

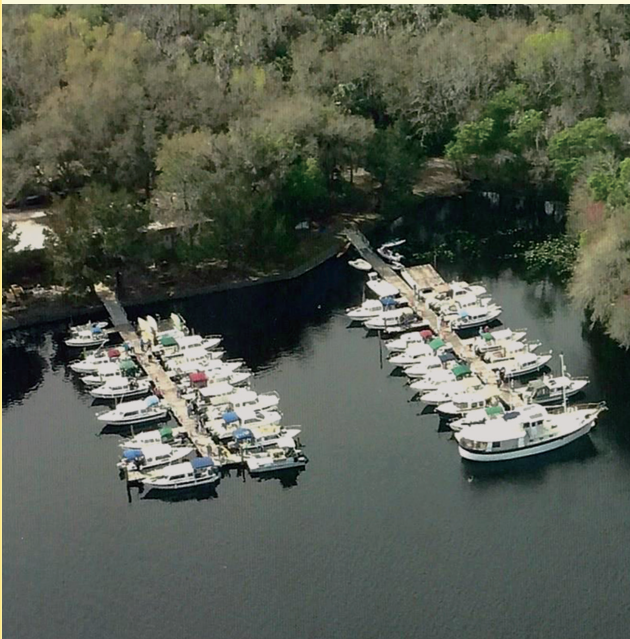
History and Nature

Native American Indians gathered shellfish from the St. Johns River more than 2,000 years ago. The discarded shells accumulated over the years and can be seen from the hiking trail at the southwest corner of the island.

Artifacts found on the island are displayed at the Visitor Center. Replicas of totems, carved from logs, stand in the picnic area, paying tribute to the history of the island.

The island has also been a pioneer homestead, a boat yard, a center for commercial fishing and a cattle ranch.

Wildlife on or near the island is plentiful. West Indian manatees may be spotted during the winter months. Wading birds such as great blue herons, ibis and egrets can be seen foraging in the shallows along the shore. Ospreys can be seen soaring overhead searching for a meal of fish or carrying their catch to the tree tops at feeding time.



Florida State Parks

Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Recreation and Parks

Hontoon Island State Park

2309 River Ridge Road
Deland, FL 32720
(386) 736-5309

FloridaStateParks.org

Park Guidelines

- Hours are 8 a.m. until sunset, 365 days a year. The park's ferry operates daily from 8:00 a.m. to one hour before sunset. Donations are accepted.
- All plants, animals and park property are protected.
- Pets are permitted in designated areas only. Pets must be kept on a hand-held leash no longer than six feet and well behaved at all times.
- Fishing and fires are allowed in designated areas only. A Florida fishing license may be required.
- Become a volunteer or join the Hontoon Island Foundation CSO. Inquire at the ranger station or call (386)736-5309.
- For camping and cabin reservations, contact Reserve America at (800) 326-3521 or (866) I CAMP FL or TDD (888) 433-0287 or visit ReserveAmerica.com. Boat slips are first-come, first served.
- For information about the youth camp, call (386) 736-5309.
- Florida's state parks are committed to providing equal access to all facilities and programs. Should you need assistance, contact the ranger station.

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Accessible by private boat or the electric ferry, Hontoon Island State Park offers a quiet retreat on the St. Johns River in Volusia County.

Explore the park on a bicycle or hike the 3-mile roundtrip self-guided trail that begins at the Ranger Station and follows the Hontoon Dead River to the large Indian mound at the southwest corner of the island.

Go on an adventure around the island by **canoe** or **kayak**. Either may be rented at the Island Store, which also sells camping items, souvenirs, drinks and ice cream.





Bring a **picnic** lunch. A **playground** with swings will keep the children entertained. Picnic tables and cooking grills are available. One pavilion with a large grill is available, first come-first served. Largemouth bass, bluegills and speckled perch are good catches along the banks of the St. Johns River.

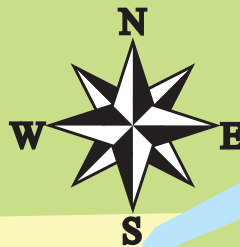
Campers enjoy the primitive **campground** with 12 tent sites in the shady hammock. Each site features a picnic table, ground grill and water.

Boat slips are available for overnight boat camping.

There are six rustic **cabins** for rent. Each oneroom cabin has bunk beds, a ceiling fan, overhead lighting and one electrical outlet. Each cabin has a screened porch with table and chairs. Picnic tables and ground grills are outside. A community restroom and showers is shared by all overnight visitors. Bring your own linens.

A **youth camp** is available for scouts and other organized groups up to 35 people.

-  Bicycling
-  Boat Camping Only
-  Cabins
-  Hiking
-  Parking
-  Pavilion
-  Picnicking
-  Playground
-  Restrooms
-  Visitor's Center
-  Youth Camping



Directions

Located west of DeLand off of State Road 44. Follow CVcountyRoad 4110 to County Road4125 (Hontoon Road). Make a left. Go to River Ridge Road and make a left on to River Ridge Road.

