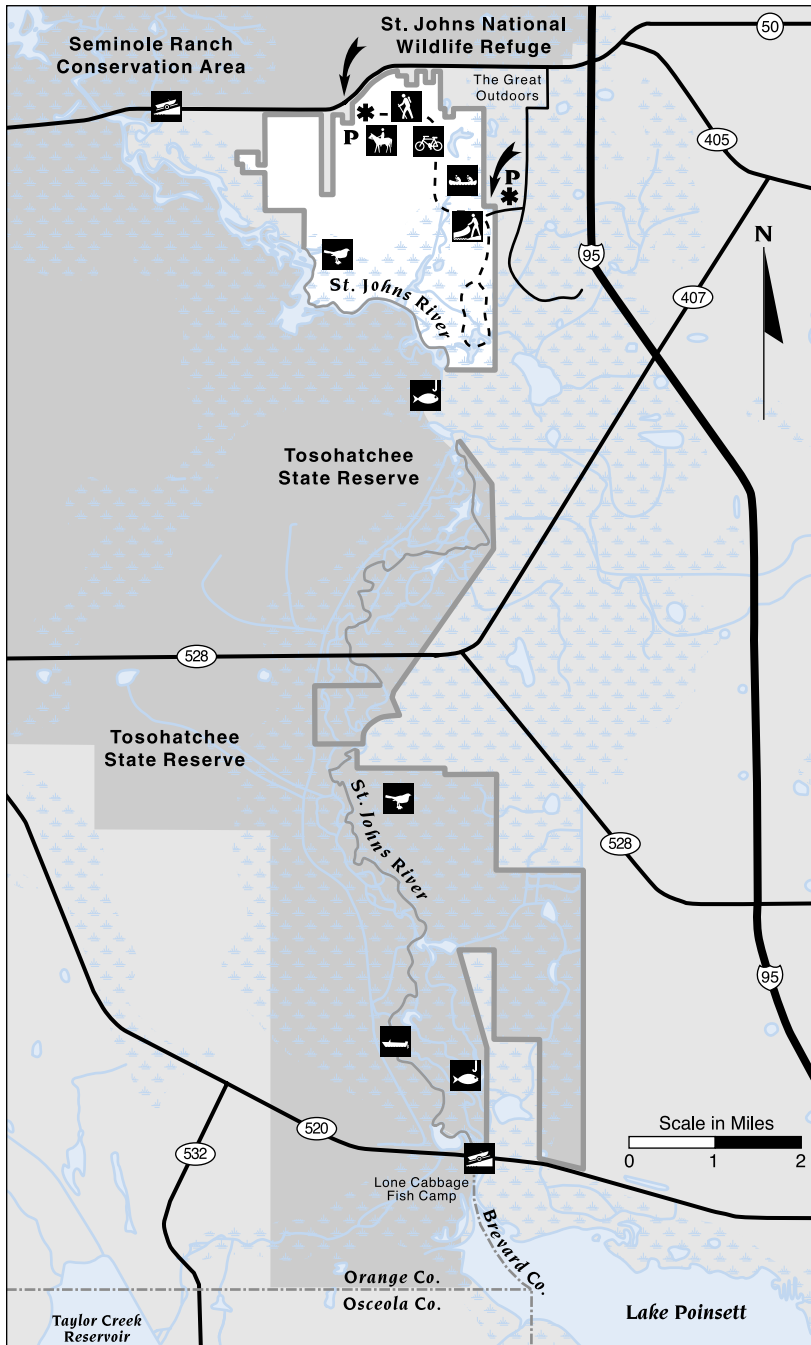


# Canaveral Marshes

CONSERVATION AREA



**Size:** 4,392 acres.

**Location:** In Brevard County, between SR 520 and SR 50.

**Description:** Lands within this area have been acquired for restoration of the St. Johns River floodplain. The river elevation drops an average of only one foot per five miles on this property, which includes approximately 20 to 25 miles of river shoreline. The low gradient and large floodplain allow the St. Johns River to function as a water storage area, serving as a natural regulator during high and low water stages. The Tosohatchee State Reserve lies to the south and west. The Florida Trails Association (FTA) has established hiking trails in the area.

**Wildlife viewing:** The marshes provide habitat for a diverse population of fish and wildlife, including numerous migratory and resident wading birds and waterfowl, alligators and many endangered species.

**Recreational activities:** Fishing, hiking, horseback riding, canoeing, boating and bird-watching (see Using District Land section at the end of this document). Access the FTA hiking trails at the SR 50 access area or from The Great Outdoors resort. A canoe launch is located at The Great Outdoors. Canoeing from this site is seasonal due to low water levels during the dry season.

**Restrictions:** Category 3 (see Restrictions section at the end of this document).

**Access:** By boat ramps along SR 520 (Lone Cabbage Fish Camp) and the Brevard County Park ramp. From SR 50 west of I-95, access is from a parking area on the south side of SR 50 or through The Great Outdoors resort. Boat ramps are also available along SR 50 (Orange County public boat ramp and Midway Fish Camp). Construction on an airboat launch on the north side of SR 50 at the St. Johns River began in 1999.

**For more information:** Call the District's Division of Land Management at (407) 893-3127. For the Tosohatchee State Reserve, call the Florida Department of Environmental Protection at (407) 568-5893.

