NOTICE TO HIKERS

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Ocala National Forest reopens trails, boat ramps and dispersed camping

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., May 15, 2020 – Forest Service officials will reopen most trails, trailheads, boat ramps and dispersed camping areas on the Ocala National Forest beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 16, 2020.

The reopening includes most trails designated for hiking, biking, horseback riding, and for OHV use. Trailheads and off-highway vehicle corrals will reopen along with dispersed camping, waterway and water access sites, and most boat ramps. Visitors must pack out what they pack in as trash service will not be available and all restrooms will remain shut down. The fire restriction and campfire ban is still in effect for the entire forest.

“Closing any Forest Service site or facility is a difficult decision, and we are committed to reopening them as soon as we safely can,” said Kelly Russell, National Forests in Florida Forest Supervisor. “We know the importance of the Ocala National Forests to the community and we want people to use and
enjoy the forest again. Forest Service officials are working on phased plans to reopen sites and facilities but protecting our visitors and employees remains our highest priority.”

Other facilities such as day-use sites, campsites, and developed recreation areas including Silver Glen Recreation Area, will remain closed to public use. A complete list of areas that are temporarily shut down and maps of those areas can be found on the Ocala National Forest website under Alerts.

The Ocala National Forest continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. Please remember to avoid congregating at trailheads and/or parking areas and refrain from gathering in groups of 10 or more. Please review current recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention along with local and state guidelines for social distancing and cloth face coverings.

For information updates, please visit our website at https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/ocala or follow us on Facebook. Recreation areas opened tomorrow are listed below along with a map.

**Recreation areas reopened:** (Click on map of open recreation areas below)

**Trails, including Trailheads and OHV Corrals**

**A. Non-Motorized Trails**

1. Davenport Landing Trail
2. Farles Prairie Trailhead
3. Florida National Scenic Trail – includes Rodman ATV trailheads and all sections south of Kirkpatrick Dam, includes Clearwater Lake trailhead and all sections north, and includes the Western Connector Eaton Creek Trailhead and all sections east of County Road 314.

4. Horse Trails:
   a. Baptist Riding Loop
   b. Doe Lake Connector
   c. Flatwoods Riding Loop
   d. Prairie Riding Loop
   e. Lake Alachua Marion Trail
f. Swim Pond Trailhead
5. Paisley Woods Off-Road Bicycle Trailhead and Trail
6. Pat's Island Trailhead
7. SR 19 Trailhead
8. Salt Springs Trailhead
9. Hopkins Prairie Trailhead
10. Juniper Prairie Wilderness:
   a. Yearling Trail
11. Salt Springs Wildlife Observation Trail
12. St. Francis Trailhead
13. St. Francis Trail

B. OHV and all Motorized Trails, Trailheads and Corrals
1. 88 Connector Corral and Trail
2. Big Scrub Trailhead
3. Centennial OHV Trailhead and Trail
4. Delancy Loops Trailhead and Trails
   a. Hog Valley Trail
   b. Tobacco Patch Trail
   c. Longleaf Trail
   d. Pipeline Trailhead and Trail
5. Motorcycle Loop Trailhead and Trail
6. Pipeline Trailhead and Trail
7. Rodman Trailhead
8. Salt Springs OHV Corral
9. Wandering Wiregrass OHV Trailhead and Trail
Boat Ramps and Water Access Sites:

1. Alexander Springs Ramp
2. Baptist Lake Water Access Site
3. Beakman Boat Ramp
4. Boyd Lake Water Access Site
5. Clay Lake Water Access Site
6. Cowpen Pond Water Access Site
7. Crooked Lake Water Access Site
8. Davenport Landing Water Access Site
9. Doe Lake Ramp
10. Echo Lake Ramp
11. Farles Prairie Ramp
12. Gobbler Lake Water Access Site
13. Grasshopper Lake Water Access Site
14. Halfmoon Lake Boat Ramp
15. Hopkins Prairie Ramp
16. Johnson Field Ramp
17. Lake Catherine Ramp
18. Lake Charles Water Access Site
19. Lake Delancy Water Access Site
20. Lake Dorr
   a. Cliffside Water Access Site
   b. Lake Dorr East Water Access Site
   c. South Lake Dorr Ramp
21. Lake Eaton Ramp
22. Lake Jumper Water Access Site
23. Lake Lou Ramp
| 24. Lake Mary Ramp                      |
| 25. Little Beakman Water Access Site   |
| 26. North Grasshopper Lake Water Access Site |
| 27. Round Lake Water Access Site       |
| 28. Sellers Lake Ramp                  |
| 29. Skinny Dip Pond Water Access Site  |
| 30. Swim Pond Water Access Site        |
| 31. Tomahawk Lake Water Access Site    |
| 32. West Clearwater Lake Water Access Site |