

An underwater photograph showing several divers in a clear, blue-green spring. In the foreground, a diver in a black wetsuit with white speckles is seen from behind, swimming upwards. To the right, another diver is visible, and further back, a third diver is seen. The bottom of the spring is covered in green algae and rocks. A pink banner is at the top.

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VISITOR GUIDE



WELCOME

The Sunshine State calls, and there is no better place to explore than Lake City, Florida's Springlands. The gateway to Florida is overflowing with natural beauty, cultural treasures, and exciting events. Visit Lake City and discover everything Florida's Springlands has to offer.

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Below the Surface of the
Ichetucknee Springs

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Ichetucknee Springs
Head Spring



ABOUT FLORIDA'S SPRINGLANDS

Lake City, commonly referred to as the “Springs Capital of the United States,” is located between Jacksonville and Tallahassee and is bisected by Interstate 75. Lake City welcomes travelers from around the world year-round and is the perfect spot for road-weary travelers to stop, relax, and breathe in the sweet southern air.



ABOUT FLORIDA'S SPRINGLANDS

Lake City's Natural Springs & Water Bodies

The most striking feature of Lake City is the abundance of natural freshwater springs and crystalline spring-fed pools. Florida is underlain by a massive aquifer system where rivers of water pass through limestone below the surface. The limestone-filtered water collects into surface ponds and streams, forming a playground for swimmers, fishermen, and nature lovers. From **Ichetucknee Springs** to dozens of others, the springs of Lake City are indeed **the crown jewel** of Florida's Springlands.

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Outdoor Activities & Recreation

Lake City has more than just water sports to offer nature lovers. Lake City includes about half of the **Osceola National Forest**, a sprawling 200,000-acre cypress swamp and pineland preserve. The National Forest provides campsites at Ocean Pond Campground on the shores of Ocean Pond, as well as trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding. Throughout the rest of the county and surrounding area, **nine different state parks** dot the land at sites of natural and historical significance.

Culture & History

Sitting at a crossroads between the Gulf and Caribbean, the Deep South, and the Atlantic Coast, Lake City has soaked up an exciting mix of cultures over its colorful history. Visitors can take in the antebellum mansions and **civil war battlefields** around **Olustee**. Music lovers can visit a museum dedicated to the legendary 19th Century songwriter



Floating Down The Ichetucknee River

Lake City & the nearby surrounding area is home to nine different State Parks.

Stephen Foster, composer of American standards like 'Oh Susannah!' and 'Camptown Races.'

Events You Don't Want to Miss

Folks in Lake City love to have a good time, which means festivals, concerts, sporting events, and loads of other things to mark on your calendar. **Suwannee Hulaween** is an annual event that draws in the top bands such as String Cheese Incident, along with rock, electronic, hip-hop, and jam bands from across the country to a beautiful setting outside Live Oak. Other popular events include the **Florida Folk Festival** and the **Gateway City Craft Beer and Wine Festival**.

*There's no shortage of things to do in Lake City.
Visit Florida's Springlands and stay to experience all it has to offer.*



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Post, share, like, and tweet about your adventures in Florida's Springlands! Find out what other travelers are doing first hand while exploring our hidden gems.



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Snorkeling In The Springs



EXPLORE

There are so many things to explore in Lake City that folks passing through should stay for a day or two of big fun and outdoor adventures.

From crystal blue springs, scenic state parks, eclectic shops, and historic sites. Come discover some of natural Florida's hidden gems.



WATER FUN

The Crown Jewel of Lake City

The Ultimate Family Adventure at Ichetucknee Springs

We didn't know exactly what the day would bring as we checked in at Paddling Adventures at Ichetucknee Springs State Park in rural Fort White, Florida. But we knew we were in for one heck of an adventure that included lots of time in and on the water at one of the state's most iconic rivers. It was just my wife, our 15-year-old daughter, our 13-year-old son, and me.

We decided to rent paddleboards instead of canoes or kayaks at the behest of the teenagers. None of us had ever been stand-up paddleboarding before, but we were assured it wouldn't be too hard. All we had to do was balance and steer, and the gentle current would take us where we needed to go on this leg of our journey—a few hours downriver to the designated pickup spot.

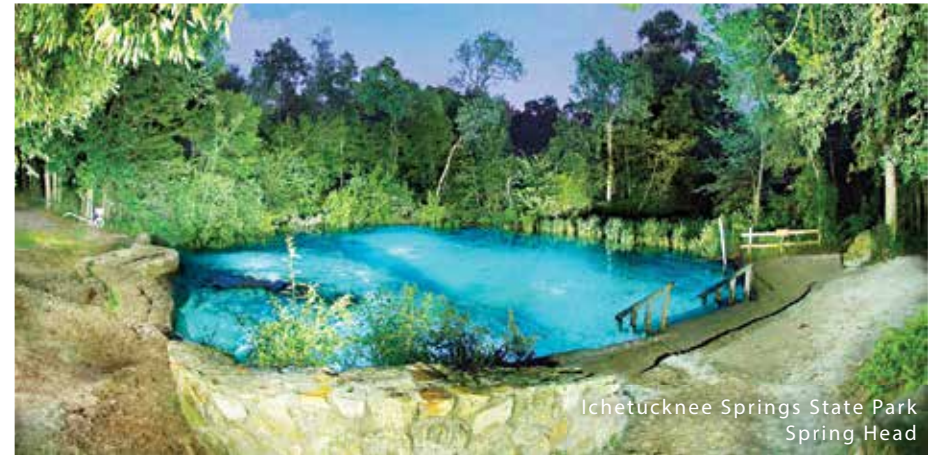


Setting Out

A bit shaky at first, we launched from the dock under big, sprawling oak trees. Within the first 10 minutes, we saw deer running along the bank through the woods. The crystal-clear water allowed us to see the radiant green hues of the grasses swaying in the current and lots of aquatic wildlife underneath us. Anhingas perched on downed trees, turtles sunned themselves on logs, and a hawk flew overhead. After a while, we spotted a group of enormous gray figures under the water. As we got closer, we saw a snout breaking the surface as one of the manatees took a loud breath. It was quite an experience, being so close and watching them from the vantage point of a paddleboard. I don't know who was giddier—the kids or us. There was so much to see along the teal-colored river, which was breathtaking.

Making A Connection

With each "Ooo, did you see that?" from my daughter and every "Look! Look!" from my son, my wife and I nodded and smiled. Together, we saw a turtle here, a school of mullet there, and an otter scratching its back against a tree on the bank.



Ichetucknee Springs State Park
Spring Head

At this point on our adventure, it dawned on me: We were connecting—to each other, to nature, to something other than an electronic device. For the first time, in I don't know when, we were all fully present at that moment. Together. We were noticing each other. Making memories that I am sure will last a lifetime.

I couldn't help but be proud of myself for finding a way to spend time together without distractions. It sounds simple, but it's not an easy task today, especially for a family with teenagers.

Once we saw the signs for the pickup spot, we paddled over to the dock and got out of the water. Soon, the Paddling Adventures shuttle was there to take us back to the park's main entrance, where we would finally get to peek under the surface of the shimmering blue springs.

Looking Beneath The Surface

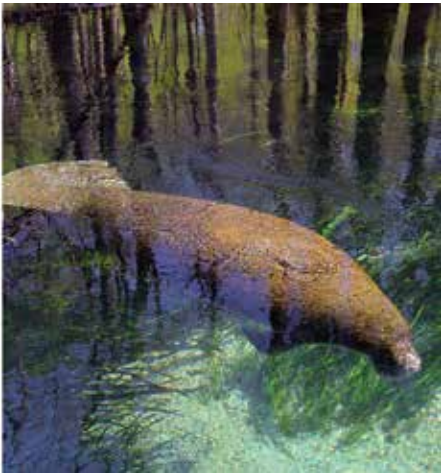
We walked the half-mile through cypress forest to Blue Hole Spring, so named because of the 40-foot-deep drop and cave popular with scuba divers in the spring's center, making the spring look like a geode. We couldn't see much until we dipped below the surface (a bit chilly at first, but we got used to it quickly), where we were met with a grass-covered floor and clear, blue water. We swam toward the middle above the spring vent, where the sun shining down over the opening created brilliant light rays, unlike anything I'd ever seen.

Towels wrapped around us, and we hurried back down the trail to the main spring, Ichetucknee. Its tree-lined, bright turquoise waters beckoned, and we explored the underwater landscape, which was different from Blue Hole Spring but equally beautiful. Here we found a variety of small- and medium-sized fish,



plants with vivid red and green leaves, and a mix of deep and shallow water with a rocky crevice on one side that we took turns diving down to see closer. There's something about being in a cool Florida spring that makes old guys like me feel like a kid again, especially when your kids are cheering you on.

It wasn't long before we all were famished, so we dried off once again, made a beeline for the picnic tables, and sat down for lunch together—eating, talking about our day, and taking silly photos. It was the kind of quality time experience families aim for while on vacation. We're definitely doing this again.



Some final tips

If you have time, you'll want to check out the park's other two trails: the Trestle Point Trail, a 30-minute walk that takes you along the edge of the water, and the Pine Ridge Trail, a two-mile loop that goes past open vistas and towering longleaf pines. Give yourself a little over an hour for that one.

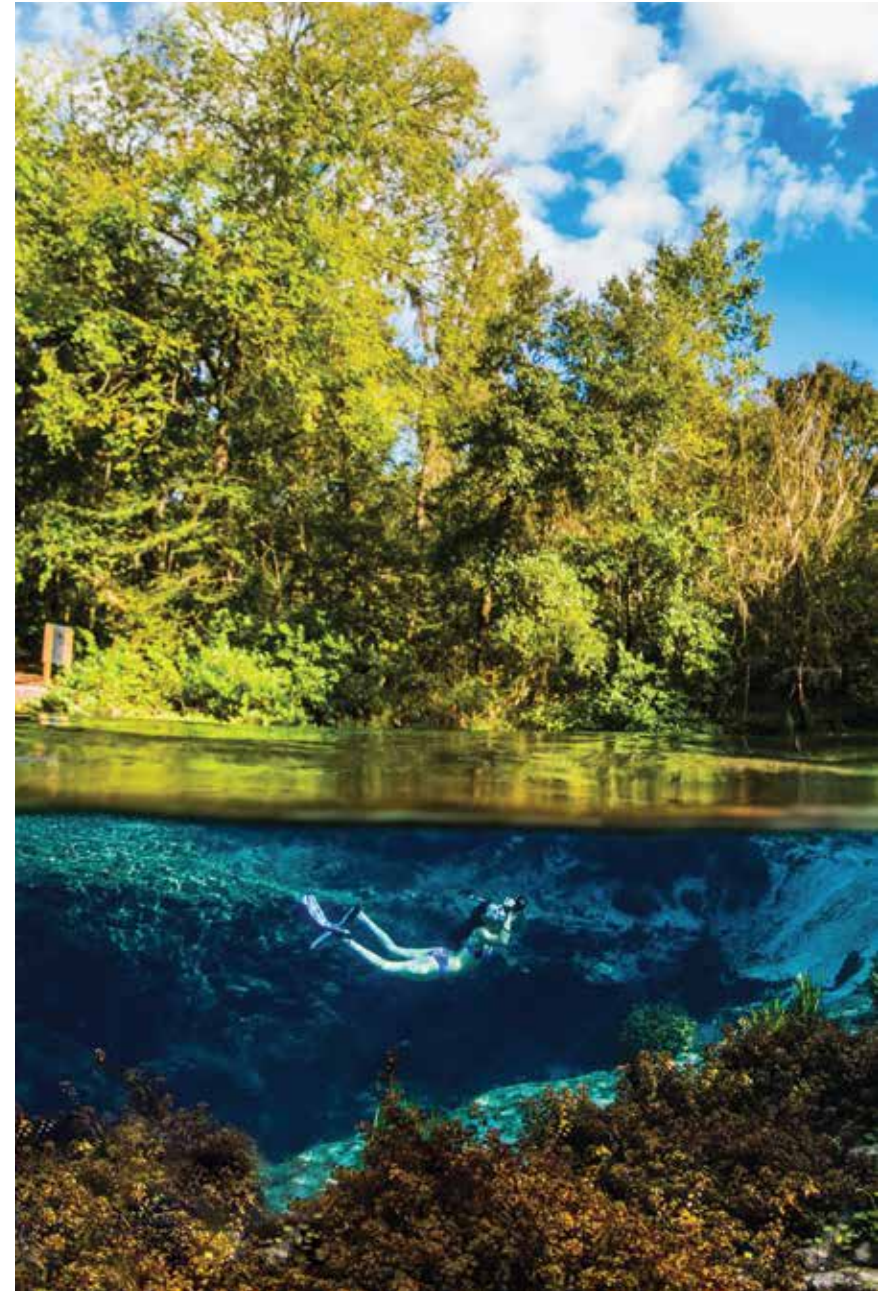
Paddling Adventures aren't just for daylight hours: hop onto a romantic Moon-Lit Paddle Trip, which begins at sunset as the full moon begins to illuminate the riverway.

If you want to do everything there is to do here at a leisurely pace, make this a multi-day trip. That's easy to do, thanks to several campgrounds near the river. The park is open all year long; winter is the best time to come if you want to avoid crowds (the springs remain a constant 72 degrees all year). Weekdays are also suitable for this reason.

However you decide to plan your Ichetucknee trip, it's guaranteed to be remarkable. Remember the essentials: towels, a picnic lunch (trust me, you will be hungry), reusable water bottles, snorkels, masks, and sun protection.

And leave the electronics in the car.

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SHOPPING & DOWNTOWN

The Sights & Sounds of Downtown

Spend a Weekend Exploring the Treasures of Lake City

By Amy West

It was the weekend of the big game and my husband, David, and I eagerly loaded up the car with all the supplies for a weekend full of revelry and fun with friends. Feeling restless, we set off early in pursuit of a little adventure, and perhaps a new story to tell.

We had heard tales of Lake City's treasure trove of history, natural wonders and possible hauntings and decided this was the weekend to discover for ourselves just what made the area so unique.

Breakfast at Alligator Lake

Catching my eye right away as a must-visit stop was **Ed-N-Barb's Cream Doughnuts**. Our senses were greeted with the warm aroma of fresh baked

doughy goodness as we walked through the doors of the little blue building. We ravenously stocked up on cinnamon fritters and their signature cream-filled creations and took our box on the road for a sweet breakfast picnic at our next stop, **Alligator Lake**.

The popular Alligator Lake was abuzz with the laughs of energetic children racing towards the shaded jungle gym. David and I smiled over our doughnuts as we watched visiting children climb, jump, swing and tumble through the playground. After making quick work of our breakfast, we made our way toward one of the parks many picturesque hiking and biking trails famously included in Florida's Great Birding Trail. The wide grassy path was easy to follow as it dove deep into the wetlands along the lake's shoreline. We spotted more than a few feathery fowl as we journeyed. Hawks, heron and ibis made themselves at home alongside turtles and other wildlife



Marion Street View in Downtown Lake City

native to the region. After working up an appetite, it was unanimously decided it was time to rustle up some lunch, but not before grabbing a selfie in front of a tribute to Chief Halpatter, one of the original settlers of Alligator City, now known as Lake City.

The Blanche

Built in 1902 by architect Frank Pierce Milburn, The Blanche has been a downtown landmark and central hub of hospitality for over 100 years. Will Brown, the original owner, named the hotel after his four-year-old daughter, Blanche. Commonly referred to as "the pride of Lake City," The Blanche has hosted plenty of famous guests, from Johnny Cash to Al Capone as they passed through the "gateway to Florida" on their travels. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places on January 18, 1990. Today, this historic hotel is

completely renovated, but still features some of the original fixtures that make it so unique.

Next, our stomachs led us to the **Marion Street Bistro and Brewhouse**, a locally independent gastro pub, for a late lunch. Exposed brick walls and stained glass gave it a warm ambiance and we felt immediately at ease in the causal setting. The menu boasted made-from-scratch hummus, crispy truffle fries, flatbreads, burgers and more. Famished from our adventures, we ordered a spread complete with fried pickles, the fire-and-smoke flatbread and the Blanche burger. My husband, a whiskey and bourbon fan, ordered a flight of several intriguing whiskeys to pair with our meal. The pickles were just what you would expect from the South—a salty brine with the balance of that crispy batter. The fire-and-smoke flatbread was an indulgent



Shopping in Downtown Lake City offers a wide variety of treasures to explore.

walls and display cases. **Southern Sisters Boutique**, and **Fred's Leather Shop** are other must visit places when planning your shopping trip in Downtown Lake City.

As we departed downtown, we noticed an 1870s era Victorian house on the street. Curious, we approached and discovered it was the **Lake City - Columbia County Historical Museum**. The interior had been renovated recently to preserve its vintage structure, and it included a variety of rooms recreated to the time period of their themes. The Formal Parlor is furnished as it would have been in the late 1800s. The most fascinating room to me was the Blue-Grey room, which houses artifacts from the American Civil War such as diaries, firearms, swords and books.

Lake City surprised us with its Old Florida landscape and small-town charm. David and I felt at home surrounded by friendly smiling faces and enjoyed diving into the history and lore of this culturally rich destination. We certainly wish we had more time to explore before heading out to meet our friends but we'll be back again soon to experience for ourselves more reasons to embrace this Florida gem.

To explore more in downtown or to plan the perfect shopping day, visit LakeCityFL.com

treat with house-smoked brisket, gooey melted cheddar and sweet caramelized onions. We finished by splitting the Blanche Burger with its half-pound of black Angus beef. We agreed to return after the game with friends for live music and all-day happy hour, hopeful to celebrate a game day victory at our new favorite foodie destination.

Utterly stuffed, we decided to walk around downtown some more before meeting up with our friends. As we neared the local shops, I remembered my best friend's birthday was just around the corner and promptly turned for a visit to the **Blue Goose Studio** in search for a one-of-a-kind gift. So many fun finds lined the walls and shelves making it nearly impossible to choose. I was smitten with the colorful selection of hand-painted shabby chic home goods and decor. Finally, I settled on a charming piece of local art and handmade soap that looked and smelled delicious. In addition to the Blue Goose Studio, there were so many other shops to visit, such as the **Gateway Art Gallery** with local artisans' creations lining the

PARKS

A World of Woods & Water

A Traveler Visits the State Parks of Lake City
By Gary McKechnie

Anyone who doesn't live in Florida may not understand that *there is more than one Florida*. Cosmopolitan Miami is vastly different than rural Minneola just as the bright white beaches of Cocoa and Clearwater are distinctly different than the cool, shaded springs found in Florida's Big Bend. It was this degree of diversity that first sparked my fascination with my native state. Many years later, I'm still on the road and still discovering new places. One place that led to many happy return visits is Lake City. For me, this is Florida, undisturbed. Unspoiled. Even better, its rivers and springs and forests add even more opportunities to experience Florida in its natural state.

Down A Lazy River

Having worked in and written about theme parks, it's refreshing for me to travel to Lake City where, I swear, there's not a single virtual reality ride. Instead the appeal is *reality*, pure and simple.

You'll see it in crystal clear oak-lined rivers that no theme park can replicate, and find it in the woods, waters and wildlife of some of Florida's finest state parks.

Among the very finest is **Ichetucknee Springs State Park** near the town of Fort White. This park has mesmerized me ever since I was a teenager because all you have to do is wade into the river, stretch out on a raft or inner tube, and then allow the current to transport you gently down the crystalline river for the next several hours.

In the peak summer season rangers reduce the impact on the river by limiting admission to the full 3.5-mile river run to 750 guests a day – a number often reached within the first half-hour. But even on those days and throughout the year, guests can enjoy a generous 60- to 90-minutes of the Ichetucknee experience by putting in at Midpoint or Dampiers Landing.



The fountain at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park

No matter how many times I visit this idyllic setting, I am transfixed by the speckled sunlight filtering through the canopy of oaks, by the slow motion wave of eel grass in the current, and seeing turtles and fish seemingly suspended in the glassy water. Only one other Florida river surpasses Ichetucknee's fame; a river that became a legend because a man was looking for just the right word...

A River Runs Through It

Steve was a pop musician working on a new song when his brother suggested he open the tune with a line about South Carolina's Pee Dee River. Steve rejected that and his brother's other suggestions until the two cracked open an atlas, scoured the map for rivers, and found the right one. The Suwannee. The year was 1851 and Stephen Foster was one of America's most prolific composers, his melodies becoming

synonymous with the American South. Recognized around the world, one of his loveliest songs (*"Beautiful Dreamer"*) was even performed and recorded by the Beatles a century after it was written. So influential was his work that in the 1950s the state created the **Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park** for which I am eternally grateful.

One of my favorite parks, I love it because when I'm here I am immersed in the beauty of Foster's compositions. I see it in vintage dioramas that are a kitsch, yet sincere, tribute to the vivid imagery of his lyrics, and I hear it in the soothing melodies that drift from the 97-bell campanile before sailing across the expansive lawn and disappearing into the piney woods.

Whenever I stroll through this peaceful place, it's like walking back in time; especially so at Crafters Square where quilters, blacksmiths, weavers and other artists keep the past alive with their handiwork, some of which is sold in the nearby general store. If you go (and you should), keep in mind a calendar of festivals and special events includes the famed Florida Folk Festival which has made its home here each May since the 1950s. If you can't pull yourself away, don't. The park has a campground as well as five rentable riverside cabins.

This trip *into* the past is a wonderful prelude to a park *with* a past...



O'Leno State Park

The Timeless Town

Not every ghost town was in the Old West. In the 1890s when the local railroad took a new route to Fort White, it took with it the commercial heartbeat of Leno. Gone were grist mills, saw mills, a hotel, and post office. Gone, too, was the name. Over time locals began to refer to the abandoned village as 'Old Leno', which, over time, was contracted to O'Leno.

If, like me, you have a passion for history, you'll have a passion for the place that would've been forgotten forever had it not been for Franklin Roosevelt and the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). With citizens ready to work their way out of the Great Depression, men from the CCC transformed the forgotten village into **O'Leno State Park**. Thanks to them, the land remains a sanctuary centered around the Santa Fe River.

I've found the soft lulling sound of the Santa Fe, especially where it spills over a small dam of rocks and boulders, to be especially soothing. Seen from the vantage point of the water (easy via canoes and kayaks) as you drift past the riverbanks you'll see folks fishing or resting or easing into the water for a swim. In an age when most of us are talking, texting, or easing into our emails, it's remarkable to see people engaged in a more natural use of time.

Speaking of time, it's impressive that something created in the 1930s enjoys such sustained popularity, but this park does. Nearly every single day, solo travelers, families, and large groups arrive to remind themselves of what nature has to offer. On overnight visits and extended stays they pitch tents in the campgrounds or stretch out in more than a dozen sleeper cabins. Bathhouses, a dining hall, recreation hall, basketball, volleyball and horseshoes are other reasons to make "Old Leno" a new destination.

Rapids Response

By now you may have guessed that the Suwannee River is a large presence in the north Florida, Lake City area. Until I visited **Big Shoals State Park**, I hadn't realized exactly how large.

This 400-acre park is known for a number of things including a towering bat house (which is a good thing since more bats = fewer mosquitoes), and it's also known for 28 miles of wooded trails that accommodate hikers on foot and people on horseback. But out of view of most visitors is the park's namesake, ie: the Big Shoals rapids.

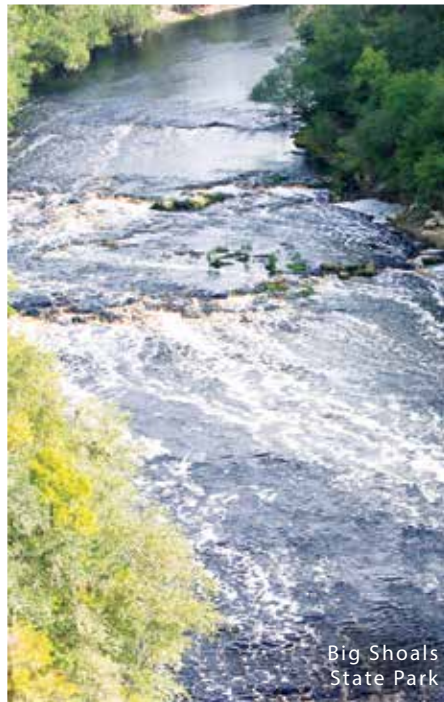
Reaching the rapids means hiking about a mile to the vantage point of the park's 80-foot high limestone bluffs. And that's only so you can *see* the rapids below. To actually get *into* the water, you'll

drive down a series of roads until, at the end of Road 6, you can park and then haul your kayak a half-mile down the Mossy Ravine Trail. Provided you're experienced at handling Class III whitewater, this is where you can dig into the fast-flowing water and tackle the fastest rapids in the state.

There's nothing else like them in Florida.

And there's nothing else in Florida like Lake City.

For a full listing of our area State Parks, visit LakeCityFL.com



HISTORY, ART & CULTURE

Discover the History, Art & Culture of Lake City, Florida

Discover the Art and Culture of Lake City, Florida. Beating the heat doesn't always mean taking a dip in the pool. During the summer months in Florida, Lake City's museums and cultural centers become hot spots (no pun intended) for locals and visitors to cool off and take in a history lesson. These cultural and interpretive centers provide great outlets to learn about the area. Get ready to get a dose of Old Florida, here is your art and culture guide to Lake City.

Ichetucknee Springs Education and Exhibit Center

Located in Fort White, **Ichetucknee Springs State Park** attracts visitors for its crystal-clear river, towering trees and a wealth of wildlife like deer, wild turkeys and raccoons. After hiking or canoeing the area, stop in at the park's Education and Exhibit Center, where an impressive display of pieces found in the springs shows the biology of urban growth, water usage and the impact they make on the river. There, you can walk through a

replica of a spring cave to understand the biology of how the water flows and forms underground caverns. Rocks and fossils unearthed by cave divers are part of the interpretive exhibit, and before wrapping up the day, you are advised to visit the movie theater to watch a film about the mysteries of the spring.

Lake City Historical Museum

Get a glimpse of what life and the area looked like in the 1870s at **Lake City Historical Museum**. Located in Lake City, this museum has a pristine collection of artifacts, and the staff will also dress up in period attire to breathe life into a house built in the 1800s. The house was previously owned by the Vinzant family, and much of the original furnishings are still in immaculate condition for you to admire. Guided tours are available at the museum, but it's suggested to make the appointment in advance instead of walking in, so the tour will be ready for you when you arrive. During the tour, a guide will walk



Oluṣṭee Battlefield

you through different rooms to see the genealogical research display and rare heirloom pieces left behind by the family. In addition to the family heirlooms, you'll browse through various of artifacts from Native Americans, Civil War, WWI, WWII and from early residents of Lake City. Monitor the museum's website to catch any upcoming scheduled events such as making candles and sewing garments.

Oluṣṭee Battlefield Interpretive Center

If you're familiar with Florida's history, then you've heard about the famous Battle of Oluṣṭee, where Union and Confederate soldiers fought in 1864. The battle resulted in the deaths of approximately 2,800 soldiers, mostly

from the Union side. As a result, the surviving Union soldiers were defeated and retreated to Jacksonville. Today, **Oluṣṭee Battlefield Interpretive Center** is the place to go to learn all about the ill-fated battle. The center displays artifacts left behind by the soldiers such as ammunition and revolvers. You are invited to watch a short video documentary to learn about the battle, what led up to it and how the soldiers conceded. If you're planning on being in Florida for the winter, it's advised to catch the historical re-enactments of the battle put on by devout history buffs wearing authentic uniforms. The re-enactment is held every February on president's day weekend, the same month the battle took place.

O'Leno State Park Interpretive Exhibits

Another fantastic destination to get your nature fix. But did you know you could visit its three interpretive exhibits, including a nature center, Civilian Conservation Corps Museum and Bellamy Road Interpretive Panels while exploring the park? If you're an animal lover, you'll especially love the nature center as it's filled with native animals of the park, including tortoises, deer and other year-round residents. The center has a built-in sanctuary to rehabilitate rescued animals before they are released back into the park. Civilian Conservation Corps is a work relief movement developed by late, former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, where inexperienced workers earned a living during the Great Depression. The entire Civilian Conservation Corps Museum will educate you and your group about the impact the movement made for families struggling during this era. Bellamy Road has its own center that highlights the road's history as the first major highway in Florida, which was built by slaves.



Ichetucknee Springs Education and Exhibit Center

A Journey To The Past.

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center

Stephen Foster is the well-known Florida lyricist who wrote many old hits like "Old Folks at Home." At **Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center**, an exhibit features the composer, crediting him for making the Suwanee River famous with a chronological display of his accomplishments in music. In addition, the colonial-style building houses old artifacts and hosts demonstrations for quilting, blacksmithing and glassmaking. The museum is in a nature park, so you can go hiking, cycling and canoeing before or after viewing the exhibit. Plan to stay awhile by booking a room in one of the park's five riverside cabins to make your stay in Old Florida a grand experience.

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Rum Island Spring
and Park



THINGS TO DO

No matter if you have a few hours or a few days to spend in Lake City there is plenty of affordable family fun! Here are some Things to Do to make the most of your visit.



THINGS TO DO

Crystal clear, cool freshwater springs, a Civil War battlefield and one of Florida's first tourist destinations all await you in Lake City.

If your family is seeking outdoor adventures and cultural experiences, Lake City offers all that and more—and many of them are free!

Short Stopovers

Falling Creek Falls, located only minutes north of I-10 Exit 301, provides families with a quick escape into nature. Park your car and stroll along a short trail into a forested area. You'll find a sturdy boardwalk leading to an observation point with views of the creek. As you continue along the path, the falls come into view. Stained by natural river tannins, the water looks like tea gushing over a limestone ledge. To hear the water crashing down into a rocky ravine amidst the lush landscape of native trees makes this a multisensory experience. Be sure to bring your camera to capture this tranquil scene. Exit the way you came

in or complete the 0.6-mile loop that returns to the parking area. Restrooms, picnic tables and a playground make this a perfect pit stop for families. Park hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily (8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in winter).

In White Springs, a town situated just across the Suwannee River from Lake City, visitors can see a piece of Florida history. Roughly a 10-minute drive east of I-75, the **White Sulphur Springs Springhouse** was one of Florida's original tourist destinations, popular at the turn of the 20th century. Based on a belief that the spring water had healing qualities— a legend that dates back to native tribes that inhabited the area before the arrival of Spanish explorers in the 16th century—many travelers came here hoping to cure their ailments. The Springhouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. If you visit, park at the springs and explore the Springhouse for free, or continue on to the entrance of the Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park, where you can pay for admission



to this popular attraction celebrating the composer of "Old Folks at Home" (the Suwannee River song) and other well-known folk tunes.

Full Days of Fun

Springs throughout the picturesque North Florida area draw families to Lake City. Swimming, snorkeling, canoeing and kayaking can help you beat the heat and get closer to Florida's natural beauty.

Rum Island Spring and Park, open yearround, offers access to the spring and the **Santa Fe River** for a small fee. The clear water and shallow, sandy areas are ideal for kids. Enjoy a picnic lunch, fish from the bluffs, or rent a kayak from **Rum 138** to paddle down the river. Weekdays and early morning hours are the best times to visit to avoid peak crowds.

Home to a 19th-century trading post and ferry, **Charles Springs** is a small, remote spring for wading or swimming; it also features a natural limestone bridge. Bring chairs to relax on the bank as you soak in the Florida sun.

Alligator Lake Recreation Area is known for its 12 miles of hiking and biking trails through 1,000 acres of green space and wetlands south of downtown Lake City. Spanish moss drapes live oak and cypress trees here, providing a canopy for your adventures. Elevated boardwalks offer a safe vantage point over swampy waters where you might spot an alligator or two.

If your family is with a large group visiting Alligator Lake, you all will especially enjoy the covered picnic pavilions, a large, shaded accessible playground and a sand volleyball court.



Use of the park is free and open to the public Tuesday through Sunday. The annual Alligator Lake Spring Fest in April is a free, family event featuring guided nature walks with birding and butterfly experts, plus other activities promoting the lake's wildlife and water resources.

Lake DeSoto welcomes locals and visitors alike to historic downtown Lake City. Pedestrian lanes around the perimeter of the lake make this a popular spot for walking and biking. You can cast a line in the lake if you are so inclined.



Alligator Lake

How often can you catch bass or bluegill in the heart of a city? Spread out a blanket for a picnic lunch, and you might see a family of ducks, turtles or other wildlife roaming about.

Just a few blocks away, **Lake City-Lake City Historical Museum** is where you can learn about the local history. Post-Civil War muskets found in Lake DeSoto and other eclectic artifacts are displayed in a two-story home. Volunteers, dressed in period costumes, sing, dance and share living history demonstrations here each February as part of the **Olustee Festival**, a free, two-day arts and crafts show in downtown Lake City. It coincides with an annual re-enactment of the Battle of Olustee, Florida's largest Civil War battle, which occurred Feb. 20, 1864. The re-enactment takes place at **Olustee Battlefield Historic State Park** on the very field where Confederate soldiers defended the invasion of Union troops in the woods of the **Osceola National Forest**.

Today, visitors come to the forest for the camping, hiking, horseback riding, and bird-watching trails nestled amongst the woodlands and swamps. Affordable camping rates are available at **Ocean Pond**, a natural 1,760-acre lake, or enjoy a day of recreational activities at **Olustee Beach** for only \$3 per vehicle. Swim, bring a kayak to paddle among the Cypress trees, or launch a boat for fishing or waterskiing.

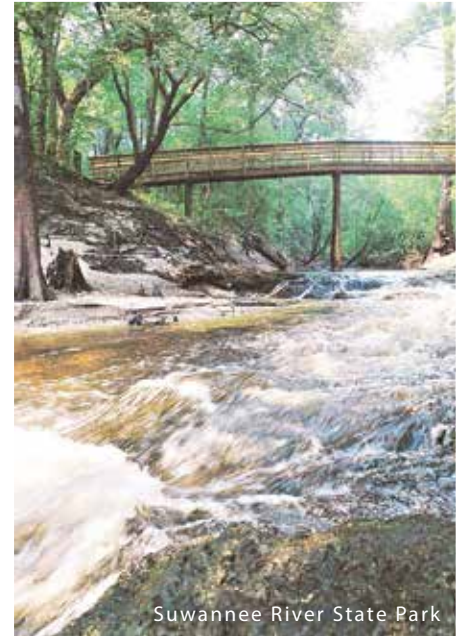
Weekend Festivals

Lake City knows how to celebrate. Two summer events in the area, **the Wellborn Blueberry Festival** and the Fourth of July, are as homegrown and family-friendly as they come. In early June, make the short drive west into Wellborn for a blueberry pancake breakfast followed by a parade, crafts, live music, car show, live animal show and unlimited blueberry treats.

For an Independence Day retreat, descend upon the **Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park** for the annual **Fourth of July Get Away**. Free fireworks shows are held on the evening of July Fourth in downtown Live Oak and in Lake City at the **Lake City Fairgrounds**. Bring your lawn chairs, let your children play on the inflatables and watch the magic unfold in the sky.

With so much to do, it's no wonder Lake City is known as Florida's Gateway. All roads lead to nature, history and memorable outdoor experiences for families, and it doesn't have to cost a fortune.

For more places to explore in Lake City visit LakeCityFL.com



Suwannee River State Park



Biking In Lake City



Concert Crowd at Spirit Of The
Suwannee Music Park & Campground



EVENTS

Folks in Lake City love to have a good time, and that means festivals, concerts, sporting events, and more. Bust out your calendar and get ready to fill it in with some of the top events to attend in Lake City and the surrounding area.





Southside Sports Complex



SPORTS

Lake City is your southeast sports destination. With so much, so close, our adult and youth sports facilities are certainly a game changer. Proximity to major interstates, numerous dining options, comfortable lodging, and family activities makes us ideal for your next sporting event.



SPORTS

Lake City

Located in the heart of natural north Florida, Lake City is Florida's friendliest sports town. This pristine part of Florida is a natural theme park for outdoors enthusiasts, festival goers, music lovers or those who simply want to spend a little time in a tranquil setting.

Our athletic facilities are located within two miles of 1,600 quality and moderately priced hotel rooms and an array of dining options. Additionally, there are numerous private campgrounds and state parks in the area with accommodations for campers and recreational vehicles.

Southside Sports Complex

The 146-acre Southside Sports Complex is the jewel of North Central Florida athletic facilities. The complex features thirty athletic fields with thirteen baseball fields, eight girls' softball fields, a four-field adult softball complex and five soccer fields. The facility also features central concession and restroom areas, 15 batting cages, MUSCO brand lighting, along with nearly 1,000 paved parking spaces. Another highlight at Southside is a well-maintained playground that is accessible to visitors year-round to enjoy. The Southside Sports Complex is also

home to the Southside RC Raceway. This expertly-designed off road track hosts remote controlled car races and allows spectators of the sport to catch all the action of these small, but incredibly fast cars as they jump, drift, and race their way to the finish line.



RC Raceway Racetrack

Facilities include a covered pavilion with work stations for racing competitors, restrooms, and parking. The Southside RC Raceway was honored to host the ROAR Fuel Nationals in 2018, attracting RC racing contestants from around the globe.

In Fort White, the South Columbia Sports Complex provides additional space for tournaments and events. The complex features baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, and a community center complex. Amenities such as lighting, concessions, and bathroom facilities are available and provide a quality user experience.

For more information about scheduling a tournament in Columbia County, call 386.719.1453 or visit SouthsideSportsComplex.com



Playground at Southside Sports Complex



Wedding at Halpatter Brewing Company
Holly Frazier Photography



WEDDINGS

He proposed, you said yes, and now you are looking for that special place to say, "I do!" Every bride wants their wedding day to be special, and we have that special venue for your perfect day.



WEDDINGS

Lake City and the surrounding area offers you everything you need to make your day a reflection of your personality and love.

Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park

If you have always dreamed of an old south wedding, perhaps Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park with a Southern Mansion in the background is your idea of perfect. Majestic oaks in all their glory make for perfectly stunning pictures. Perhaps you would enjoy the River Gazebo that overlooks the Suwannee River as your favorite site. Multiple locations are available for rent with in the park including two on-site reception facilities, a caterer's kitchen, amphitheater, covered pavilion, River Gazebo, azalea and camellia gardens and more. Lodging available.



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O'Leno State Park

Those seeking a wedding venue with a little more rustic atmosphere may want to consider O'Leno State Park. The Open-Air Pavilion, with a large cypress structure surrounded by oak, magnolia and more cypress trees offer a quaint setting for smaller ceremonies or low-key receptions. The regal log beams and rock fire places found in the park's Recreation Hall help to create an intimate setting for indoor ceremonies.

The Blanche

The Blanche has been a downtown landmark and central hub of hospitality for over 100 years. This historic hotel is completely renovated, but has unique features including original fixtures and floor tiles. From stunning wedding photos on the majestic grand staircase to a charming outdoor space where you can hold your reception under the stars, the possibilities are endless at The Blanche.

Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park

The Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park offers the Grand Hall, the Chapel on the Lake or perhaps you want to go barefoot on the sandy beach of the Suwannee River. This park offers on-site planning assistance, multiple settings and amenities. Lodging and catering available on-site.



The Blanche
June Rose Photography



Casa Isabel

Established in 2016, Casa Isabel is located just 5 minutes from historic downtown Lake City and just minutes from I-75. This stately venue has everything, including a reception hall, grand staircase, and bridal suite. When looking to host your next reception, wedding, party, or photo shoot, Casa Isabel stands out from the rest.

Halpatter Brewing Co.

Halpatter, Lake City's first craft brewery, is so much more than just a brew house. Located in downtown Lake City, the charm and atmosphere created by the architecture and décor are simply one of a kind. Their event ball room makes a perfect location for an intimate wedding or a lively reception. You can also take advantage of the space by enjoying their beer garden, tap room, and more.

For more information on wedding venues visit LakeCityFL.com

The Bridal Fountain at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park.





DINING

Lake City boasts an eclectic mix of southern-style restaurants, international cuisine, and America's favorites to suit every palate. Whether you're looking for a diner with an at-home feel or a trendy restaurant, Lake City has it all, including craft breweries.



DINING

Eat and Drink with the Locals

As Florida's Gateway, Lake City is a welcoming destination for visitors. One of the best ways to experience the area is through its delicious culinary scene. From homemade lasagna to fresh seafood, Lake City offers the best of it all. With so many restaurants, where do you start? Here are the places locals say are the best restaurants to eat and drink in Florida's Gateway.

Marion Street Bistro and Brewhouse

Any foodie adventure in Lake City must include a visit to historic downtown Lake City, and **Marion Street Bistro and Brewhouse** is a great place to begin. Exposed brick walls and a pressed tin ceiling create a warm and inviting ambience, and the menu of upscale pub favorites with a Florida twist is sure to satisfy any cravings. You can enjoy sandwiches, burgers and salads for lunch and feast on steaks, flatbreads and seafood entrees at dinner. Locals love the house-smoked wings, which are slowly smoked until they're crisp on the outside and tender on the inside. Marion

Street Bistro and Brewhouse uses locally sourced ingredients, including fresh and sustainable seafood, organic chicken and grass-fed beef. It also grows many herbs in-house.

For drinks, check out the blackboard by the main bar for a rotating selection of unique craft beers. For handcrafted cocktails, slide into a seat at its Prohibition-era speakeasy bar. Marion Street Bistro and Brewhouse has happy hour from 4-6 p.m. daily, and enjoy live music Thursday through Saturday, plus



an open mic night on Wednesdays.

Frankie's Place

Delicious pizza and authentic dishes made from scratch are why locals say Frankie's Place in Lake City has some of the best Italian food in north Florida. The menu includes everything, from fried calamari and mussels marinara to homemade lasagna, chicken Marsala and veal parmigiana. Create your own pizza with a variety of toppings or select one of the gourmet pies. Frankie's Place only uses authentic Italian cheeses that are made from fresh, all-natural ingredients. There are nightly specials like the fried seafood platter or Frankie's homemade spaghetti and meatballs with unlimited salad. Happy hour is from 4-7 p.m. daily and all day



Let's Do Lunch

on Thursday. For dessert, don't miss the ice cream! Frankie's has 30 flavors of Working Cow, premium gourmet ice cream, sherbet and Italian ices made in Florida.

Halpatter Brewing Company

Drink local! **Halpatter Brewing Company** is Lake City's first craft brewery. You can't miss the iconic brick building in downtown Lake City that is home to the brewery and tasting room. Meaning alligator in the Seminole language, Halpatter was named after Halpatter Tustenuggee, the best-known resident of the Seminole Indian community that would later be named Lake City. Each beer at Halpatter Brewing Company tells a story, from the inspiration behind the recipe to the



Stools and tables inside Halpatter Brewing Company were repurposed from Lake City's Historic Blanche Hotel fire escapes.

person, place or event that gave it its name. Some of the brews include Broken Arrow American Strong Ale, O'Leno Cream Ale, 15 Springfields IPA and the Big Hal, a dry-hopped American brown ale. You'll also want to taste the fruit-infused beers like the Grapefruit Pale Ale, Raspberry Honey Wheat, Blueberry O'Leno or the Raspberry Chocolate Milk Stout—which could double as a dessert. Halpatter also makes hard apple cider. The brewery is pet-friendly, and children are also welcome here, where they can sip non-alcoholic drinks and play games while you sample the latest on tap.

Shirley's Restaurant

If you are looking to start the day early, begin at Shirley's Restaurant. The family-friendly diner opens at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday; it's closed on Sunday. Shirley's specializes in Southern cuisine and was voted as having the best breakfast in Lake City. You'll find it's only a few minutes' drive from the heart of downtown. When you step inside you will feel like you have discovered a spot only locals know about. Wood paneling, license plates hanging on the walls, fast service and generous portions are all part of the charm. Eggs, bacon, grits, biscuits

and beyond, there's everything you could want for a hearty meal. If you prefer to sleep in, you'll be glad to know Shirley's serves breakfast all day long. The lunch and dinner menus have Southern staples, including fried green tomatoes, fried chicken, pork chops, meatloaf and cornbread. Be sure to save room for one of the homemade desserts.

Phish Tales

Since 1999, this "phamily"-owned and-operated restaurant has served "surph and turph" in a casual bar setting. The name is as memorable as the food—fresh, locally sourced seafood, hand-cut steaks, wings and pretty much anything that goes with beer. **Phish Tales** offers 60 plus beers including 11 rotating on tap and local craft brews. Don't let the unassuming location in a strip mall stop you; it's known to be a top spot for seafood. Try the peel & eat shrimp, conch phritters or phish tacos. Locals say its phish sandwich is one of the best around—it's served "phried," grilled or blackened with lettuce, tomato and homemade chips. There are daily lunch and dinner specials, including all-you-can-eat Wednesdays and happy hour all night on Thursdays. Phish Tales was recently featured on the TV show "Bar Rescue," where it underwent an interior makeover.



Jessica's Bistro

You don't need to drive south to Miami for delicious, authentic Cuban food—you can find it at Jessica's Bistro. Conveniently located off Interstate 75, Jessica's Bistro is an ideal place to eat when you only have little time to stop in Lake City. A friendly and attentive wait staff will make you feel like you're one of the regulars. Along with Cuban cuisine, the menu has a mouthwatering mix of comfort food and Asian spice. Locals love the Cuban sandwiches, including the traditional pressed sandwich of pulled pork, sliced ham, Swiss cheese, pickles and mustard. Order it with sweet plantains or a side of rice and beans. A café con leche or cortadito rounds out the experience. If you like your food hot, try one of the Sriracha dishes. Crispy chicken or shrimp is coated in the restaurant's signature sweet and spicy sauce and served on its own, in a salad or in a wrap. Jessica's Bistro also offers vegetarian and gluten-free dishes.



Get local with us and share what you're eating and drinking using #lakecityfl in your photos.

For a complete listing of restaurants please visit LakeCityFL.com





STAY

No matter if you are staying for the night or the week, you'll find numerous options of where to get a good night's sleep and prepare for the next day's adventure. We have the perfect place to make you feel right at home.

HOTELS

STAY



NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE
WEBSITE	NO. OF ROOMS	FEATURES
America's Best Value Inn www.redlion.com	3835 W US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055 89	386-755-4664 ☕ 📶 🛎️
The Blanche www.TheBlanche.com	212 N. Marion Avenue, Lake City, FL 32055 14	386.628.1178 📶 🛎️
Baymont Inn & Suites www.wyndhamhotels.com	3598 W US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055 82	386-752-3801 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🐕 🚰
Comfort Suites www.choicehotels.com	3690 W US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32024 94	386-755-9028 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🛏️ 🚰
Country Inn & Suites www.countryinns.com	350 SW Florida Gateway Dr., Lake City, FL 32024 60	386-754-5944 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🛏️ 🚰
Days Inn at I-10 www.wyndhamhotels.com	3430 N US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32055 62	386-243-9923 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🐕
Days Inn at I-75 www.wyndhamhotels.com	3144 W US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055 120	386-269-6074 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🐕
Driftwood Motel www.driftwoodinnlakecity.us/	2764 W US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055 20	386-755-3545 📶 🐕
Econo Lodge www.choicehotels.com	178 SW Florida Gateway Dr., Lake City, FL 32024 62	386-752-7891 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🐕
Fairfield Inn & Suites www.marriott.com	538 SW Corporate Drive, Lake City, FL 32055 89	386-466-1014 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🛏️ 🚰
Gateway Inn www.gatewayinnlakecity.us/	3783 W US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055 49	386-755-1707 📶 🐕
Guest Inn	3711 W US Highway 90, Lake City, FL 32055 50	386-755-9306 📶 🐕
Holiday Inn & Suites www.hilakecityfl.com	213 SW Commerce Dr., Lake City, FL 32025 127	386-754-1411 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🛏️ 🐕 🚰 🚰

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Home2 Suites home2suites3.hilton.com	414 SW Florida Gateway Dr., Lake City, FL 32024 86	386-487-9890 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🐕 🚰
Jasmine Garden Inn	352 NW Knights Ave., Lake City, FL 32055	386-755-4308 📶 🛏️ 🐕
La Quinta By Wyndham www.wyndhamhotels.com	165 NW Cali Drive, Lake City, FL, 32055 82	800-753-3757 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🐕
Palms Garden Inn	14113 US-441, Lake City, FL 32024 55	386-719-3888 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🐕
Quality Inn www.choicehotels.com	285 SW Commerce Dr., Lake City, FL 32025 55	386-758-8440 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🐕 🚰
Quail Heights Lodge www.quailheightscc.com	161 SW Quail Heights Terr., Lake City, FL 32025 15	386-752-3339 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🛏️ 🍷
Ramada Limited www.wyndhamhotels.com	3340 W US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055 64	386-752-6262 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🛏️ 🐕
Royal Inn	2987 W US Hwy 90, Lake City, FL 32055 45	386-752-9369 📶 🛎️ 🛏️
Rodeway Inn www.choicehotels.com	205 SW Commerce Dr., Lake City, FL 32025 41	386-755-5203 ☕ 📶 🛏️ 🐕
Super 8 www.wyndhamhotels.com	3954 SW State Road 47, Lake City, FL 32024 94	386-752-6450 ☕ 📶 🛎️ 🛏️ 🛏️ 🐕



The Blanche

CABINS & CAMPGROUNDS

STAY



NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE
WEBSITE	CAMPSITES	CABINS	FEATURES
LAKE CITY, FLORIDA			
Ichetucknee Family Canoe & Cabins Campground	8587 SW Elim Church Rd., Fort White, FL 32038	386-497-2150	
ichetuckneecanoeandcabins.net	53	14	WiFi Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
Ichetucknee Springs Campground	245 SW Breckenridge Ln., Fort White, FL 32038	386-497-2285	
ichetuckneespringscampground.com	44	0	WiFi Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
Casey Jones RV Park	185 SW Arrowhead Ter., Lake City, FL 32024	386-755-0471	
caseyjonesrvpark.com	159	0	WiFi Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables
Ichetucknee Hideaway Cottages	22665 35th Dr., Lake City, FL 32024	386-935-0844	
ichetuckneehideawaycottages.com	0	6	WiFi Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
Lake City Campground	4743 North US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32055	386-752-9131	
lakecitycampground.com	51	7	WiFi Meeting Space Pool Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
Lake City RV Resort	3864 North US Hwy 441, Lake City, FL 32055	386-752-0830	
lakecityrvresort.com	66	5	WiFi Meeting Space Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
Moonshine Acres RV Park	10089 U.S. Highway 27, Ft. White, FL 32038	(833) 744-6378	
info@moonshineacresrvpark.com	78	10	WiFi Meeting Space Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
October Bend RV Park	2960 SE October Rd., Lake City, FL 32025	352-317-1326	
octoberbendrv.com	14	0	Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA			
O'Leno State Park	410 SE O'Leno Park Rd., High Springs, FL 32643	386-454-1853	
floridastateparks.org	51	14	Meeting Space Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted



NAME	ADDRESS		PHONE
WEBSITE	CAMPSITES	CABINS	FEATURES
LIVE OAK, FLORIDA			
Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park	3076 95th Dr., Live Oak, FL 32060	800-224-5656	
musicliveshere.com	1000+	48	WiFi Meeting Space Pool Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
Suwannee River State Park & Campground	3631 201st Pth., Live Oak, FL 32060	386-362-2746	
floridastateparks.org	30	5	Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
OLUSTEE, FLORIDA			
Ocean Pond Campground	US Hwy 90, Sanderson, FL 32087	386-752-2577	
bit.ly/2L8IXcd	67	0	Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
WELLBORN, FLORIDA			
Do Duck Inn	12818 27th Dr., Wellborn, FL 32094	386-365-0892	
vrbo.com/133966	0	1	WiFi Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
WHITE SPRINGS, FLORIDA			
Bienville Plantation	16673 SE 81st Dr., White Springs, FL 32096	386-397-1989	
bienville.com	0	5	WiFi Meeting Space Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
Kelly's RV Park	142 NW Kelly Ln., White Springs, FL 32096	844-695-7527	
kellysrvpark.com	59	2	WiFi Meeting Space Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park	11016 Lillian Saunders Dr., White Springs, FL 32096	386-397-4331	
floridastateparks.org	45	5	WiFi Meeting Space Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted
Rock Island House Cottages	447 NW Stephen Foster Dr., White Springs, FL 32096	386-234-0461	
www.vrbo.com/485106	0	2	Pets Welcome RV Sites Tent Sites Dump Station Picnic Tables Campfire Permitted

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Pack your bags, it's time to hit the road. We are a great place for your next vacation, weekend getaway, or day trip, no matter what time of year. We look forward to seeing you real soon, in Florida's Springlands!



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Traveling To Florida's Springlands

Visit Lake City

The Columbia County Tourist Development Council promotes local hotels, restaurants, attractions and things to do in and around Lake City to show visitors everything there is to enjoy in this special part of the great state of Florida.

Now that you know some of the numerous reasons why everyone should come visit, request additional information about Lake City and the surrounding Lake City area by contacting us today at www.LakeCityFL.com or 386.758.1312.

Distance from Lake City to:

Jacksonville – 60 Miles

Tallahassee – 106 Miles

Gainesville – 46 Miles

Orlando – 154 Miles

Pensacola – 299 Miles

Miami – 378 Miles

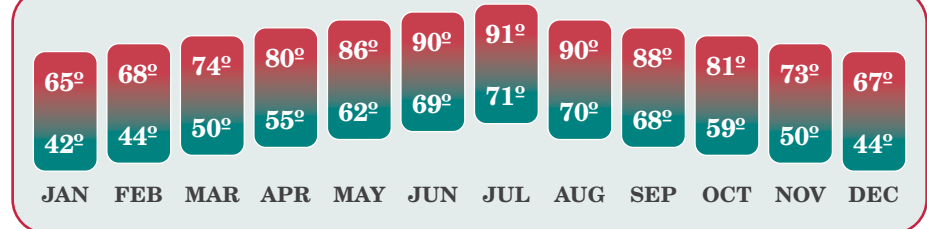
Atlanta – 287 Miles

Tampa – 172 Miles

Valdosta – 62 Miles



Average Monthly Temperatures



Air Travel

- Lake City Gateway Airport (LCQ)
Airport supports corporate business jet and charter airline travel.
- Gainesville Regional Airport (GNV)
47 Miles via I-75
- Valdosta Regional Airport (VLD)
60 Miles via I-75
- Jacksonville International Airport (JAX)
69 Miles via I-10

Car Travel

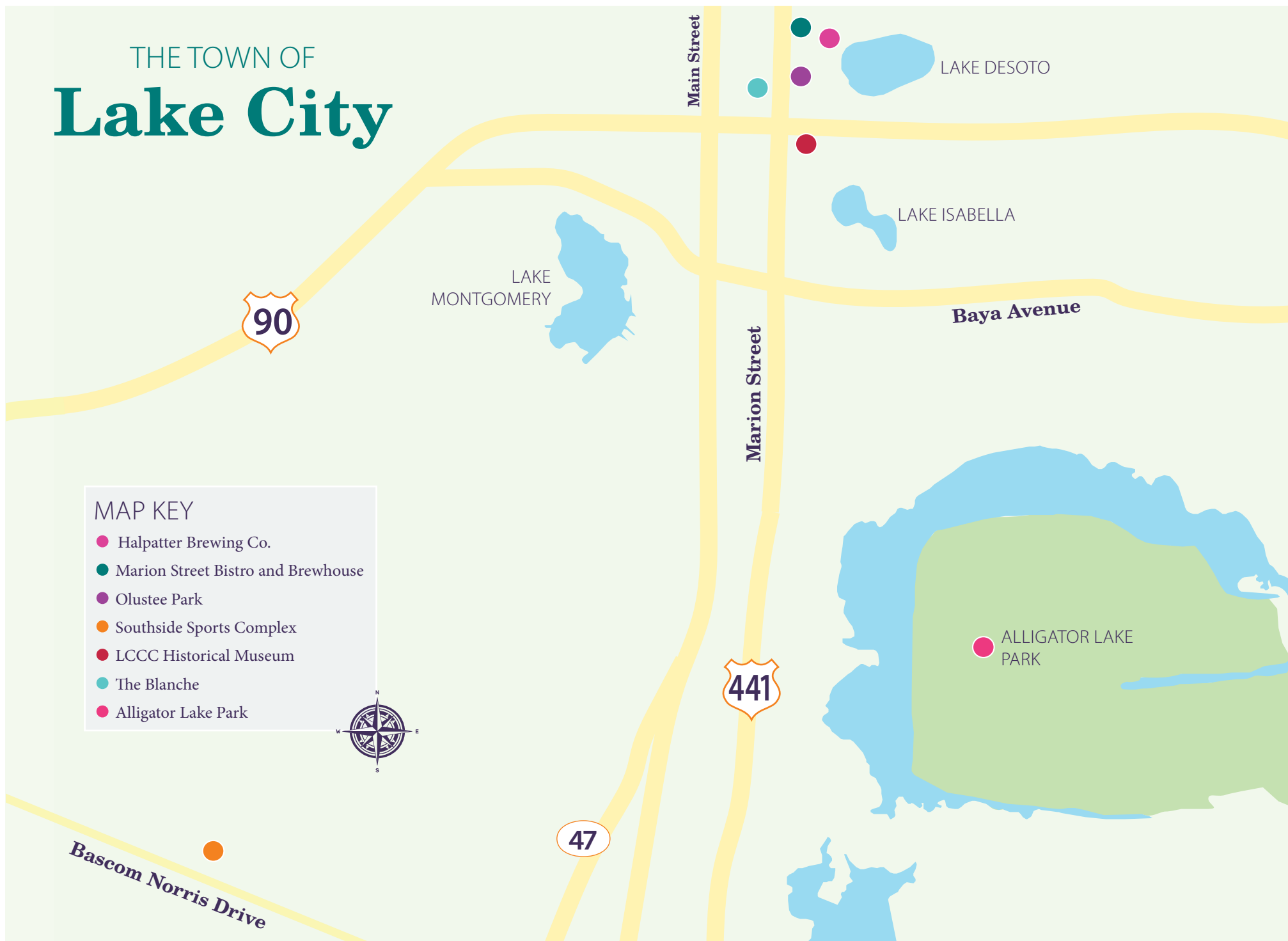
- From I-75 (North Bound)
Travel North to Exit 427
- From I-75 (South Bound)
Travel South to Exit 427
- From I-10 (West Bound)
Travel West to Exit 303
- From I-10 (East Bound)
Take Exit 296A to merge onto I-75 S
Travel South to Exit 427

Tesla Charging Station

- Lake City Supercharge
Village Square
2941 W US Hwy 90, Lake City,
FL 32055
 - 6 supercharges
 - Available 24/7
 - Up to 120kW

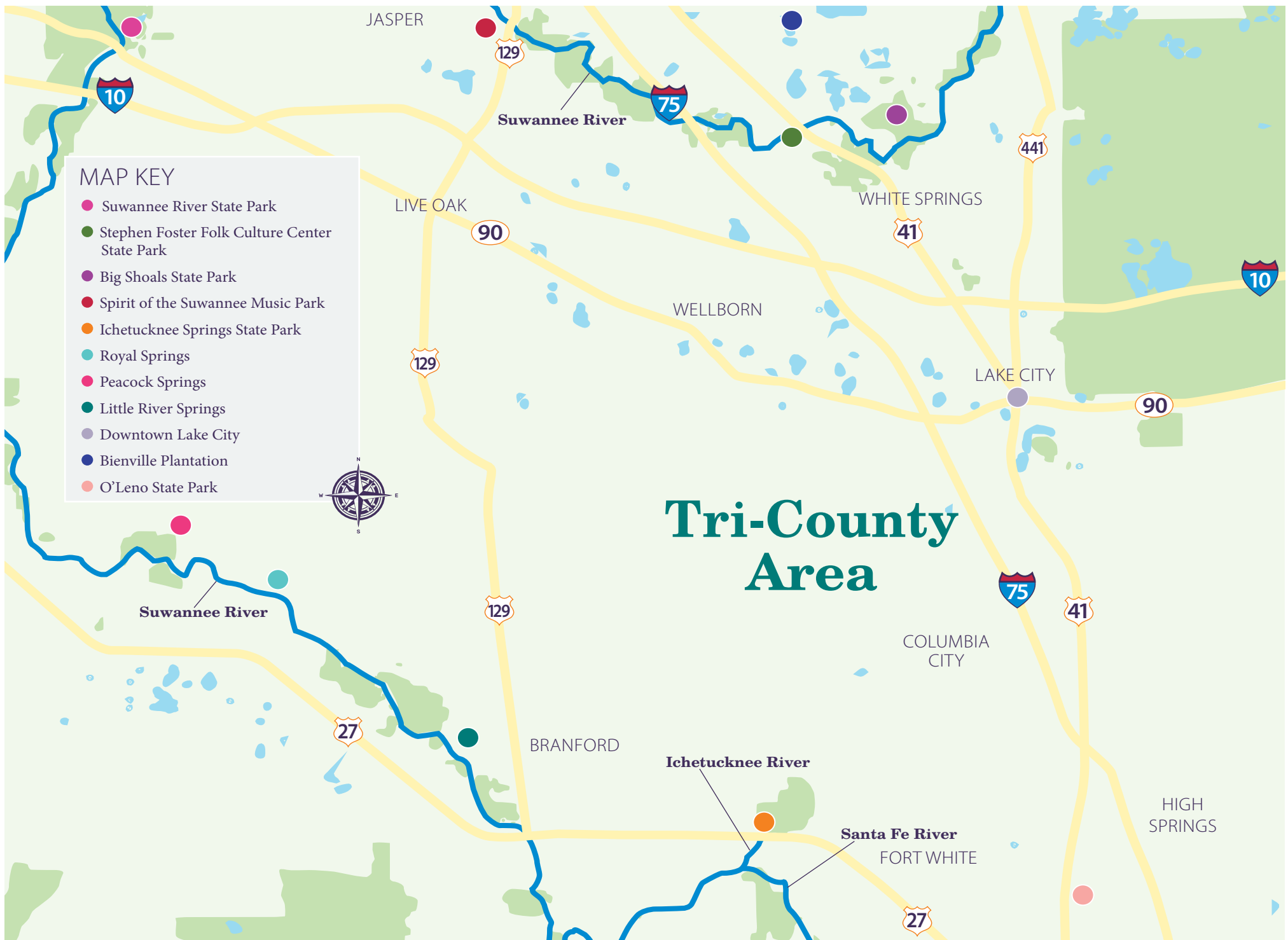


THE TOWN OF Lake City



Columbia County







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We hope to see
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