

## CENTRAL FLORIDA HISTORICAL TRAILS

Central Florida has a system of trails throughout its many historic communities. For each, there is a detailed hike plan with a map and a description of each included historic site. Completion of a trail by foot, bike, or canoe entitles the hiker to purchase an embroidered patch with a picture of something related to that community. The series of 151 trails consists of:

<b>Alachua County</b>	<b>Miles</b>	Plant City	7.8
Alachua	5.4	Port Tampa	10.0
Archer	8.2	Ruskin	8.0
Bellamy Road	11.3	Tampa Heights	7.0
Campville-Windsor	16.8	Temple Terrace	5.1
Cross Creek-Island Grove	11.2	West Tampa	11.0
Gainesville	9.0	Ybor City	6.7
Hawthorne	3.7	<b>Indian River County</b>	<b>Miles</b>
High Springs	4.1	Fellsmere	4.2
La Crosse-Santa Fe	7.8	Sebastian	6.2
Micanopy	10.3	Vero Beach	5.9
Newberry	3.1	<b>Lake County</b>	<b>Miles</b>
Rochelle	9.6	Altoona	7.7
University of Florida	6.0	Astor	9.8
Waldo	3.1	Clermont	8.7
<b>Brevard County</b>	<b>Miles</b>	Eustis	9.2
Cape Canaveral-Cocoa Beach	9.9	Fruitland Park	8.9
Cocoa -Rockledge	8.0	Groveland-Mascotte	9.5
Crane Creek	8.9	Lady Lake	5.1
Eau Gallie	4.8	Leesburg	10.0
Melbourne Beach	9.0	Minneola	7.0
Melbourne Village	10.9	Montverde	7.1
Palm Bay	9.4	Mount Dora	9.7
Titusville	6.7	Paisley	13.5
<b>Citrus County</b>	<b>Miles</b>	Tavares	4.4
Crystal River	9.0	<b>Levy County</b>	<b>Miles</b>
Floral City	7.3	Cedar Key	5.8
Homosassa	5.6	Northern Ley County	10.0
Inverness	9.4	Yankeetown	9.1
<b>Flagler County</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Marion County</b>	<b>Miles</b>
Bunnell	2.8	Bellevue	6.7
Korona	20.0	Dunnellon	7.7
<b>Gilchrist County</b>	<b>Miles</b>	Fort McCoy	6.0
Trenton	2.8	McIntosh	5.7
<b>Hernando County</b>	<b>Miles</b>	Ocala	9.0
Brooksville	7.0	Reddick	4.2
<b>Hillsborough County</b>	<b>Miles</b>	<b>Orange County</b>	<b>Miles</b>
Citrus Park	10.1	Apopka	8.2
Davis Islands-Hyde Park	12.5	Christmas	7.2
Downtown Tampa	6.3	Eatonville	5.0

Goldenrod	8.9		
Lake Apopka (bike)	56.5		
Maitland	9.1		
Oakland	11.1		
Ocoee	7.4		
Orlando Lake Cherokee	6.0		
Orlando Lake Eola	6.7		
Orlando Lake Lucerne	4.6		
Orlando West Side	4.4		
Pine Castle	13.3		
Plymouth	9.6		
Tangerine	9.0		
Windermere	10.0		
Winter Garden	10.1		
Winter Park	12.0		
Winter park (canoe)	12.0		
Zellwood	9.8		
<b>Osceola County</b>	<b>Miles</b>		
Kenansville	8.8		
Kissimmee	11.3		
St. Cloud	11.8		
<b>Pasco County</b>	<b>Miles</b>		
Dade City	9.0		
Elfers	7.9		
Hudson-Bayonet Point	9.0		
Lake Pasadena	7.7		
Land O'Lakes	7.5		
New Port Richey	8.7		
San Antonio-St. Joseph	11.3		
Trilacoochee	6.9		
Zephyrhills	7.8		
<b>Pinellas County</b>	<b>Miles</b>		
Anona	10.2		
Clearwater	10.1		
Dunedin	10.6		
Gulfport	9.9		
Indian Rocks Beach	7.8		
Lake Maggiore	11.0		
Largo	6.4		
Oldsmar	7.3		
Pasadena	10.4		
Pass-A-Grille	6.5		
Pinellas Point	9.5		
Safety Harbor	9.5		
St. Petersburg	9.5		
Tarpon Springs	12.9		
		<b>Polk County</b>	<b>Miles</b>
		Auburndale	4.1
		Babson Park	5.7
		Bartow	8.3
		Fort Meade	6.8
		Frostproof	4.7
		Haines City	7.2
		Lake Hollingsworth	5.6
		Lake of the Hills	9.4
		Lake Wales	11.9
		Lakeland	9.8
		Winter Haven	9.0
		<b>Putnam County</b>	<b>Miles</b>
		Crescent City	8.0
		Interlachen	6.0
		Melrose	4.5
		Palatka	10.5
		Welaka	5.1
		<b>Seminole County</b>	<b>Miles</b>
		Altamonte Springs	11.3
		Forest City	10.9
		Geneva-Chuluota	9.9
		Lake Mary	9.7
		Longwood	7.8
		Oviedo	12.1
		Sanford	10.1
		Winter Springs	19.4
		<b>Sumter County</b>	<b>Miles</b>
		Bushnell	5.8
		<b>Volusia County</b>	<b>Miles</b>
		Barberville	10.3
		Daytona Beach	12.0
		DeBary	10.9
		DeLand	11.7
		Deleon Springs	11.1
		Enterprise	9.8
		Lake Helen-Cassadaga	9.5
		New Smyrna Beach	9.6
		Oak Hill	6.4
		Orange City	15.6
		Ormond Beach	7.4
		Pierson	9.1
		Port Orange-Ponce Inlet	11.0
		Seville	10.8
		Tomoka	13.1

## Hike Plans

Although the trails are not sponsored by any scouting organization, their most frequent users are Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. For information about the trails, contact their sponsor:

Steve Rajtar  
1614 Bimini Drive  
Orlando, FL 32806  
[rajtar@aol.com](mailto:rajtar@aol.com)

Copies of the hike plans are free. To obtain your own copy of any hike plan, simply go to <http://www.geocities.com/yosemite/rapids/8428> and click on "Free Hike Plans for Florida Trails" and select the ones you want. Follow the instructions to print the plans. If you cannot access the hike plans via the Internet, they will be mailed to you for a nominal charge for copying/mailing.

## Patches

Each patch is a three-inch square and had between five and seven colors. Full color (of some) and full-size (of all) pictures of the patches can be seen on the website referenced above. Each patch costs \$4.00, which includes postage, handling, and applicable sales tax. They can be ordered by sending a check to the address listed above.

Initially stocking all patch designs is extremely expensive, so this is being done gradually as patches are sold. If you order patches which are not in stock, your money will be deposited and you will be notified that you have been put on a waiting list. When fifty patches of any design have been sold, another design (the one with the longest waiting list) will be ordered and patches will be sent to everyone on the waiting list for that trail.

For example, if your group hikes the Kenansville trail and orders 25 patches, you will get a letter letting you know you're on the waiting list. When 25 more patches sell (from Christmas, Dunedin, or any combination of any trails), the Kenansville patches will be ordered and yours will be sent to you within about six to eight weeks.

If you ever get tired of being on the waiting list, just ask for your money back and it will be promptly refunded.

### Trail Rules

1. All trails (except one which must be canoed) may be walked, biked, or roller skated, although the ground and dirt roads may make progress for wheels difficult in some areas. All trails are on roads, sidewalks, woods trails, or other public property, and some cannot be reached by car. Driving a trail in a car does not qualify one for a patch.
2. Since you are out in public view, please dress and act appropriately. It is not necessary to wear any type of uniform while on the trails.
3. Not all of the trails have frequent access to bathrooms, water and food, so plan accordingly.
4. There are museums and other sites open for organized tours or individual visits. Some charge admission fees. To qualify for a patch, you do not need to enter any building, but touring as many as possible is strongly recommended.
5. You do not need to register with anyone in advance, nor answer any questions. You do need to travel the entire length of the trail, stop at the sites indicated, and read the explanations printed in the hike plan.
6. You do not need to complete a trail in one day. Especially for younger children, you may wish to break some of the longer trails into segments to be hiked on two or more days. In that event, qualification for the patch would require completion of all segments.
7. When the trail has been completed, the group leader should send a request for patches with payment in the form of a check payable to Steve Rajtar. The group leader's request constitutes confirmation that the patches will be distributed only to individuals who have completed the trail.
8. You hike the trails at your own risk. You alone are responsible for your safety and well being.

## **FLORIDA HISTORICAL TRAILS ASSOCIATION**

The Florida Historic Trails Association (FHTA) was founded in 1970 to develop and sponsor historic hiking trails for Scouting and other civic youth groups. The FHTA has information on the following trails available:



**Fort Clinch Historic Trail** is a 16 mile hike visiting historic Fernandina and Fort Clinch State Park.



**Fort Clinch Environmental/Nature Trail** is a 6 mile hike through a variety of ecological habitats.



**Osceola-Olustee Historic Trail** offers a 22.4 mile and/or a 10.8 mile hike visiting the Osceola-Olustee Battlefield Monument.



**St. Augustine Historic Trail** is an 8 mile hike visiting all major sites in historic St. Augustine.

**Ft. Matanzas Historic Trail** is a 2 mile hike including a boat trip to Ft. Matanzas at the National Monument and a nature hike.

**Ft. Caroline Historic Trail**  
**Ft. George Historic Trail**  
**Tampa Historic Trail**

For information on any of these trails, write or phone the FHTA at the following address or phone number:

Florida Historic Trails Association  
Milledge Murphey, Ph.D., Chairman  
1815 NW 7<sup>th</sup> Place  
Gainesville, FL 32603  
(904) 373 - 9234

## OTHER FLORIDA HISTORICAL TRAILS

### **Andrew Jackson Historic Trail**

#### **Pensacola Historic Trail**

#### **Pensacola N.A.S. Historical Trail**

John Steiger, 8100 Monticello Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514

(850)477-0122

### **Egmont Key Historic Trail**

Bruce W. Dietch, Troop 27, 4120 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue W., Bradenton, FL 34205

(941)746-2053

### **Florida National Scenic Trail**

Florida Trail Association, Inc., P.O. Box 13708, Gainesville, FL 32604

(800)343-1882

<http://www.florida-trail.org>

### **Florida Trailwalker Program**

Director, Division of Forestry, 3125 Conner Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-9904

### **Fort Pickens Historical Trail**

Michael M. Sams, Troop 3, Cokesbury United Methodist Church, 5725 N 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Pensacola, FL

32504 (850)477-0852

### **Historic Melbourne Trail**

Troop 323 c/o Amy M. Pierce, 440 Finch Drive, Satellite Beach, FL 32937-3704

### **La-No-Che Trails**

Central Florida Council, BSA, 1951 South Orange Blossom Trail, Suite 102, Apopka, FL 32703

(407)889-4403

### **Loxahatchee Run**

#### **Mike Machek Trail**

Tanah Keeta Scout Reservation, Boy Scout Rd., Tequesta, FL 33469

(561)746-8749 or (305)364-0020

### **Old Cutler Trail**

10 Commandments Trail

South Florida Council, BSA, 15255 NW 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Miami Lakes, FL 33016

(305)364-0020

### **Orlando Historic Trail**

Corb Sarchet, 132 Waverly Place, Orlando, FL 32806

(407)648-9636