


Birding Hotspots

St. Johns County, Florida



Vilano Boat Ramp

<p>Description:</p> 	<p>Situated in the middle of a salt marsh, with mudflats, oyster bars and open water habitats, this boat ramp and parking area at the west end of the Vilano Bridge provide great viewing opportunities for shorebirds, gulls, terns and wading birds. Low tide and spring/fall migration are the best times to visit. This site can be especially good during or after rains – just bird right from your car. Also check the mudflats across the road from the sidewalk for more shorebirds and waders (a scope is handy here). When motorized boat traffic is low, you may wish to paddle the marsh for additional viewing opportunities.</p>
<p>Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail:</p>	<p>Yes. https://floridabirdingtrail.com/trail/trail-sections/east-section/vilano-boat-ramp/</p>
<p>Address:</p>	<p>101 Vilano Causeway, St. Augustine, FL 32082</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.</p>
<p>Handicap Accessibility:</p>	<p>One can bird from a car.</p>
<p>Website:</p>	<p>https://www.sjcf.us/boat-ramps/</p>
<p>Facilities Available:</p>	<p>Three boat ramps, two docks, picnic pavilion and tables, restrooms, concessions, and a parking lot.</p>
<p>Types of Habitat:</p>	<p>Salt marsh, with mud flats, oyster bars, and open water habitat.</p>
<p>Other Information:</p>	<p>Can be busy with boaters on weekends.</p>
<p>Level of Difficulty:</p>	<p>Easy; can bird from your car at times.</p>
<p>Species:</p>	<p>169 species have been found. In the winter, loons and ducks. Year around, Clapper Rail, Black Skimmer, Roseate Spoonbill. Whimbrel, Marbled Godwit, American Avocet, and White-rumped Sandpiper have been found here during migration. Pelagic seabirds such as Sooty and Bridled Terns during stormy weather.</p>
<p>Bird Checklist Available:</p>	<p>eBird: https://ebird.org/hotspot/L966454</p>