

Welcome to Osceola County's Shingle Creek and Lake Tohopekaliga paddling trails.

One of Osceola County's best natural resources, providing excellent opportunities for;

Canoeing, Kayaking, and Paddleboarding

Shingle Creek offers an immersive experience winding through cypress forests. Located in a busy tourist corridor, Shingle Creek provides a great eco-friendly experience to enjoy. If you don't have a canoe or kayak or don't feel like transporting your own, the Paddling Center at Steffee Landing provides rentals for you. Lake Toho offers a more open water experience with several conservation areas to launch or stop at and visit along the journey.

Fishing

Lake "Toho" is world renowned for its large mouth bass, with a 24+ lb. fish documented during an electroshock survey in 1974 and 5-10 lbs. being a common catch. Catfish, bluegill, and black crappie are some of the other species commonly caught by anglers. Canoes and kayaks allow you to quietly reach some of the lake's best fishing areas.

Bird Watching

Goblet's Cove provides an exceptional place to view both residential and migratory birds.

Many species of birds live along the numerous waterways. Some species seen include Snail Kites, Bald Eagle, Limpkins, White Pelicans, Coots, Egrets, Sand Hill Cranes, Wood Storks, Osprey, Whistling Ducks, Barred Owls, Roseate Spoonbills and many others!

Viewing Other Wildlife

Alligators and Turtles are a common site. Deer and River Otters can also be seen but can be a bit more elusive.



For further information please visit us at

<https://www.osceola.org/agencies-departments/parks/>

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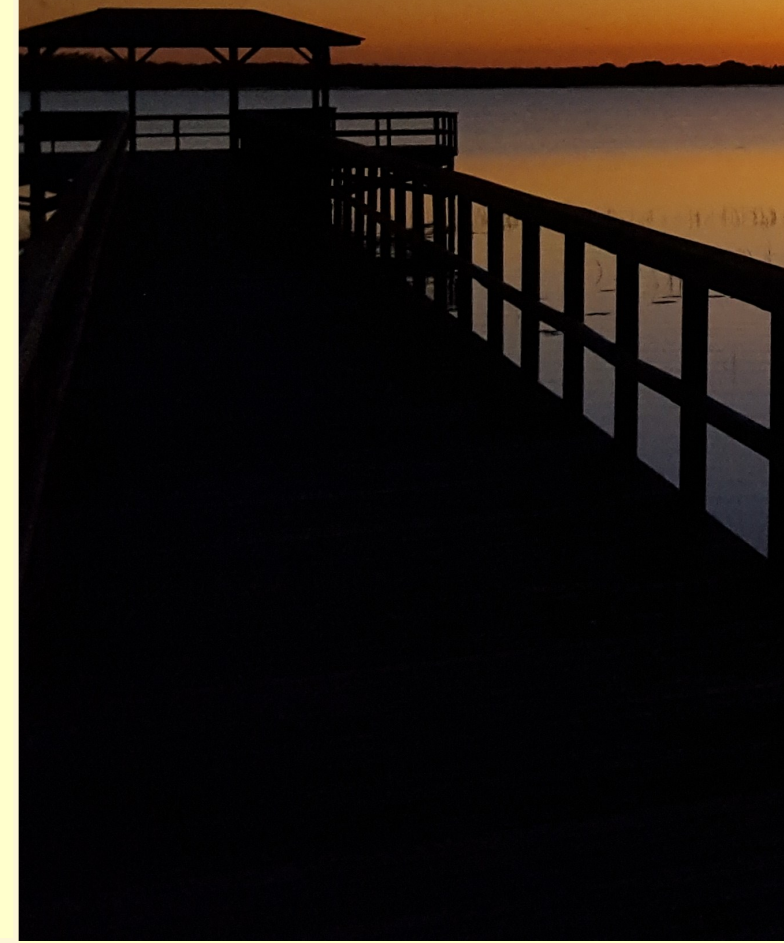
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Osceola County Parks Paddling Trails



Makinson Island Conservation Area



Twin Oaks Conservation Area



Brownie Wise Park at Tupperware Island



Scotty's Cove Conservation Area



Shingle Creek Trail

Through a partnership between private organizations, state, and local government agencies, Shingle Creek Regional Park currently spans over 1,000 acres preserving the headwaters of the Everglades. Previously logged of all of its old growth cypress to produce cypress shingles back in the 1800s, the waterway has since made a great comeback.

Steffee Landing offers a public area to launch from. The site includes a restrooms and canoe and kayak rentals concession. There is also several historical structures that have been restored on the old Steffee Homestead.

Babb Landing is at the North end of the paddling trail with a restroom and launch area. This property also features a village of historical buildings from around the county that have been relocated and restored. The village can be toured for a donation to the Osceola County Historical Society.

There are several other sites within the corridor that provide miles of multi-use trails taking you through several protected natural habitats to explore and enjoy. Many other recreational opportunities can be found throughout this regional park.

West Lake Toho is an important waterbody in Osceola County that's been the focus of conservation efforts. Over 830 acres and counting have been managed by Osceola County in order to protect the valuable shoreline and natural habitats.

Twin Oaks Conservation Area is currently the largest at 377 acres, featuring a canoe and kayak launch, fishing pier, observation pier, picnic pavilions and several miles of multi-use trails.

Cherokee Point Conservation Area is located just south across Goblets Cove and offers another location for canoe and kayak access. There is also a large pavilion, fishing pond, playground, restroom, and boardwalk.

Makinson Island is only accessible by boat and features a 1.5 mile hiking trail around the island with several campsites and a restroom.

Brownie Wise Park at Tupperware Island Conservation Area provides canoe and kayak access along with picnic pavilions, an observation overlook, hiking trail, and restrooms.

Scotty's Cove Conservation Area is the smallest at 12 acres with canoe and kayak access, ADA hiking trail with exercise stations, educational pavilion, picnic pavilions, playground equipment, and a restroom.

Cherokee Point Conservation Area



Paddling Center at Steffee Landing/US 192



Shingle Creek at Steffee Landing



Shingle Creek at Babb Landing

