

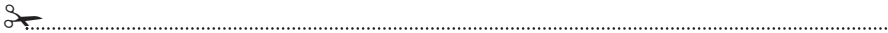
INTERESTED IN JOINING THE FRIENDS?

The Friends of Oscar Scherer Park, Inc. is a designated Citizen Support Organization under the Division of Recreation and Parks of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.

MISSION:

- To support the preservation and protection of the cultural resources and natural systems that are part of the Park
- To promote public awareness of the ecological importance of the Park through interpretive programs, special events, and social functions
- To provide volunteer projects, services and general assistance to the Park

The Friends of Oscar Scherer Park, Inc. is a non-profit tax-exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are deductible to the extent allowed under current tax laws.



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Oscar Scherer State Park  
HIKING TRAILS

miles in length and travels through varied habitats.

LEGACY HONORE TRAIL CONNECTION ● ➡

This provides a connection from the trails in the Park to the Scherer – Thaxton Preserve. It is approximately .75 miles in length and travels through varied habitats.

Lester Finley Trail for an easy hike of 1.5 miles. Foot traffic only is permitted on this trail.

SOUTH CREEK NATURE TRAIL ●

This is a .5 mile, one way trail, that can be started at either the picnic area across from the Nature Center or at the South Creek Parking Lot. It follows South Creek and crosses the road leading into the Campground. Several markers along the trail point out aspects of the natural environment. An extensive tree canopy provides shade during the mid-day heat. It can be combined with the Lester Finley Trail for an easy hike of 1.5 miles. Foot traffic only is permitted on this trail.

LESTER FINLEY TRAIL ●

The Lester Finley trail wanders through a hardwood hammock along the tidal creek of South Creek, a blackwater stream that eventually empties into Dryman Bay. This is a "barrier tree" trail offering superb hiking opportunities for those with disabilities. Round trip distance is about .5 miles and takes about 20 minutes. There is an extensive tree canopy offering shade during the heat of midday. There is a handicapped equipped fishing pier, two butterfly gardens, several benches and picnic tables, and a water fountain along the trail. Additionally, there are 5 audio boxes along the trail that explain various aspects of the different habitats. Foot traffic only is permitted on this trail.

The Green Trail begins behind the Nature Center. It can be either a 2 or 3 mile hike by following the marked trails, but several well marked service roads allow many self-determined routes through scrubby flatwoods and mesic pine flatwoods. It crosses South Creek over the bridge leading to the Campground. After passing by a few campsites it enters Florida Scrub-jay habitat. The hike passes through sections of past controlled burns, which are now restoring themselves to scrubby flatwoods. There is very little tree canopy cover in this part of the Park. The trail follows the boundary with a housing development which borders the Park on the south. It is the best biking trail in the Park.

boundary. Biking can be difficult in spots.

along a housing development to the western and later splits off following the boundary of the Park. It begins at the same trailhead as the Blue Trail mile hike that explores the northwestern portion of the Red Trail. The red trail can be either a 1.5 or 2

RED TRAIL ●

Biking is allowed but can prove difficult in spots.

dry weather and provides little shade during the hike. to the starting point. Much of this trail can be sandy in Yellow Trail parallel to the Legacy Trail before returning north along a housing development. It later joins the trailhead as the Red Trail and then follows the fence line flatwoods and scrubby flatwoods. It begins at the same Scrub-jay habitat. It passes through mesic pine flatwoods and scrubby flatwoods. It begins at the same

BLUE TRAIL ●

This is a 1.5 mile trail through Florida

trail Biking is allowed but can be difficult in the soft sand. self-constructed routes. Benches are located along the Many service roads intersect the trail allowing for other by following the shortcut indicated on the trail map. flatwoods. Shorter hikes of 2.5 or 3.5 miles can be taken remote part of the Park. It passes through mesic pine flatwoods, hardwood hammocks, and scrubby pine passes the Mary Thaxton memorial and explores this complete. It is 5 miles of mainly level and sandy trails. It trail takes about 2.5 hours to

YELLOW TRAIL ●

Dogs MUST be on a six foot leash at all times

Ranger station phone number on benches

Carry out all litter

Stay on trails

Wear a hat and use sunscreen

Bring drinking water for yourself and your pet

Wear good hiking shoes

Restrooms are available in the picnic areas.

TRAIL ADVISORIES



# LEGEND

- ☆ Trailhead
- Paved Road
- Bridges
- Unpaved Road
- 🚲 Legacy Trail
- 🏠 Park Structures
- Hiking Trail
- - - Park Boundary
- 🚻 Restrooms
- 🚣 Canoe Launch
- 🏕 Campground
- ♿ Mobility Impaired Access
- 🏠 Ranger Station
- 🏞 Observation Deck
- 1 🪑 Bench
- ➡ Legacy Honore Connector Trail

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