


Birding Hotspots

St. Johns County, Florida



Deep Creek Conservation Area

<p>Description:</p> 	<p>The conservation area is made up of two tracts — both adjacent to Deep Creek or one of its tributaries. These tracts are Yarborough (1,103 acres) and Deep Creek North (4,529 acres). The majority of these tracts are floodplain swamp associated with Deep Creek and the St. Johns River.</p> <p>The northern tract (Deep Creek North) the largest portion of the conservation area – includes frontage along the St. Johns River and the portion of Deep Creek that flows into the river. The uplands are dominated by pine flatwoods.</p> <p>The Yarborough Tract consists of several old farming fields and a large man-made wetland that provides nutrient removal for the surrounding waterbodies while providing habitat for a variety of wildlife species such as wading birds, opossums, bobcats and white-tailed deer.</p>
<p>Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail:</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Address:</p>	<p>North Tract: 3725 Country Road 13 South, Elkton, FL 32023</p> <p>Yarborough Tract: 980 George Mill Rd., Hastings, FL 32145 and 9550 Cowpen Branch Rd., Hastings, FL 32145</p>
<p>Phone Number:</p>	<p>Call 911 in an emergency.</p>
<p>Fee:</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Hours of Operation:</p>	<p>Dawn to dusk daily.</p>
<p>Handicap Accessibility:</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>Website:</p>	<p>https://www.sjrwm.com/lands/recreation/deep-creek/</p>
<p>Facilities Available:</p>	<p>Parking areas, limited trails.</p>
<p>Types of Habitat:</p>	<p>Floodplain swamp, man-made wetlands, pine flatwoods.</p>
<p>Other Information:</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>Level of Difficulty:</p>	<p>Moderate to difficult.</p>
<p>Species:</p>	<p>156 species have been found at the Yarborough tract (the wetland created by the SRWMD). Look for various herons and egrets, Double-breasted Cormorant, Anhinga, Boat-tailed Grackle, and Red-winged Blackbird. Turkey can be seen in the flatwoods near County Road 13.</p>
<p>Checklist:</p>	<p>eBird: https://ebird.org/hotspot/L1072950 for the George Miller Road area.</p>