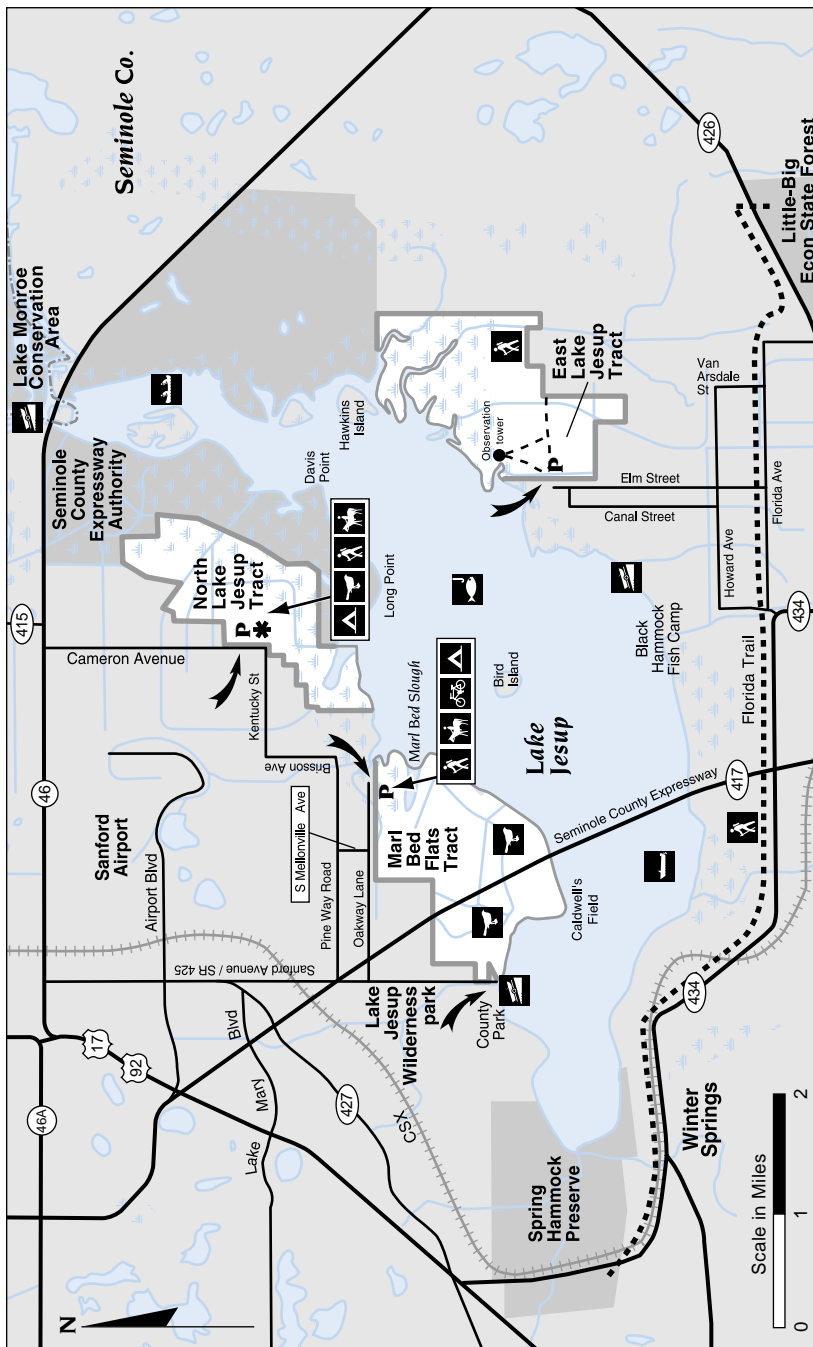


Lake Jesup

CONSERVATION AREA



Size: 3,432 acres divided into three different areas around Lake Jesup.

Location: Lake Jesup is in Seminole County, south of Sanford and north of Oviedo.

Description: The North Lake Jesup tract (1,194 acres) is scheduled for restoration of the land's natural drainage and water storage functions. This tract is contiguous to 1,700 acres under restoration to forested floodplain marsh by the Seminole County Expressway Authority. The Marl Bed Flats tract (1,279 acres) is bisected by the Seminole County Expressway and is approved for restoration by Florida Department of Transportation as mitigation associated with construction of the road. It was jointly acquired with Seminole County. The county's Lake Jesup Wilderness Park and boat ramp are located on the southwest corner of this tract. The area is primarily wet prairie grasslands extending back from the lake's shore to the thickly wooded hammocks in the area known as Caldwell's Field. The East Lake Jesup tract (1,241 acres) was purchased in 1997 to provide additional protection to the lake.

Wildlife viewing: There are many eagles, ospreys, hawks and alligators around the shores of Lake Jesup, as well as numerous egrets, ibis and great blue herons. The restoration of natural systems will improve the habitat and feeding areas for a wide variety of waterfowl.

Recreational activities: Hiking, fishing, boating, horseback riding, bird-watching and primitive camping at the North Lake Jesup tract at designated sites (see Using District Land section at the end of this document). Canoeing and boating are available on Lake Jesup and on the St. Johns River.

Restrictions: Category 3 (see Restrictions section at the end of this document). Special restriction: Special protection areas include restoration project sites as posted.

Access: To North Lake Jesup: From SR 46, turn south along Cameron Avenue and continue to its end. See map for additional access areas.

For more information: Call the District's Division of Land Management at (407) 897-4311.

