


Birding Hotspots

St. Johns County, Florida



St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park

<p>Description:</p> 	<p>The Alligator Farm is a modern zoo that focuses primarily on reptiles, but has a fabulous wading bird rookery nestled among the alligators. The presence of the alligators keeps the nests safe from tree climbing predators. The elevated boardwalk through the rookery allows visitors to get an intimate view of these nesting birds. The best time to visit is during nesting season from March through June. Birds are in their breeding plumage and actively nesting.</p>
<p>Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail:</p>	<p>Yes. https://floridabirdingtrail.com/trail/trail-sections/east-section/st-augustine-alligator-farm/</p>
<p>Address:</p>	<p>999 Anastasia Blvd., St. Augustine, FL 32080</p>
<p>Phone Number:</p>	<p>(904) 824-3337</p>
<p>Fee:</p>	<p>Adults (ages 12+) \$35.99, Children (ages 3-11) \$20.99, Adults in wheelchairs (ages 12+) \$17.00, children in wheelchairs (ages 3-11) \$10.49, St. Augustine Alligator Farm Park Members are free.</p>
<p>Hours of Operation:</p>	<p>Every day 9 AM to 5 PM with extended hours in the summer</p>
<p>Handicap Accessibility:</p>	<p>The facility is ADA compliant.</p>
<p>Website:</p>	<p>https://www.alligatorfarm.com/</p>
<p>Facilities Available:</p>	<p>Restrooms, gift shop, zip lines, wildlife shows, and a conference center.</p>
<p>Types of Habitat:</p>	<p>Wading bird rookery</p>
<p>Other Information:</p>	<p>You can visit the Alligator Farm website to get updates on birding activity so you can plan your visit. Regularly recorded rookery updates are also available at (904) 824-3337 option 9.</p> <p>Annual family memberships are \$169.95 and individual memberships are \$139.95. An annual photo membership (which allows entrance an hour before and an hour after the park closes during nesting season) is \$149.95.</p>
<p>Level of Difficulty:</p>	<p>Easy</p>
<p>Species:</p>	<p>151 species have been seen. Wading birds include several species of herons and egrets, Spoonbills, Wood Storks, and White Ibis. Wood Ducks can also be found, as well as migrating warblers and woodpeckers.</p>
<p>Checklist:</p>	<p>eBird: https://ebird.org/hotspot/L614750 (please do not report captive birds)</p>