# LAKE COUNTY BLUEWAYTRALL SYSTEM 



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Navigating the Blueways of Lake County
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Lake Apopka Run


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## HElena RuN

With an entry point at the City of Leesburg's Singletary Park, Helena Run skirts the west side of Lake Harris before entering Helena Run,
which this Blueway trail was named after. About wo miles into Helena Run, paddlers will come to a fork. To the left is Bugg Spring Run, which winds to Bugg Spring, and to the right is Lake Denham.

From Helena Run to Lake Denham, this run immerses paddlers in the Lake County Water Authority's 2,300-acre Flat Island Preserve. This preserve is a popular location for bird watching, hiking and primitive camping.

A canal north of Lake Denham leads to a dock and a 440-foot boardwalk, which connects to Daubenmire Trail, the main loop trail of the preserve. Canoes, paddles and floatation devices are available at the end of the boardwalk. Call the Lake County Water Aythority at (352) 343-3777 for details.


O Featured Wildlife:
Florida Red-bellied Cooter LENGTH: 8 to 15 in .
ACTIVE: Year-round, it is often seen basking with Florida Cooters and River Cooters on logs or floating mats of vegetation
DIET : Mostly herbivorous, but will also eat as dead fish
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## LaKE GRIFFIN RUN

The most northern of three Blueway trails in the Oklawaha Basin the Lake Griffin Run encircles the southern sectionof the 9,428-acr lake. Griffin is one of eight in the Harris Chain of Lakes. The lake is the last link in the chain as the water continues to low into the Ocklawaha River through the Ocala National Forest as it winds toward the St

The lake is a popular largemouth bass fishing spot and its shores were once well populated with Timaquan Indians. At the turn of the century, steamboats frequented the lake to provide transportation between ports on lakes Eustis, Harris and Griffin Today, the lake is a popular recreational spot as Lake Griffin State Park lies on the west sid of the lake near the City of Fruitland Park.


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## St. Francis/

## Dead River RuN

The St. Francis Dead River Run traverses the river of the same name, which is a major tributary of the St. Johns River. The trail passes the ghost town of St. Francis, also formerly known as "Old Town." St. Francis was located about 20 miles south of Astor. Paddlers can see where the town
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used to be as pilings in the water indicate where a grand motel stood on the shores of the river St. Francis is one of Lake County's 30-plus ghost towns, but quite possibly the most prolific during its heyday. A thriving port on the St. Johns River, St. Francis had its

own newspaper (The Florida Facts),' post office, general store, warehouse, wharves and several hundred acres of citrus. After the Big Freeze of 1894-1895, many residents abandoned the town.


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