






PAYNES PRAIRIE PRESERVE

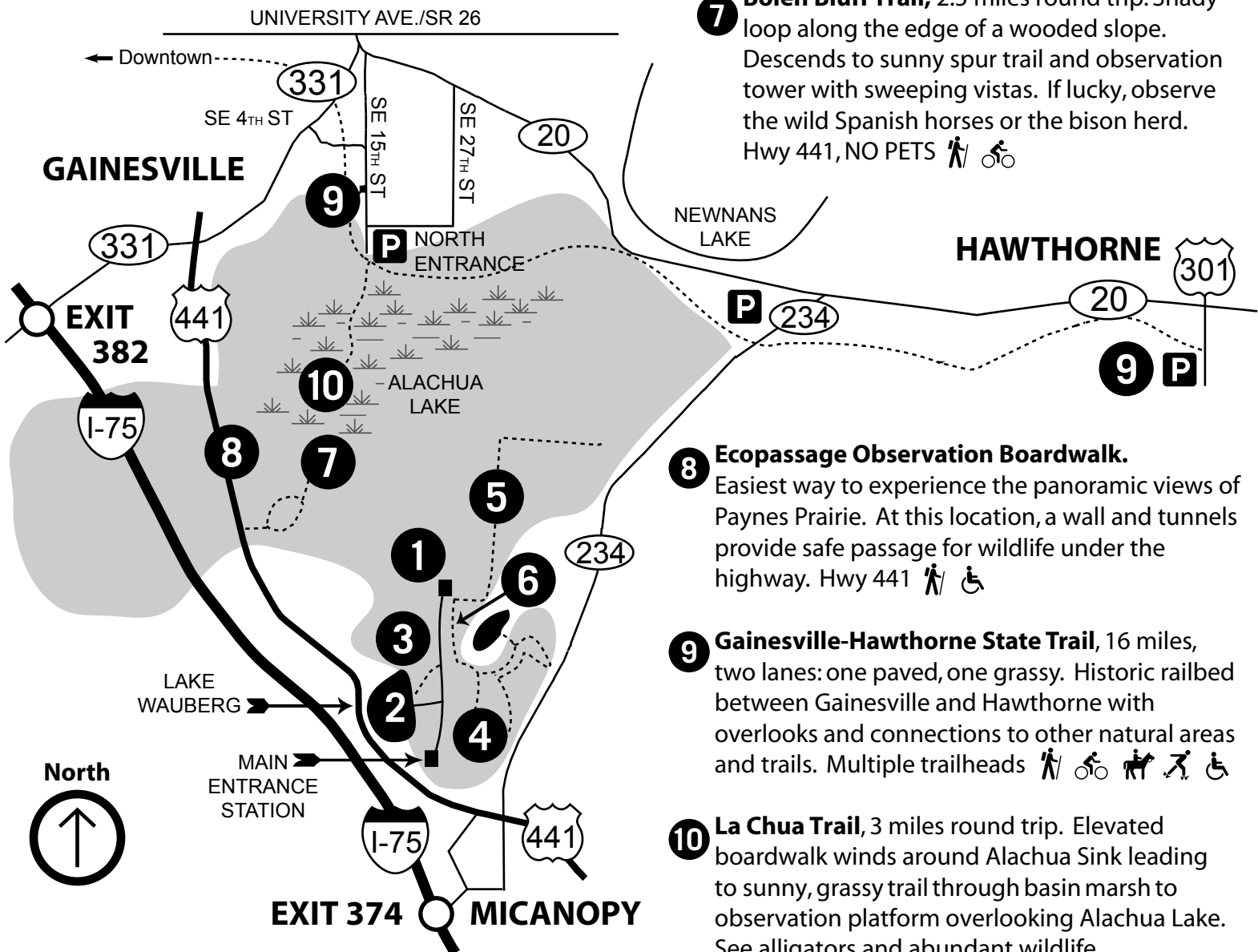
TRAIL INFORMATION









State Park

Ranger Station 352.466.3397 | Visitor Center 352.466.4100

- 1 Visitor Center.** This is the place to learn more about exploring the Preserve. Also enjoy a 50-foot observation tower and short hiking trail. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Main Entrance, NO PETS  
- 2 Recreation Area.** Facilities include tent and RV campground, amphitheater, playground, pavilions, picnic area, grills, bathrooms, boat ramp and fishing. Main Entrance 
- 3 Lake Trail,** 0.8 mile. Trail starts on scenic boardwalk at Lake Wauberg then passes through an open field. Look for gopher tortoise. Main Entrance  

- 4 Chacala Trail,** 6.5 mile loop. Series of trail loops - adjust the length to your time and abilities. Trail winds through shady forests and seasonally wet pinelands. Provides a view of Chacala Pond. Main Entrance   
- 5 Cones Dike Trail,** 8 miles round trip. Sunny, long trail through the heart of the prairie marsh. The further you go, the better it gets. Diverse plant and wildlife viewing opportunities. Main Entrance, NO PETS  
- 6 Jackson's Gap Trail,** 1.2 miles. Connects Cones Dike and Chacala Trails. Named after a local cracker cowman. Main Entrance   
- 7 Bolen Bluff Trail,** 2.5 miles round trip. Shady loop along the edge of a wooded slope. Descends to sunny spur trail and observation tower with sweeping vistas. If lucky, observe the wild Spanish horses or the bison herd. Hwy 441, NO PETS  



- 8 Ecopassage Observation Boardwalk.** Easiest way to experience the panoramic views of Paynes Prairie. At this location, a wall and tunnels provide safe passage for wildlife under the highway. Hwy 441  
- 9 Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail,** 16 miles, two lanes: one paved, one grassy. Historic railbed between Gainesville and Hawthorne with overlooks and connections to other natural areas and trails. Multiple trailheads    
- 10 La Chua Trail,** 3 miles round trip. Elevated boardwalk winds around Alachua Sink leading to sunny, grassy trail through basin marsh to observation platform overlooking Alachua Lake. See alligators and abundant wildlife. North Entrance off SE 15th St., NO PETS  

PAYNES PRAIRIE PRESERVE STATE PARK MAIN ENTRANCE TRAILS AND FACILITIES

PARK HOURS: 8 am to Sundown, Daily



Prairie Basin

no pets
CONES DIKE TRAIL
4.0 mile one-way

1.25 mile to end →

Preserve Boundary

2.0 mi (not to scale)

Observation Tower

WACAHOOTA TRAIL

0.3 mi

Visitor Center

0.5 mi



Visitor Center Parking

CHACALA POND

Preserve Boundary



LAKE TRAIL
0.85 mi

1.0 mi to Visitor Center

1.65 mi

0.3 mi

0.5 mi

*Letters indicate a post at an intersection on the Chacala or Jackson's Gap Trails. Mileage is the distance between the lettered posts.

LAKE WAUBERG



- Bridge & Fishing Pier
- Boat Ramp
- Amphitheater
- Restroom
- Playground
- Pavilion 1
- BBQ Area
- Pavilion 2
- Campground Path

SAWGRASS POND

0.23 mi

0.53 mi

0.42 mi

0.56 mi

0.53 mi

0.5 mi

0.53 mi

0.23 mi

CHACALA TRAIL

0.73 mi

Puggy Rd.

Campground



Savannah Blvd.

Ranger Station



County Road 234
To Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail
Rochelle parking area.

- Paved Road
- Paved Walkway
- - Unpaved Trail
- - Firelines
- Chacala Trail Yellow Blaze
- Chacala Trail White Blaze
- ▲▲ Chacala Trail Blue Blaze
- ★★ Jackson's Gap Red Blaze

0 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Mile

To Gainesville

To Micanopy and I-75

Preserve Boundary