

## History & Nature

The Flint River and Chattahoochee River combine to form Lake Seminole above the Jim Woodruff Dam. Below the dam, the waters become the mighty Apalachicola River, which flows untamed until it pours into Apalachicola Bay, and eventually, the Gulf of Mexico. The name of the park is a tribute to these three rivers.

Construction of the Jim Woodruff Lock and Dam began in 1947. After Lake Seminole was filled to the desired depth, Congress passed a special bill allowing certain property of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to be designated as recreational areas and leased to the State of Florida. Three Rivers became a Florida state park in 1955.

Native Americans used this area for fishing, hunting and agriculture. Apalachee, Tawasa, Osochi and Miccosukee Indians were inhabitants of the area before removal by Spanish, English and American forces. In later years, turpentine and timber operations took place on area lands, evidence of which can occasionally be seen in the form of a “cat-faced” pine tree.

Pine and hardwood forests dominate the 686 acres of uplands found at Three Rivers State Park. These woods of rolling hills and steep ravines are different from the natural communities found in south and central Florida parks.

The steep slopes along the shores of Lake Seminole provide a “microclimate,” significantly cooler and more moist than the surrounding areas. The conditions found along these slopes provide a home to a variety of trees, wildflowers and herbaceous plants. In the springtime, these slope forests are covered with the blooms of thousands of trilliums and white lilies. These are joined soon after by the tubular red flowers of red buckeye, which catch the attention of both people and hummingbirds.

## Florida State Parks

Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Recreation and Parks

### Three Rivers State Park

7908 Three Rivers Park Road  
Sneads, Florida 32460  
(850) 482-9006

[FloridaStateParks.org](http://FloridaStateParks.org)

## Park Guidelines

- Hours are 8 a.m. until sunset, 365 days a year.
- An entrance fee is required.
- All plants, animals and park property are protected. Collection, destruction or disturbance is prohibited.
- Pets are permitted in designated areas only. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet and well behaved at all times.
- Fishing, boating and fires are allowed in designated areas only. A Florida fishing license may be required.
- Fireworks and hunting are prohibited in all Florida state parks.
- Become a volunteer. Inquire at the ranger station.
- For camping information, contact Reserve America at (800) 326-3521 or (866) I CAMP FL or TDD (888) 433-0287 or visit [ReserveAmerica.com](http://ReserveAmerica.com).
- Florida’s state parks are committed to providing equal access to all facilities and programs. Should you need assistance to enable your participation, please contact the ranger station.

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## Three Rivers State Park

*Peaceful Seclusion on the Shores of Scenic  
Lake Seminole*



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## Real Fun in ...the Real Florida<sup>SM</sup>

Welcome to Three Rivers State Park, located along two and a half miles of Lake Seminole shoreline. Freshwater anglers travel great distances to fish Lake Seminole. Bird and botany enthusiasts delight in the abundant opportunities to study nature within the park, in a setting best described as serene and unhurried.

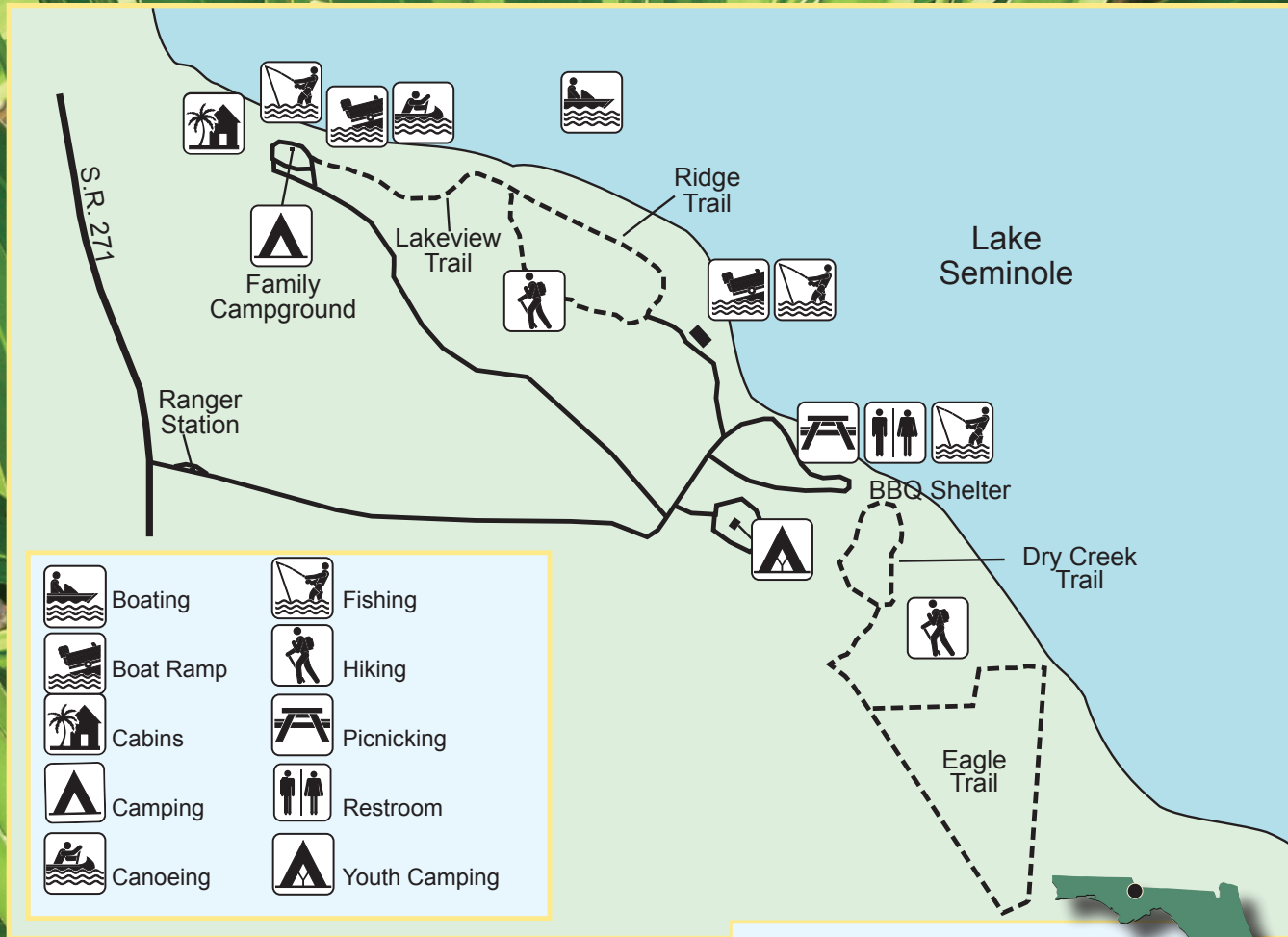
**Freshwater fishing and boating** are popular pastimes in the waters of Lake Seminole. Two boat ramps are located in the park, one in the day-use area of the park and the other in the family campground where all facilities are for registered campers only. A Florida freshwater fishing license is required for persons between the ages of 16 and 65.

**Picnickers** will enjoy the picnic area with three large pavilions, cooking grills, a playground and splendid views of Lake Seminole. The picnic area is great for family get togethers.

There are four educational, self-guided hiking and multi-use trails with brochures, signage and kiosks. They are accessible by both the family camping area and picnic area.

Thirty (30) **family campsites** are for tent and RV camping. A fully furnished, air-conditioned cabin is also available. Call Reserve America at (800) 326-3521 or visit [ReserveAmerica.com](http://ReserveAmerica.com). A **group camp** offers primitive camping for groups of 15 or more. Call the park office at (850) 482-9006 for reservations.

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### Directions

From Interstate 10, take exit 158. Go north 7 miles on CR 286 to Hwy 90 in the city of Sneads. Go west (left) on Hwy 90 and travel 1/4 mile to the flashing caution light. Turn north (right) onto River Road. Park entrance is 2 miles ahead on the right.