

OUTDOOR FLORIDA WEBINAR SERIES



Between Trails and Tranquility: *Outdoor Recreation in Marion County*



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Marion County is the 5th largest county in Florida and home to a significant portion of the Ocala National Forest, three State Parks, including the Cross Florida Greenway, two substantial State Forests, thousands of acres of Water Management Lands and local conservation lands, 36 percent of the county is classified as Conservation. This provides our residents and visitors with opportunities to enjoy the outdoors, whether it is for nature viewing, mountain biking, camping, kayaking or just meeting up with friends for a picnic.

Marion County Parks & Recreation manages over 55 parks, memorials and unique sites. We are also partners with the State and managed several state-owned lands to help leverage our ability to host outdoor recreation opportunities. Major sports complexes host several local, regional and national tournaments including the Cal Ripken World Series. The department also provides access to our major waterways such as the Ocklawaha River, the Silver River and the Rainbow River where tubing, kayaking and paddle boarding is in high demand. We look forward to showcasing our area with you.

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