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## **Seminole County: Florida's Natural Choice**

**SEMINOLE COUNTY, Fla.** – In the heart of Central Florida, Seminole County is quickly becoming a favorite destination. If you're looking for the enjoyment of the natural wonder of a true Florida vacation, miles of crystal clear rivers and wilderness trails, superb golf courses, or simply to relax in our charming historic villages – it's easy to see why Seminole County is Florida's Natural Choice.

For those looking for a thrill, the Central Florida Zoo & Botanical Gardens has now opened ZOOM Air Adventures. The country's only zipline activity, ZOOM Air Adventures is an aerial adventure course that allows park guests to explore the treetops from an animal's perspective.

Although only 344 square miles in size, Seminole County boasts some 2,000 freshwater lakes and clear-running rivers that create an abundance of outdoor activities, including canoeing, kayaking, fishing, boating and hiking. The pristine Wekiva River, fed by underground springs that pump an estimated 48 million gallons of crystal-clear, fresh water through the river daily, is one of the area's most popular attractions. Located at the headwater of the Wekiva River, Wekiva Springs State Park is the center of activity. The 6,397-acre compound offers a full range of activities including swimming, canoe rentals, picnic areas, boardwalks, more than 13 miles of nature trails and an eight-mile horseback-riding trail.

Showing the wilder side of Florida's tributaries, flat-bottom airboats propel riders on an exhilarating trip over logs, sandbars and grassy marshes in search of alligators and wildlife. Airboat tours are launched at Black Hammock Fish Camp and Marina, home to Black Hammock Restaurant, which has served Florida "cracker-style" meals of catfish, frog legs or gator tail for more than 40 years. The restaurant has been reviewed and awarded an excellent rating by *Southern Living* magazine. Black Hammock Adventures also has a display of live alligators, and visitors can see the alligators being fed every Sunday, watch the sun set on the dock, and rent boats at the marina.

Located between the theme parks of Central Florida and the beautiful Treasure Coast beaches, access to Seminole County is a breeze. Whether visitors fly into the hassle-free Sanford Orlando International Airport or Orlando Airport, or arrive by vehicle on I-4, the excitement is only a short hop away. Visitors find many of the same flagship hotels and amenities as in Orlando; in fact, a new Hyatt Place, Residence Inn and Westin have all opened this year. But accommodations in Seminole County are available for significantly less- often one-third less than accommodations in Orlando and Daytona.

Surrounded by the beauty of natural Florida, Seminole County also offers the classic Florida experience of peaceful rivers, fishing, boating, hiking and more. For destination information call 1-800-800-7832 or visit [www.VisitSeminole.com](http://www.VisitSeminole.com).

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