


Birding Hotspots

St. Johns County, Florida



Alpine Groves Park

<p>Description:</p> 	<p>This lovely 54-acre park on the bluffs of the St. Johns River was once a flourishing citrus grove. Over a mile of paved walking and biking trails meander the park where Louisiana Waterthrush, Prothonotary Warbler and Blackburnian Warbler may be encountered during spring and fall migration.</p> <p>Wander among the stately live oak trees and historic 19th century-era structures by the bluff, searching for songbird migrants like American Redstart and Ruby-crowned Kinglet. Or just relax and bird from the big swings under the oaks or the new observation pier – the scenic river vista alone is worth the trip.</p>
<p>Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail:</p>	<p>Yes. https://floridabirdingtrail.com/trail/trail-sections/east-section/alpine-groves-park/</p>
<p>Address:</p>	<p>2060 State Road 13, Switzerland, FL 32259</p>
<p>Phone Number:</p>	<p>(904) 209-0333</p>
<p>Fee:</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Hours of Operation:</p>	<p>Dawn to dusk daily.</p>
<p>Handicap Accessibility:</p>	<p>The park is ADA compliant. There is a mile-long paved handicap and stroller accessible hiking trail.</p>
<p>Website:</p>	<p>https://www.sjcf.us/parks_trails/alpine-groves-park/</p>
<p>Facilities Available:</p>	<p>Bathroom facilities, a playground, picnic tables, and an observation/fishing pier. The pavilion is also available for rent.</p>
<p>Types of Habitat:</p>	<p>Upland pine/hardwood forest and riparian hardwood forest.</p>
<p>Other Information:</p>	<p>There is a lovely butterfly garden near the entrance.</p>
<p>Level of Difficulty:</p>	<p>Easy.</p>
<p>Species:</p>	<p>135 species have been found. Various warblers and other songbirds, Bald Eagles, night herons, thrushes (Gray-cheeked and Swainson's), Spotted Sandpipers, Belted Kingfishers, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Brown-headed Nuthatch, Veery, various vireos, Purple Martins, Barred Owl, various woodpeckers and various hawks.</p>
<p>Checklist:</p>	<p>eBird: https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1147142</p>