https://koa.com/campgrounds/sugarloaf-key/> - 20-30 minutes from downtown Key West, Pool, poolside bar, hot tub, playground and beach. Reserve months in advance for the winter season. Due to Hurricane Irma, the campground is closed until further notice.

FL **Tallahassee** 32301 <http://www.visittallahassee.com/>

 - State Capital - A 10-block historic district preserves Tallahassee's gracious old homes along a linear park. <http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/tallahassee.html>

**FL Tampa -** Ybor City – Cigar Capital of the World, Busch Gardens Tampa. Locals report that Tampa is loaded with no-see-ems by late May.

<http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/tampa.html>

FL Tarpon Springs - **Tarpon Springs** <http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/tarpon-springs.html> - is a city on central Florida’s Gulf Coast. Greek eateries line waterfront Dodecanese Boulevard, a legacy of the Greek sponge divers who settled here in the early 1900s. Along the water, the Historic Sponge Docks are a reminder of the once booming industry. 45 minutes from Tampa. Visitors to the Historic District can stroll along brick streets while browsing in art galleries, antiques stores, and specialty shops housed in buildings dating from the late 1800s

Consider Hickory Point RV Park [http://hickorypointrvpark.com/#](http://hickorypointrvpark.com/)

FL Tierra Verde 33715, 3500 Pinellas Bayway S., (727) 582-2267 **Fort De Soto Park** <http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/05_Ft_DeSoto.htm> - Fort De Soto park consists of 1,136 acres made up of five interconnected islands (keys). These keys are home to beach plants, mangroves, wetlands, palm hammocks, hardwoods and scores of native plants. The beach also provides refuge to the loggerhead sea turtle, which nests between April and September. Campground <http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/camping.htm> has 238-site family camping sites with facilities including picnic tables, grills, water, electricity, washers, dryers, sanitary disposal stations, modern restrooms, showers, play areas, and a camp store. Special camp sites for camping with pets. The campground, on St. Christopher Key, has good-sized sites with plenty of trees and bushes for privacy. Many are located along the water. Once we arrive at Fort De Soto, we don’t leave the park until the end of our stay. Run by Pinellas County, you’ll find the historic Fort De Soto at the heart of the park where the Gulf meets Tampa Bay. It’s just a few miles along the flat, paved bicycle trails from the campground to three miles of pristine beaches; several parking lots provide ample space to park your rig if you prefer to drive. We were surprised to discover that fishing licenses are not required if you fish from either of the two piers. LTVer recommended. <https://public.co.pinellas.fl.us/parks/ParksMain.jsp>

FL Titusville - **Kennedy Space Center** <https://www.kennedyspacecenter.com/> - The visitor complex opens at 9 am every day of the year. Bus Tour to Observation Gantry & Apollo / Saturn V Center. The visitor complex parking lot accommodates motorcycles, automobiles and oversized vehicles such as RVs.

<http://www.visitflorida.com/en-us/cities/titusville.html>

FL White Springs 32096, 11016 Lillian Saunders Drive/ US HWY 41, (386) 397-4331 **Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park** <https://www.floridastateparks.org/park/Stephen-Foster> - Situated on the banks of the legendary Suwannee River, this center honors the memory of American composer Stephen Foster, who wrote "Old Folks at Home," the song that made the river famous. The museum features an exhibit about Foster's most famous songs and his music can be heard emanating from the park's 97-bell carillon throughout the day. In Craft Square, visitors can watch demonstrations of quilting, blacksmithing, stained glass making, and other crafts, or visit the gift shop. Hiking, bicycling, canoeing, and wildlife viewing are popular activities. Miles of trails wind through some of the most scenic areas of North Florida. The campground offers 45 oak-shaded sites with electricity & water. Two ADA accessible restrooms with showers. A dump station is available. Pets are welcome. <https://floridastateparks.reserveamerica.com/camping/stephen-foster-folk-cc-sp/r/campgroundDetails.do?contractCode=FL&parkId=281137>

FL Wildwood 34785, 7519 NW 18th Way **Lake Panasoffkee** <https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/recreation/lake-panasoffkee>– A Southwest FL Water Management District park with 18 miles of multiuse trails. Free to campers on first-come, first-served basis. Flush toilets but no showers. No hookups. Reservations may be made at WaterMatters.org OR Land Resources, Southwest Florida Water Management District, 1-800-423-1476 (FL only) or (352) 796-7211, ext. 4470 You go to water matters org. Sign up with an email address and it's easy from there. Go into recreation, browse camp grounds, find Lake Panasoffkee, go to make a reservation, they email the permit to you within seconds. Car, van, under the stars, anyway you like to camp

<https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/user/login?destination=/recreation/lake-panasoffkee/activities>

**Florida**

February is typically the busiest month when parks fill to capacity and people are turned away.

The Florida Keys and Southernmost Florida offer what is possibly the best option for winter RVing. The warm weather, low humidity, and abundant sunshine beckon people to venture outside. When they do, they are greeted with crystal clear rivers that are spring fed, lots of wildlife, many nature trails for hiking, and very nice beaches. If you love water activities, this is the RV winter retreat for you.

Unfortunately, other people have the same idea – many people. Certain areas in that region can get overcrowded quickly so choose your area wisely. The warm weather and humidity mean that the insects are out and can be bothersome. Also, some portions can be a bit expensive.

There were wind chill advisories for freezing issued all the way to Naples and West Palm Beach in 1-2018. Tampa was 29 degrees at the 2018 Tampa RV Show.

Broward County’s five camping parks took in $2.5 million in 2016 and $2.6 million last year. The parks that offer camping are C.B. Smith <http://www.broward.org/Parks/Camping/Pages/Default.aspx>, Easterlin in Oakland Park <http://www.broward.org/Parks/Camping/Pages/Default.aspx>, Markham in Sunrise <http://www.broward.org/Parks/MarkhamPark/Pages/Default.aspx>, Quiet Waters in Deerfield Beach<http://www.broward.org/Parks/Camping/Pages/Default.aspx> and T.Y. in Hollywood <http://www.broward.org/Parks/Camping/Pages/Default.aspx>.

[Miami](http://www.sun-sentinel.com/topic/south-florida/miami-SFL00052-topic.html)-Dade County is experiencing the same boost in its three parks that offer camping: Greynolds in North Miami Beach, Camp Owaissa Bauer in Miami, and Larry and Penny Thompson Memorial in Miami took in $1.2 million in 2016 and $1.4 million in 2017.

Palm Beach County’s three camping parks held steady at $1.7 million in 2016 and 2017. The parks are John Prince in Lake Worth <http://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Locations/John-Prince.aspx>, Peanut Island Campground in Riviera Beach <http://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Pages/Camping-PeanutIsland.aspx>, and South Bay RV Campground in South Bay <http://discover.pbcgov.org/parks/Pages/Camping-SouthBay.aspx>. Some visitors to J.P. Prince and South Bay in Palm Beach County stay up to five months. J.P. Prince Park offers 300 recreational vehicle spots, most of them taken from December through March.

All of Florida is divided up into water management areas. Many of them have free boondocking. <https://floridadep.gov/water-policy/water-policy/content/water-management-districts#s>

1-2018 We just came back from Florida and any Wal-Mart we tried to stay in security told us we had to move. And we traveled the whole state all the way down to key west.

<http://www.randalolson.com/2015/03/08/computing-the-optimal-road-trip-across-the-u-s/> Based on Mileage