

Palatka Trip - April 12-14, 2022

Getting there:

We will meet at the Great Hall at 9:00 AM on Tuesday. Bring a picnic lunch to eat at the trailhead. We will leave about 9:15 and drive to the trailhead in Florahome, FL. If you go via FL19 to Palatka, turn left on FL100 and continue for about 14 miles. The trailhead is on your right.

Day 1 – Palatka-Lake Butler Trail

After lunch we will ride to the new east end of the trail and back. The distance is 25.0 miles round trip. After the ride drive back to the hotels at the intersection of FL19 and FL100.

Map Link: [Florahome-Palatka](#)

Total distance: 25.0 mi

Facilities: There are restrooms at the Florahome trailhead.

Wine & cheese party: 5:00 in hotel breakfast room

Dinner: Corky Bell's in E Palatka.

Day 2 – Palatka-St Augustine Trail

Meet in the Sleep Inn parking lot at 9:00 AM. Drive east on Rt 100 through Palatka across the river to FL207 N. Continue on 207 to the Cora Harrison Trailhead. It will be on your left as you enter Hastings.

We will ride first to the northeast end of the trail and back (about 23 mi RT). On the way back we will stop for lunch in Hastings at Norma D's. After lunch continue southwest to Cracker Swamp Rd. and back (about 13 mi RT). For those who don't want to ride quite this far, you can cut either or both legs short.

Map Links: [Harrison Trailhead-East end of trail](#)
[Harrison Trailhead-Cracker Swamp Rd](#)

Total distance: 23-36 miles

Facilities: Cora Harrison Trailhead, Armstrong trailhead, Restaurant

Wine & cheese party, Part Deux: 5:00 in hotel breakfast room

Dinner: Restaurant TBD.

Day 3 – Palatka-Lake Butler Trail

Check out of the hotel and drive to Twin Lakes Park (right on S Twin Lakes Rd. on the way to Keystone Hts). Ride east to the Florahome trailhead and back (15.2 mi RT) and continue on to Keystone Hts (main intersection) and back (5.8 mi RT). Continuing to the end of the trail beyond Keystone Hts adds 6 mi to the round trip distance.

Those who wish can stop for lunch at Florida Cracker Kitchen in Keystone Heights before heading home.

Map Links: [Twin Lakes-Florahome](#)
[Twin Lakes-Keystone Hts & trail's end](#)

Total distance: 21.0-27.0 miles

Facilities: Florahome trailhead (7.6 mi), Twin Lakes Park (0, 15.2 mi)