

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE — RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

OCALA ADVENTURE TRAIL

Begin your adventure through the historic and unique Big Scrub ecosystem on the Centennial Trail ...

Begin your day ride on the 45-mile Ocala Centennial Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trail at one of our temporary trailheads located on Forest Road #9. Riders who wish to camp overnight can leave from the Big Scrub Campground.

Riding the trail is a unique opportunity to view this **globally imperiled ecosystem**. The Big Scrub of the Ocala National Forest is the largest contiguous block of sand pine scrub ecosystem in the world. The scrub ecosystem is host to numerous rare species such as the Florida scrub-jay, sand skink, scrub lizard, gopher tortoise, black bear, white-tailed deer, wild turkey and numerous plants. Fire is needed to maintain this ecosystem. Natural wildfires are difficult to contain so Forest managers recreate this unique habitat through prescribed burning and cutting sand pine.



ON THE TRAIL

Trails are designed for slow speeds (less than 20 mph) for riders to view and appreciate scenery and wildlife. Future plans for the trail system include interpretive displays that highlight the importance of conservation, forest management, wildlife and history.

There are various day use opportunities located along the trail for riders. Riders may park at one of the OHV parking corrals to enjoy day use activities. Parking corrals are located at Farles Prairie, Blue Sink and Big Scrub Campground. Available activities at Blue Sink and Farles Prairie include fishing, wading, picnicking and wildlife viewing. Alcohol is prohibited in day use areas. Corrals are for trail users to park while enjoying day use activities not to load or unload trailored vehicles.

A portion of the trail located on Forest Road #22 is also shared by cars and trucks. The speed limit is 10 mph on this section.

CAMPING

Reservations for camping at Big Scrub Campground can be made at www.reserveamerica.com and walk-in sites are available.



Catch a glimpse of a Florida Scrub Jay along the trail!

HOW TO GET THERE

Temporary trailheads are located on Forest Road #9. From State Road 40 take Forest Road #9 south for 1/2 mile to trailhead. From State Road 19 take Forest Road #14 to Forest Road #9. Go 1/4 mile north on Forest Road #9 to trailhead.

Remember SAFETY FIRST!

- ✓ Take time to review safety and other riding requirements at the kiosks located at the trailhead. Please refer to the Ocala OHV Trail System brochure for a complete list of rules and regulations.
- ✓ Trails are two-way and provide a primitive experience. Blind turns, down trees and other users should be anticipated. The trail is designed for slow speeds with a maximum speed limit of 20 mph.
- ✓ New state laws in effect July 1, 2008 will require riders under 16 to have an approved rider safety course and will not allow double riding except on machines designed to carry more than one person.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit us online at www.fs.fed.us/r8/florida
Call the toll free OHV Hotline:
1-866-607-2016

Seminole Ranger Station: 352-669-3153
Lake George Ranger Station: 352-625-2520
Open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Salt Springs Visitor Center: 352-685-3070
Open Friday-Sunday 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Ocklawaha Visitor Center: 352-236-0288
Open 7 days a week 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

