



# Unique ~ Cozy ~ Clothing Optional ~ Oasis \*Sighting \*Activities \*Restaurants

## Sightseeing



### Rainbow Springs

Nestled in Marion County in Florida, Rainbow Springs is a part of Rainbow Springs State Park. The fresh water from this spring flows into the Withlacoochee River. Visitors can swim, kayak or canoe along this spring's crystal clear waters. Adventure enthusiasts can also partake in snorkelling and revel in the aquatic life beneath the waters. Adjacent to Rainbow Springs sits a visitor center that is equipped with a gift shop and several clean restrooms.

Visitors can also enjoy the views of the Rainbow River from here

19974 SW 102nd Street Rd

Dunnellon, FL 34432



### World Equestrian Center

1750 Northwest 80th Avenue

6 miles from our property.

Experience the luxury side of the Equestrian lifestyle at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala. Known as WEC, this massive complex sitting on about 6,000 acres hosts various horse shows and competitions throughout the year, most of which are free to watch. WEC features multiple large outdoor and climate-controlled indoor arenas, a western arena, Expo centers and more event space, so the types of horse events that visitors can enjoy are endless! In addition to events, the property has an incredible equestrian themed hotel, five full-service restaurants, two sweet shops and a variety of shopping.

World Equestrian Center – Ocala offers a rare combination of class and capacity. The largest equestrian complex in the United States is a world-class, multi-indoor and outdoor arena facility offering state-of-the-art amenities to accommodate numerous disciplines within the equine industry and more!

Great Place to visit, Place to eat, shop, shows and more..

World Equestrian Center

1750 NW 80th Ave

Ocala FL 34482



## Silver Springs State Park

5656 East Silver Springs Boulevard

218 locals recommend

Explore one of America's largest and best loved springs from the park's famous glass bottom boats and see an underwater world.

The main spring is surrounded by serene gardens and historic structures reminiscent of the days when Silver Springs was a major destination for Northerners arriving by steamship.

The park is still a favorite destination and the home of the annual Springsfest celebrating protection and restoration of all Florida springs and waterways.

The Silver River allows kayakers to experience a primeval forest wilderness surrounded by some of the state's best managed sandhills, accessible by trails and dotted with friendly campgrounds.

1425 N.E. 58th Ave.

Ocala FL 34470



## The Canyons Zip Line and Adventure Park

8045 NW Gainesville Rd

137 locals recommend

Is it The Cliffs that make The Canyons the most sensational adventure park in Florida? Or maybe it's the Zips at 155 feet high and 1,150 feet long. Or maybe it's the kayaking on spring fed lakes? Or maybe it's the mountain-like elevation changes on horseback, or soaking up the breathtaking scenery and wine on our historical tasting tours....or maybe it's the fact that none of this should exist in Florida, but it does, and it's ONLY HERE, at THE CANYONS ZIP LINE & ADVENTURE PARK!

We are providing experiences that are more than just thrilling, but an immersive interaction with nature as it is meant to be experienced. We strive to break all the rules about what people expect to find in Florida. Plunging cliffs that set the view of large lakes sparkling at the bottom of a canyon and the dazzling memories created when visiting such a place, are some of the reasons why we are a nationally recognized and award-winning adventure park.

8045 NW Gainesville Rd

Ocala, FL 34475



## Appleton Museum of Art

4333 E Silver Springs Blvd

40 locals recommend

The Appleton Museum of Art houses a permanent collection of more than 24,000 works including art and artifacts representative of European, American, Asian, African, Contemporary and pre-Columbian styles. It also displays special exhibits on a temporary basis throughout the year. The museum collects works specifically from Florida artists and showcases history and progression of Central Florida culture.

Business magnate Arthur I. Appleton and his wife, the former Martha O'Driscoll bought land in the Ocala area during the mid-1970s and established Bridlewood Farm, a thoroughbred breeding and training facility. Construction of the Appleton Museum of Art began in 1984 on 44 acres of forested land on East Silver Springs Boulevard in 1984. Under the guidance of Mr. Appleton and Museum Director, Moussa Domit, who brought a more cultured and experienced perspective, the building eventually opened to the public in 1987 as the Appleton Museum of Art. Built by more than 300 tradesmen from 130 companies, the museum is clad in 80,000 square feet of Italian travertine marble and the flooring consists of 15,000 square feet of Bolivian Capao Bonito granite. The marble and stone work was done by Antagon/Paleni of Montreal and the glass came from Pilkington Glass of England.

In 1996, the Edith-Marie Appleton Wing, funded by and named after Arthur I. Appleton's sister, was constructed and in 2009 a 2,662-square-foot art storage facility was also added, bringing the museum's total overall size to just under 82,000 square feet.

4333 E Silver Springs Blvd

Ocala, FL 34470





## Fort King National Historic Park

3925 E Fort King St

9 locals recommend

In 1826, Colonel Gad Humphreys built the first Seminole Agency in what is now Ocala, near where Fort King would be erected in March 1827. Osceola, a Seminole leader and war chief, opposed the forced relocation of his people during treaty talks between the US Government and the Seminoles held at Fort King. In the winter of 1834, orders were given for the troops at Fort Marion in St. Augustine to take up the line of march for the Fort King Seminole Agency. This was to strengthen the force at the fort under the command of Brigadier D. L. Clinch, pending negotiations between the Seminole tribe of Indians and United States Agent, General Wiley Thompson.

As US relations with the Seminole deteriorated, Gen. Thompson forbade the sale of guns and ammunition to them. Osceola, though friendly with Thompson, resented this ban. He felt it equated the Seminole with slaves, who were forbidden to carry arms. In June 1835, Osceola quarreled with Thompson over the gun issue, and was locked up at Fort King. In order to secure his release, Osceola agreed to sign the Treaty of Payne's Landing and to bring his followers into the fort. He did not comply, and in December as Chief Micanopy's forces fought with the army of Major Francis L. Dade, Osceola and his followers attacked Fort King, killing many stationed there. Osceola himself shot Wiley Thompson. These two concurrent events marked the beginning of the Second Seminole War.

During the seven-year war that followed, every major general and Regiment of the U.S. Army were either stationed at or passed through the gates of Fort King. The US Army could not match the guerrilla type warfare of the Seminoles. In May 1836, Fort King was abandoned and burned to the ground by the victorious Seminoles. One year later the US Army returned and the fort was rebuilt. This time the forces stationed there directed dragoon and infantry units in unrelenting "search and destroy" missions against the Seminoles. At the war's end in 1842, most of the Seminoles had been killed or captured and moved to Oklahoma. As we know, a small number of "unconquered and defiant" Seminoles established new territory in the Florida Everglades. Those are known today as the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

3925 E Fort King St

Ocala, FL 34470



## Sholom Park

7110 SW 80th Ave

21 locals recommend

Sholom Park is a non-profit, privately owned, 44-acre botanical garden in Ocala, Florida. Opened to the public in 2004, the park features more than 2 miles of paved trails and more than 100 species of plants and trees. Sholom Park seeks to become a model of land stewardship and the preservation of open space for education and public enjoyment. Guests are invited to experience a true feeling of serenity, contentment, joy and inner peace.

7110 SW 80th Ave

Ocala, FL 34481



## Historic Downtown Ocala

Perhaps the most appealing aspect of Historic Ocala is its easy walkability. So many things to do, see, eat and drink within a few square blocks. Downtown Ocala has an actual town square — a large paved octagon with a starburst design surrounded by trees and grass, with a historic gazebo that doubles as a stage for live performances.



## Ocala Downtown Square

26 locals recommend

Discover the history behind some of Ocala/Marion County's most famous horses by following along with the Walk of Champions plaques in Historic Downtown Ocala and make the experience interactive by downloading the OcalaMarion Travel Guide App.

24 bronze plaques are in two sidewalk blocks near the historic downtown Ocala square that each honors equine champions connected to Marion County. Known as the Horse Capital of the World®, Ocala/Marion County is home to incredible horses and ponies of all shapes and sizes. And we mean that—from thoroughbred champions to welsh ponies and award winning miniature horses.

The bronze plaques include the name of a famous horse, a brief highlight on the horses' significance and the top awards achieved. The App dives deeper into the horses' history. When users navigate to the Walk of Champions in the App, there is a map of downtown, with two different blocks of dots that represent the locations of the bronze plaques. Each dot opens up a story about a specific horse connected to the area, photos and information about the horses and additional awards.

Thoroughbred horses connected to the area are honored on the plaques on the sidewalk block of South Magnolia Ave, adjacent to Mark's Prime Steakhouse. Champions of various breeds that are not thoroughbreds, can be found recognized on plaques on the sidewalk block of SE Broadway St adjacent to the Hilton Garden Inn hotel



## Historic Downtown Ocala

You can venture virtually any direction from the Square and find cool stuff. A little more than a half-mile north is Tuscowilla Art Park, a vast expanse of green dotted with large sculptures and, a bit farther, Tuscowilla Park, with more lush grass, tennis courts, a kids playground, and lovely Lake Tuscowilla. At the north end of the park is the 700-seat Reilly Arts Center, the city's hub for theater and live music (and the home of the Ocala Symphony Orchestra). Tuscowilla Park is also home to the Discovery Center, an intimate children's museum offering educational workshops, classes, and rotating exhibits.





## Historic Downtown Ocala

Brick City. That's Ocala's nickname, and here's why: In 1846, Ocala was appointed the county seat of newly formed Marion County. By the late 1850s, the town was one of the leading social and business centers in Florida. The Civil War all but destroyed commerce in Ocala and the population dwindled to around 200. After nearly two decades of growth, the town center was virtually destroyed by fire on Thanksgiving Day, 1883. In rebuilding, brick and other fire-resistant materials were used instead of lumber. Thus, Brick City.



## Historic Downtown Ocala

An eclectic group of eateries surrounds the Square — among them are Mark's Prime for steak and seafood, Harry's Seafood Bar & Grille, The Lodge Brick City Craft Pub & Eatery and Brick City Southern Kitchen & Whiskey Bar for barbecue. For a truly fine dining experience, Katya Vineyards sits on the north side of the square and offers a decadent menu that changes regularly. For a great outdoor experience, District Bar & Kitchen is a two story restaurant with a rooftop bar overlooking the downtown that is just one block west of the square.



## Historic Downtown Ocala

As a nod to the town's nickname, one block of Magnolia Avenue just south of the Square is paved with brick. Stroll down Magnolia and you'll encounter multiple locally owned boutiques; Ivy on the Square, an elegant, Southern-style restaurant; and the Marion Theatre, a charming, 70-year-old art deco movie emporium. Right next to the theatre and great for the whole family, Mellow Mushroom is a delicious pizza spot with a fun and funky vibe. Continue on and you'll run into a couple of quirky, colorful thrift stores — Tumbleweed of Ocala and The White Elephant

Beer lovers would do well to keep strolling for a couple more blocks and sidle up to the bar at Infinite Ale Works, one of Florida's destination microbreweries. In 2018, its West Floridian quadruple ale was named the Number 1 beer in the state at the Florida Beer Competition.



## Florida Aquatics Swimming and Training (FAST)

Florida Aquatics Swimming & Training (FAST) is an elite aquatic center that is committed to swimmers both recreationally and competitively at the local, state, national, and global levels. 4635 SW 67th Ave Rd Ocala, FL 34474



## Ocala Civic Theatre

4337 E Silver Springs Blvd

11 locals recommend

A part of the Appleton Cultural Center, the Ocala Civic Theater stands as an important cultural landmark in the city. Each season, it hosts over 12 theatrical performances, besides also providing a setting to touring theater groups. Catch a play or musical on your evening out in Ocala, and be enthralled by the performances at what is considered one of the country's best community theaters.

4337 E Silver Springs Blvd

Ocala, FL 34470



## Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing

13700 SW 16th Ave

19 locals recommend

The Museum of Drag Racing's primary objective is to preserve the history of Drag Racing for our sport and future generations and to present this history to Drag Racing enthusiasts and the general public in an accurate and informative format.

—Don Garlits

November 1, 1976h

13700 SW 16th Ave

Ocala, FL 34473





### **Bonkerz Comedy Club - Ocala**

36 South Magnolia Avenue

Enjoy a weekend filled with laughs at Bonkerz Comedy Club – Ocala inside The Lodge! Join us for hilarious comedy shows the first Friday and Saturday of every month featuring Bonkerz' comedians from TV & the Movies!

The Lodge

(inside the Magnolia Room)

36 S Magnolia Ave

Ocala, FL 34471



### **Circle Square Cultural Center**

Circle Square Cultural Center at Circle Square Commons brings top name entertainment to the Ocala area, featuring spectacular events and performers every year. With seating for over 930 guests theatre style, you'll have an incredible concert experience in this unique intimate setting. In addition to concerts, CSCC is one of the largest indoor venues for banquets in Ocala. This beautiful auditorium also hosts theatrical productions, dances, conventions, expos, fundraising events, and more

8395 SW 80th Street, Ocala, FL 34481



### **College of Central Florida Dassance Fine Arts Center**

College of Central Florida (CF) Theatre produces several major productions each year for the campus, community and young audiences. The program produces two major productions yearly and summer shows.

Guest performers and directors appear on an occasional basis. Guest artists work with students and credit courses in the history of theatre, acting, play production, costuming and make-up, scenic design, and more.

Also, there are a number of student-directed shows that the CF Theatre program produces. With more than 150 students taking the stage each year, there is an opportunity for any student who wants to audition.

3001 SW College Rd. Ocala, Florida 34474



### Ocala Citizens' Circle

Citizens' Circle is located west of City Hall at the corner of Fort King St. and Osceola Ave. in the Historic Downtown area. Hours of operation are sunrise to sunset. The splash pad located at Citizens' Circle is now open daily.

Many Ocala events take place here!

110 SE Watula Avenue Ocala, Florida 34471



### Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' & Owners' Assn

6 miles from our property.

The Florida Thoroughbred Breeders' and Owners' Association is a non-profit representing more than 1,300 Thoroughbred breeders and owners who breed, raise, train and race horses born in Florida. FTBOA is responsible for promoting and marketing Florida's Thoroughbred industry throughout the country and around the world.

With the area's year-round moderate climate, mineral-rich water and soil, outstanding facilities and strong support industries, Horsemen are drawn to Ocala/Marion County. More than 75 percent of Florida's horse farms are located in Ocala/Marion County.

At the headquarters in Ocala, travelers and residents can visit FTBOA's Museum and Gallery. The Museum features the history and promotion of the Florida thoroughbred in the Horse Capital of the World, Ocala/Marion County. The museum features trophies won by legendary Ocala thoroughbreds, memorabilia from past Kentucky Derby and Triple Crown winners and beautiful art.

801 SW 60th Avenue Ocala, Florida 34474



### Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology

307 SE 26th Terrace

The Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology is a research and teaching institution located at 307 S.E. 26th Terrace, Ocala, Florida, on the McPherson County Government Complex.

Our displays, exhibits and programs cover 13,000 years of human history in this wonderful county. Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology is the only place to find all the history of Marion County!





## Ocala Fire Museum

Ocala Fire Museum

Ocala, 1883 - It was an ordinary Thanksgiving Day in the city of Ocala when suddenly, bell tolls filled the air. Fire raged atop the Benjamin & Company store, and threatened to spread to neighboring sites. With wooden structures to fuel the flames' demands, and a lack of water and volunteers to tame them, fire devoured five town blocks before it ceased. The need for a fire brigade was immediately identified, and addressed. Fire bonds to raise funds were soon sold. In a little over a year's time the first fire hose company was born.

Today, Ocala Fire Rescue is the proud provider of fire suppression and emergency services to the City of Ocala. Growing from humble beginnings as a volunteer hose company, to a career fire department with seven fire stations and over 120 dual-certified personnel ready to respond within a moments notice.

From beginnings forged through sheer necessity to the modern day fire department we are today, Ocala Fire Rescue invites you to experience the events that shaped this organization, the men and women who make up this family, and the innovative instruments that have helped along the way.

### Admission & Hours of Operation

The Ocala Fire Museum was designed as a progressive timeline to indulge visitors through self-guided tours, allowing them to experience the department's history as they peruse from one room to the next. Entry to the museum is free and open to the public Mondays through Fridays, between 8 AM and 5 PM.

The Ocala Fire Museum is nestled within Ocala Fire Rescue's Administration site. The dually-purposed building is located at: 3001 NE 21st Street, Ocala, FL. 34470.



## Silver River Museum

1445 NE 58th Ave

11 locals recommend

Admission: \$2 per person, children under 6 FREE

Saturday & Sunday 10 am to 4 pm

Overview

The Silver River Museum and Environmental Education Center is a program of Marion County Public Schools. The museum is located within the Silver Springs State Park in Ocala, Florida, and works in close cooperation with the Florida Park Service.

The museum serves school groups Monday through Friday so we are closed to the public on weekdays. However, we welcome and encourage the public to visit the Museum on Saturdays and Sundays between 10 am and 4 pm and invite you to join us for one of our special educational events during the year.

Pioneer Village Overview

The pioneer "cracker" village is a collection of buildings that portray life on the Florida frontier. The village is an assortment of historic and replica structures typical of the 1800's and includes several cabins, a one-room schoolhouse, blacksmith shop, sugar cane mill and syrup kettle, wood-fired pottery kiln and a replica Seminole Indian camp.

1445 NE 58th Ave. Ocala, Florida 34470



## Cactus Jack's Trail Rides

11100 SW 16th Ave

25 locals recommend

The designated State of Florida horseback riding provider for the Cross Florida Greenway at the Land Bridge Trailhead. Offers guided horseback trail riding for individuals, families and groups up to 30; 365 days a year!

Age restrictions: 6 years old or older

Helmets: 17 years old or younger MUST wear a helmet. 18 years or older will be your choice. We supply the helmets.

Riding Experience: Is not necessary, all are welcome.

Weight restrictions: 300 lbs

Health: Good health, free of neck and back injuries, cannot be pregnant. No oxygen tanks.

Attire: Long pants preferred but not necessary and closed-toe shoes are a must.

We welcome single riders and group riders.

Uses Australian Trail Saddles and Western Saddles.

Everyone must use a loading block no matter the experience level.

Can accommodate large birthday parties, reunions and events.

Picnic tables, restrooms and plenty of parking available at the trailhead.

11100 SW 16th Ave Ocala, Florida 34482



## Grandview Clydesdales

This is a 1.5 - 2 hour guided tour of the Grandview Clydesdales operation, which puts you up close and personal with one of the most award winning Clydesdale farms in the world and not to mention one of the most famous breeds of horse in the world; the Clydesdale!

You will get to experience the day to day operations of Grandview Clydesdales and all aspects will be covered. This includes right from the beginning of a new clydesdale life; which is the ultrasounding the mares for breeding, to the birth of baby Clydesdales, all the way through to winning world championships or starring in famous commercials; this tour will miss nothing in between.

10020 SW 125th Court Road Dunnellon, Florida 34432



## Diamond Oaks Farm Horseback Riding Center

Enjoy horseback riding in Ocala Florida with a vacation add-on day trip or dude ranch stay and ride experience at Diamond Oaks Farm

We will give you the riding experience of dreams:

- \*Ride free-rein in charge of your horse -no "zombie horses just following the horse ahead nose-to tail" here!
- \* Ages 2+ ride with horseback riding lessons, guided trail riding and carriage rides for private small groups and family sessions.
- \*Ride with your own personal and private group of only 1-6 riders guided by our equine expert.
- \* Day trip or stay at one of our accommodations or RV park and enjoy riding discounts for lodging and RV hookup guests.

\*Fun horse, pony and unicorn activities for all ages!

Our horse activity slots fill up quickly, so book yours now- our horses are ready for you!

Come meet and make friends with all of our 16 horses! Stay and ride or day visit to ride on this gorgeous 25 acre farm to relax, reset, and enjoy the beauty of nature and horses.

A carriage ride is a wonderful way to relax at the end of the day and enjoy the beautiful scenery. It is also perfect for those who prefer a bench seat to a saddle but still wish to interact with horses and experience horse country the best way possible - from a horses point of view! Time-slots are available first come-first served.

Special event rides can be arranged, such as engagements, honeymoons, anniversaries, and birthdays. Bring your favorite beverages!

(we can keep a secret if needed!)

We also offer a "2 Hour Family Horse Experience" for a family of 2-5 to experience the joy of horses from horse prep to rotational riding for all -and lots of photo ops! This is a wonderful opportunity to introduce kids ages 2 and up to horses and riding with flexibility within the family to share the time so if a little one ends up only wishing to ride a little there is no pressure as another family member can then ride more.

You can also create and capture memories for your children with Magic the unicorn, pony rides and hands- on horse bathing, grooming and mane and tail workshops.

900 N. East 100th St. Ocala, Florida 34479





### Reilly Arts Center

500 NE 9th St

13 locals recommend

Located just 5 blocks from Ocala's Historic Downtown Square in picturesque Tuscowilla Park, the Reilly Arts Center is Ocala's home for the arts and live entertainment. Featuring state-of-the-art acoustics and production equipment, the 705-seat venue hosts an eclectic assortment of events, concerts, meetings, and parties and has become a hub for the arts in Ocala.

In addition to being the home of the Ocala Symphony Orchestra and producing local, regional and national acts, as the new flagship center for arts and culture in Ocala, the Reilly is committed to being an active and accessible venue in our community.

The Community Music Conservatory, located at the Reilly Arts Center, launched in Spring 2022. The conservatory features multiple teaching studios, professional staff and faculty, and performance spaces that include the 700-seat mainstage auditorium and NOMA Black Box. Conservatory programming includes group classes and private instruction designed for students of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels. The Conservatory, which launched programming in Spring 2022, is managed by the team at the Ocala Symphony Orchestra and is committed to fostering an environment of creativity, life-long learning, and quality instruction.

500 NE 9th St

Ocala, FL 34470



### Ocala Breeders' Sales Co

1701 SW 60th Ave

Ocala Breeders' Sales Co

Nearby 6 miles from our property.

1701 Southwest 60th Avenue

Ocala, FL 34474



### HITS Post Time Farm

13710 Old Blitchton Rd

19 locals recommend

Since 1982, HITS has called Central Florida its Winter Home. In 1985, HITS moved to the 'Horse Capital of the World' – Ocala, and later purchased Post Time Farm in 2002 cultivating one of the world's most horse-friendly show grounds. For four decades and counting, the HITS Ocala Winter Circuit has provided one of the largest show circuits in the country. Each year HITS Ocala is host to 12-weeks of USEF-Rated Hunter/Jumper competition from December through March.

6 miles from our property.

13710 US Highway 27

Ocala, FL 34482



### Florida Horse Park

11008 S Hwy 475

25 locals recommend

The Florida Agriculture Center and Horse Park is a 500-acre, multipurpose facility and one of Central Florida's premiere venues for equine, agricultural, educational, and sporting events. 6 miles from our property.

11008 S Hwy 475

Ocala, FL



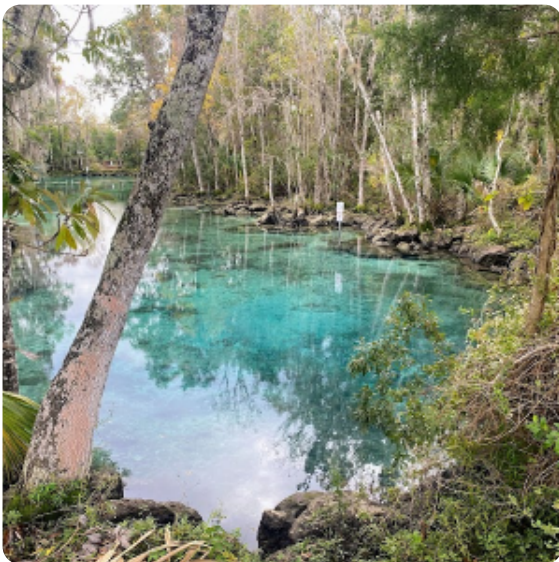
### K.P. Hole County Park

9435 SW 190th Avenue Rd

49 locals recommend

The KP Hole Park is a destination that provides access to the Rainbow River. It is opedaily and offers swimming, picnicking, a public boat ramp and a kayaking launching dock. As for navigational vessels such as Kayaks, Canoes and Standup Paddle Boards you have the ability to go Upriver twenty minutes to "Indian Creek which is only three feet deep, it's crystal clear and you can sit in the bubbling springs. After exploring the creek, you can continue to go up another forty minutes and enjoy the variety of freshwater fish, turtles, otters birds, the aqua blue water and the big blue lagoon at the head of the Rainbow River and then simply drift back to the KP Hole Park avoiding all shuttling fees.

20750 River Drive Dunnellon, FL 34430



### Three Sisters Springs

The Three Sisters Springs Center manages land access to Three Sisters Springs, a unit of the Crystal River National Wildlife Refuge. We offer shuttle service, walk-in, and bicycle-in access to the refuge.

917 Three Sisters Springs Trail

Crystal River, FL 34429





### Blue Run of Dunnellon Park

19680 E Pennsylvania Ave

30 locals recommend

Whether you want to explore trails or adventure in water, Blue Run of Dunnellon Park is the place for you! With access to the Rainbow River, Blue Run offers exceptional waterfront recreation opportunities for both residents and visitors such as kayaking and paddle  
19680 E Pennsylvania Ave  
Dunnellon, FL 34432



### Devil's Millhopper Geological State Park

4732 Millhopper Rd

94 locals recommend

The 120 foot (40 m) deep, 500 foot (150 m) wide sinkhole got its name from its similar appearance to the hopper of a mill, along with the bones found at the bottom, suggesting animals entered it on the way to meeting the devil. The Millhopper was owned for a time by the science department at the University of Florida and used as a research site for the students. Its unique ecosystem made it an invaluable resource for study. However, the Millhopper was often used by students as a place to socialize and have parties, which led to problems with litter and erosion from foot traffic.[3]

The site was purchased by the state in 1974, and a set of 236 wooden steps, along with boardwalks and an observation deck at the bottom were completed in 1976 to allow access to the sink for visitors without further soil erosion.

The boardwalk was damaged by Hurricane Irma in September 2017, and closed to the public. The damaged boardwalk was replaced with a 132-step structure that ends higher in the sinkhole than the old one did. The path into the sinkhole reopened to the public on June 5, 2019  
4732 Millhopper Road  
Gainesville FL 32653



### Calluna Spa at The Equestrian Hotel

8510 NW 17th Lane

6 miles from our property.

Calluna Spa is a state-of-the-art 7,000-square-foot full-service salon and spa. Offering luxury salon services and luxurious body treatments with a team of elite providers, Calluna Spa in The Equestrian Hotel is Central Florida's go-to wellness destination.

Relax, restore and renew with treatments from our diverse menu featuring a variety of unique massage options, body wraps, facials, manicures, pedicures and hair services for men and women.

World Equestrian Center  
1750 NW 80th Ave  
Ocala FL 34482

## Food scene



### Ipanema Brazilian Steak House

2023 S Pine Ave

14 locals recommend

Ipanema Brazilian Steakhouse welcomes you to relish authentic Brazilian fare in a relaxed setting. Menu highlights include Texas de Brazil and Turtle Caramel Cheesecake.

2023 South Pine Avenue, Ocala, FL, United States, 33474



### Tony's Sushi

3405 SW College Rd

6 locals recommend

Tony's Sushi offers delicious dining and takeout to Ocala, FL.

Tony's Sushi is a cornerstone in the Ocala community and has been recognized for its outstanding Japanese cuisine, excellent service and friendly staff.

Our Japanese restaurant is known for its modern interpretation of classic dishes and its insistence on only using high quality fresh ingredients.

3405 SW College Rd

Ocala, FL 34474



### Olive Garden Italian Restaurant

The Olive Garden started as a unit of General Mills. The Olive Garden's first restaurant was opened on December 13, 1982, in Orlando, Florida. By 1989, there were 145 The Olive Garden restaurants, making it the fastest-growing units in the General Mills restaurant division. The Olive Garden restaurants were uniformly popular, and the chain's per-store sales soon matched former sister company Red Lobster. The company eventually became the largest chain of Italian-themed full-service restaurants in the United States.

3363 SW College Rd

Ocala, FL 34474





### Reeser Str. 106, 46446 Emmerich am Rhein, Germany

Offering authentic Italian cuisine passed down from our founders' family recipes, Carrabba's uses only the best ingredients to prepare fresh and handmade dishes cooked to order in a lively exhibition kitchen. Featuring a wood-burning grill inspired by the many tastes of Italy, guests can enjoy signature dishes, including Chicken Bryan, Pollo Rosa Maria, Wood-Fire Grilled Steak and chops and classic Italian Pasta dishes in a welcoming, contemporary atmosphere  
2370 SW College Rd  
Ocala, FL 34471



### La Hacienda Restaurant and Supermarket

4185 Florida 40

According to the guests' reviews, Mexican dishes here are quite good and the menu is well-organized. The unique characteristic of this restaurant is serving nicely cooked steak tacos, omelettes and corn tortillas. That's a good idea to order tasty flans and good pan dulce. According to the visitors' opinions, waiters serve delicious mexican beer, wine or margaritas. When visiting La Hacienda, it's a must to try great americano, horchata or lemonade.

The cosy atmosphere of this place makes guests feel relaxed and have a nice time. The patient staff works hard, stays positive and makes this place great. The cool service is a big advantage of this spot. Prices are found low here. This restaurant boasts numerous people who come to enjoy the cute decor.

Mexican

4185 W Highway 40

Ocala, FL 34482



### Amrit Palace

3415 SW College Rd

8 locals recommend

Amrit palace brings you the finest Indian food since 1972. We used our speacialized cooking experince to open our first north indian cusine and had been an ace since 1981. Amrit palace has specialize to clench over 30years of cooking experience to bring you the finest Indian food in Florida. We make values with our vision towards culture which explores all the India. Intent to Satisfy Customer, Alongside most distinguished and eminent experience is our top priority and the beeline towards clinching the target."No matter what you choose to order, the experience you take will be of a life time."

3415 SW College Rd

Ocala, FL 34474



### Harry's Seafood,Bar & Grille

24 SE 1st Ave

44 locals recommend

Harry's Seafood Bar & Grille is best known for its appetizing seafood preparations. Menu specials include Harry's Signature Crab Cakes and Blackened Shrimp salad.

24 SE 1st Ave

Ocala, FL 34471



### Mark's Prime Steakhouse

30 S Magnolia Ave

23 locals recommend

Mark's Prime Steakhouse, known for its wonderful steaks serves Ocala with pride. Each of its steaks, cooked according to the diner's preferences is a delicacy in itself. Try the Delmonico, Beef Tartare or the Filet Mignon, to experience the fine flavors for yourself. A classy and high-end location, it is frequented by locals who are in the mood for some quality meals. The private room can be hired for casual parties or business meetings depending on the occasion. Open from Monday to Saturday, Sundays are reserved for private parties. Mark's Prime Steakhouse is a good find for those who wish to have a pleasant dinner in great surroundings

30 S Magnolia Ave

Ocala, FL 34471



### Ivy on the Square

53 S Magnolia Ave

27 locals recommend

Southern home cooking: Krispy chicken, beef and fish specialty dishes. Homemade desserts and gift shop

53 S Magnolia Ave

Ocala, FL 34471





## La Cuisine Restaurant

48 SW 1st Ave

18 locals recommend

Located in the heart of beautiful downtown Ocala, La Cuisine offers an authentic selection of bistro dishes drawn from the various regions of France.

Our award-winning menu focuses on unprocessed ingredients. We use local, grass-fed, antibiotic free meat and poultry when available.

Everything you taste at La Cuisine is homemade and well portioned as if you were invited to our grandmother's table.

48 SW 1st Ave

Ocala, FL 34471



## Lakis Restaurant

If you're Greek and Italian cuisine lover, come here. You will enjoy its food, especially tasty spanakopita, greek pizza and greek salads. Try good baklava and perfectly cooked cheesecakes to form your opinion about this restaurant. A lot of visitors order delicious wine. You will be offered great coffee.

Lakis Greek Restaurant is famous for its great service and friendly staff, that is always ready to help you. Delicious meals at democratic prices are provided here. You will appreciate the spectacular decor and homey atmosphere of this place.

3405 SW College Rd

Ocala, FL 34474



## Ocean Buffet

3425 SW College Rd

Seafood

3425 SW College Rd

Ocala, FL 34474



### Mimi's Cafe

Mimi's is a beloved neighborhood cafe known for indulgent breakfast and brunch with signature "Mimi-mosas" and seasonal muffins, French-American "Le Duet" lunch combos and dinners like "Steak Frites" with thin hand-cut Russet potatoes and Grilled Atlantic Salmon. House wine from France is on offer for \$5 a glass and \$20 a bottle. For Birthday parties, Mimi's gives a free Birthday Cake to parties of 8 or more.

4414 SW College Rd  
Ocala, FL 34474

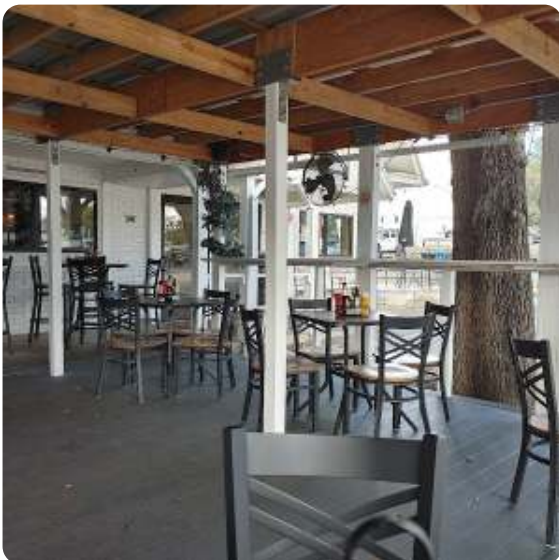


### Bonefish Grill

4701 SW College Rd

15 locals recommend

4701 SW College Rd  
Ocala, FL 34474



### Horse & Hounds Restaurant

6998 US-27

29 locals recommend

We are a casual dining, Family owned and operated restaurant with a menu that will astound you. We have an award winning Prime Rib, Fish and Chips, Sheppard's Pie; Pecan crusted Chicken or Fish and a large variety of everything in between. If you're looking for a place to sit back relax and enjoy you've found it! We have two great locations that are sure to amaze you. Our original location right in the heart of horse country at 6998 N US Hwy 27 was established in 1998. While our newest location at 4620 E Silver Springs Blvd was opened in August 2009. Both locations open daily at 11 am with daily lunch, dinner and drink specials as well as a Happy Hour.

6998 N US Highway 27  
Ocala, FL 34482





### China Lee Buffet

3933 E Silver Springs Blvd

At China Lee Buffet, a relaxed, casual eatery serving a wide variety of traditional Chinese, Japanese, and sushi favorites, we're dedicated to fresh, flavorful meals and fast, friendly service. We truly believe we're serving up the best, most delicious Asian dishes in Ocala, and nothing makes us happier than sharing them with you. Whether you're picking up an order to go or enjoying a hibachi meal in our warm, ornate dining space, we hope we're always able to provide a filling, flavorful feast.

3933 E Silver Springs Blvd

Ocala, FL 34470



### Ocala Downtown Diner

816 Southeast Magnolia Exd

Ocala Downtown Square is worth visiting before tasty meals at this restaurant. Tasty hamburgers, breakfast sandwiches and sweet fries might be what you need. Cooks at Ocala Downtown Diner do their best to provide visitors with good pancakes, biscuits and belgian waffles. Come here and order great iced coffee or delicious tea.

This place is famous for its great service and friendly staff, that is always ready to help you. You are to be pleasantly impressed with adequate prices at this spot. The cute decor and cool atmosphere let clients feel relaxed here.

816 S Magnolia Ave

Ocala, FL 34471



### Piesanos Stone Fired Pizza

Whether you need a quick lunch or a warm, friendly destination to gather with friends & family – there's a place called Piesanos. It's a place where we use the highest quality ingredients available, including Grande® premium mozzarella, ricotta & romano cheeses. We make our sauce & dough from scratch & all of our pizzas are baked in our unique Granite Stone Fired Pizza Oven. Come in and taste the difference!

8075 SW Highway 200

Ocala, FL 34481



### **Bob Evans**

3535 SW College Rd  
Ocala, FL 34474



### **PDQ Ocala**

OUR CHICKEN HAS HATCHED

Meet our new friend. Inspired by the lighthearted energy of our team members and our dedication to create chef-driven recipes – the chicken evolved into something that clearly encapsulates what we offer as a brand. It reflects our enthusiasm, dedication, and our belief in creating made from scratch food.

3410 SW College Rd  
Ocala, FL 34474



### **Red Lobster**

3393 SW College Rd  
Ocala, FL 34474





### Brick City Southern Kitchen & Whiskey Bar

10 S Magnolia Ave

22 locals recommend

Brick City Southern Kitchen & Whiskey Bar is a premier barbecue, southern cuisine, and whiskey bar destination in Central Florida. It is the seventh location from the MOJO BBQ entity in Jacksonville, FL.

10 S Magnolia Ave Ocala, FL 34471



### Chili's Grill & Bar

Chili's Grill & Bar is an American casual dining restaurant chain. The company was founded by Larry Lavine in Texas in early seventies.

11290 SW 93rd Court Rd

Ocala, FL 34481



### Applebee's Grill + Bar

Applebee's was established in 1980 is a restaurant chain. It offers a variety of dishes with American characteristics, like hamburgers, salads, pasta, chicken, etc. Also, riblets are regarded as signature dish of Applebee's. Meanwhile, all Applebee's restaurants have a bar area and provide legally permitted alcoholic beverages. People can enjoy the casual delicious foods and drinks at the same time. Applebee's is committed to becoming a “neighborhood” restaurant, which is different from other chain restaurants. Applebee's restaurants can not only decorate the restaurants according to local customs, but also customize your favorite foods according to local tastes. What makes people very warm is that Applebee's restaurants will also take part in some charity activities.

2615 SW 19th Avenue Rd, Ocala, FL 34474



### Cody's Original Roadhouse - Ocala, FL

8169 SW College Rd

You'll only need to look around Cody's to see why, "Original," is our middle name. You'll enter an era gone by, when things were simpler, more casual and definitely more relaxed. Tubs of roasted peanuts are available throughout for crackin n' snackin'. You'll enjoy Cody's Fresh, Hand-Cut, Flame Broiled, USDA Choice Steaks, Prime Rib, Slow-Cooked Rotisserie Chicken, Fall Off The Bone BBQ Baby Back Ribs, Fresh Fish, Half-Pound Burgers, Fajitas, Jumbo Chicken Wings and more.

Cody's Open For Lunch

All told, Cody's is a fun, casual, family friendly Roadhouse that serves Hand-Cut Steaks AND... "Just Plain Good Food®" Made From Scratch...DAILY!

8169 SW Highway 200

Ocala, FL 34481



### Beef 'O' Brady's

11100 SW 93rd Ct Rd

8 locals recommend

11100 SW 93rd Court Rd

Ocala, FL 34481



### The Crazy Cucumber 352 Eatery and Bar

Come enjoy our fully renovated dining room and outside patio. We have created a relaxed atmosphere with a warm modern industrial vibe. We didn't stop at the dining room

and patio either, now you can enjoy our new menu as well.

We have created a perfect place to grab lunch, have drinks with friends, enjoy dinner with the family, or plan your next date night!

4414 SW College Rd #1910, Ocala, FL 34474





### Southern Pig & Cattle

6105 SW State Rd 200

For over 40 Years, the Tomlinson and Nolan Families have been known for award winning BarBQ.

Their newest restaurant, The Southern Pig and Cattle Company brings you the comfortable Family Atmosphere.

Reminiscent of the days of the Cattle Ranchers where Char-Grilled Grade A Steaks, Premium Smoked Meats and Unbelievably Delicious Sides were the foods of choice.

Add our unmatched Endless Salad Bar and well, it just doesn't get much better than that!! So we invite you to join us and enjoy some good ol' Southern fare, one taste and you'll understand what Great Eatin' is all about!

6105 SW State Rd 200, Ocala, FL 34476



### District Bar and Kitchen

DBK is a one-of-a-kind venue overlooking historic downtown Ocala. Where service and quality are the priority and good times are guaranteed!

We have a lively, timeless atmosphere where one can truly feel a sense of community. A place you come to gather with family and friends while enjoying modern American cuisine and exceptional hand crafted cocktails.

Whether it's to watch your favorite sports teams, strike a business deal, or to socialize while listening to great music and savoring delicious food, we are here for you.

110 SW Broadway St, Ocala, FL 34471



### McAlister's Deli

Funding Universe). Having worked in the restaurant business in various capacities through the years — including a gig at a soda fountain as a teenager and later on helming different franchise operations after earning a degree in dentistry — Newcomb had always felt drawn to the food service industry. When an old gas station in town was converted into a 1950s diner for a movie set, Newcomb pounced on the opportunity to transform it into a real restaurant, naming it in honor of his wife's parents. The investment proved successful. Today, McAlister's Deli operates more than 500 locations across the country

3930 SW 42nd St

Ocala, FL 34474



## Elevation 89

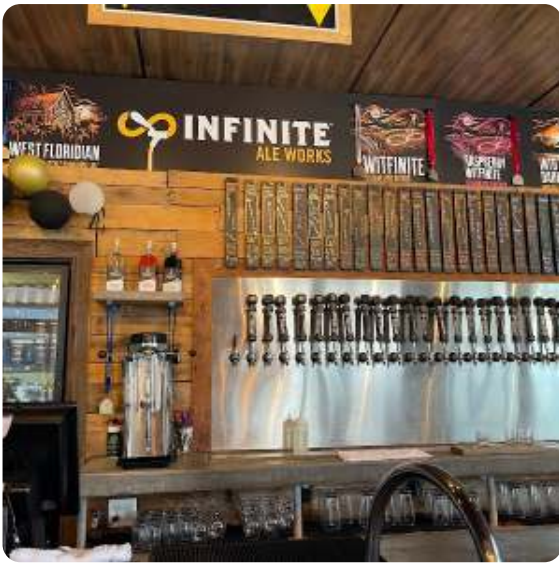
### MADE FROM THE HEART

Chef Jeremy puts his passion to work in the kitchen.

In 2019, he began working at County Line Smokehouse for the partnership group that opened The Anchor, The Pizza Joint and Elevation 89 at the Ocala Airport.

He's been executive chef at Elevation 89 since it opened in October 2021. Jeremy was given free rein to create the menu and is in his wheelhouse there.

1770 SW 60th Avenue | Suite 800 | Ocala, FL 34474



## Infinite Ale Works

304 S Magnolia Ave

18 locals recommend

Infinite Ale Works, Ocala/Marion County's linchpin craft brewery, started creating its own beer in 2015. Three years later, the Florida Beer Competition named the brewery's quadruple ale, West Floridian, the No. 1 beer in the state. The place is a must-stop for beer aficionados exploring our destination. Make sure to eat before as Infinite is all about the beer and does not serve food. Set in a brick building with a covered patio, the place emphasizes Belgian-inspired beers, with head brewer Craig Birkmaier's long list of creations joining a rotating selection of other crafts on tap. Infinite's brands are also available to take away in 64-ounce growlers.

304 S Magnolia Ave

Ocala, FL 34471



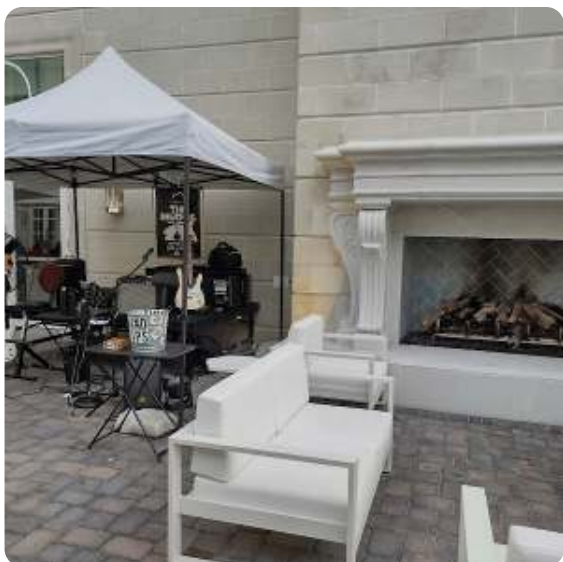
## Emma's Patisserie

A blissful, freshly baked array of authentic French macarons and European-inspired pastries are served within an ambiance of old-world elegance at this very special shop located within the Equestrian Hotel at the World Equestrian Center.

Hours of Operation: 6:30am – 8pm

World Equestrian Center-8510 NW 17th Lane Ocala, Florida 34482





### Yellow Pony Pub and Garden

Enjoy an Equestrian Center dining experience like none other. We offer everything from luxury dining to field concessions and on-site catering options. Our largest restaurant is located in The Equestrian Hotel, with seven additional restaurants throughout the property.

#### THE YELLOW PONY

Boasting an outdoor patio and fireplace, this lobby gastro lounge offers shareable starters, pub fare, traditional draft beers, bourbons and whiskeys.

Hours of Operation: 4 pm-11pm

World EquestrianCenter-8510 NW 17th Lane Ocala, Florida 34482



### Viola & Dot's Italian Kitchen & Pizzeria

Design your own salad or pasta masterpiece with an assortment of delicious meats and toppings. Viola & Dot's features pizzas and calzones crafted with homemade dough, classic Italian entrees and decadent sweet desserts.

World Equestrian Center

8235 NW 17th Place, Ocala, FL 34482

Hours of Operation Daily, 11am-9pm



### Stirrups Restaurant

Prime steaks and chops, sustainable Florida seafood and southern inspired seasonal specialties, served in a refined dining room and terrace overlooking the Grand Outdoor Arena.

#### Hours of Operation

Breakfast: Monday-Friday 6:30am-11am

Brunch: Saturday -Sunday 6:30am-1pm

Dinner: Sunday-Thursday 5pm-9pm | Friday-Saturday 5pm-10pm

World Equestrian Center

8510 NW 17th Lane Ocala, Florida 34482



### Filo's Mexican Cantina

Filo's is located at the World Equestrian Center near The Equestrian Hotel.

Traditional Mexican flavors coupled with custom-made convenience make Filo's the perfect spot for all-day dining, including breakfast. Filo's serves up street tacos, burritos, quesadillas and much more in a vibrant dining room and open-air patio.

World Equestrian Center

8527 NW 17th Ln Ocala, Florida 34482



### Miss Tilly's Lollipops

Indulging is strongly encouraged at this unique sweet shop where specialty ice cream flavors and homemade fudge are the stars. With an array of chocolates, confections and coffees, Miss Tilly's Lollipops is the perfect place for a tasty treat.

World Equestrian Center

8232 NW 17th Place Ocala, Florida 34482



### Gator's Dockside Ocala

3920 SW 42nd St

What is FAN FUEL? It's walking through the doors at Gator's Dockside, feeling the energy, hearing the crowd murmur, the cheers, and then getting a whiff of those award-winning wings, those succulent ribs and ... oh, shoot, this is making me hungry. Just come to Gator's Dockside already, THIS IS FAN FUEL! 3920 SW 42nd St, Ste 101 Ocala, FL 34474





### Stumpknockers Restaurant

13821 SW State Rd 200

37 locals recommend

Stumpknockers Restaurant is a charming casual eatery located in Dunnellon, Florida, tucked away on the river. With a focus on American fare, particularly seafood, this restaurant offers a delightful dining experience for all. The homey deck and boat tours allow guests to enjoy beautiful surroundings while indulging in delicious food.

13821 SW Hwy 200

Dunnellon, FL 34432



### Swampy's Bar & Grille

19773 E Pennsylvania Ave

82 locals recommend

Swampy's Bar & Grille in Dunnellon, Florida! Looking over the beautiful Rainbow River from our restaurant deck, you can enjoy and understand the inspiration.

19773 E Pennsylvania Ave, Dunnellon, FL 34432



### Blue Gator Tiki Bar & Restaurant

he Blue Gator offers great food, ice cold beer, and a relaxing tiki bar atmosphere. Enjoy awesome grouper sandwiches and baskets, tasty burgers, phillies, chicken sandwiches, steamed & fried shrimp, scallops, oysters and lots of appetizers.

This beach-themed bar and restaurant on the Withlacoochee River in Dunnellon is pup friendly to leashed dogs and offers over a dozen outdoor dining tables.

12189 S Williams St

Dunnellon, FL 34432



### **Big Hammock Brewery & Bites**

103 SE 1st Ave

17 locals recommend

BHB is a brewpub located in Ocala's beautiful downtown. Our menu ranges from Ramen bowls and Bao Bun

103 SE 1st Ave Ocala, FL 34471



### **Dragon Flower Winery**

11025 SE Hwy 42

10 locals recommend

Dragon Flower Winery produces handcrafted wines for every occasion. Each wine is created over time developing smooth structure and individual character. The winery is open Friday-Sunday and in the cooler months, often has live music on Saturdays!

Wines available are all made in house and include a range of reds, wines and rose. The family ferments the wines with fresh ingredients sourced from their own boutique vineyard, other parts of Florida, California, and imported Hibiscus flowers (Dragon flowers) from Africa. Ingredients like honey, strawberries, blueberries and more are used!

11025 SE Highway 42

Summerfield, FL 34491