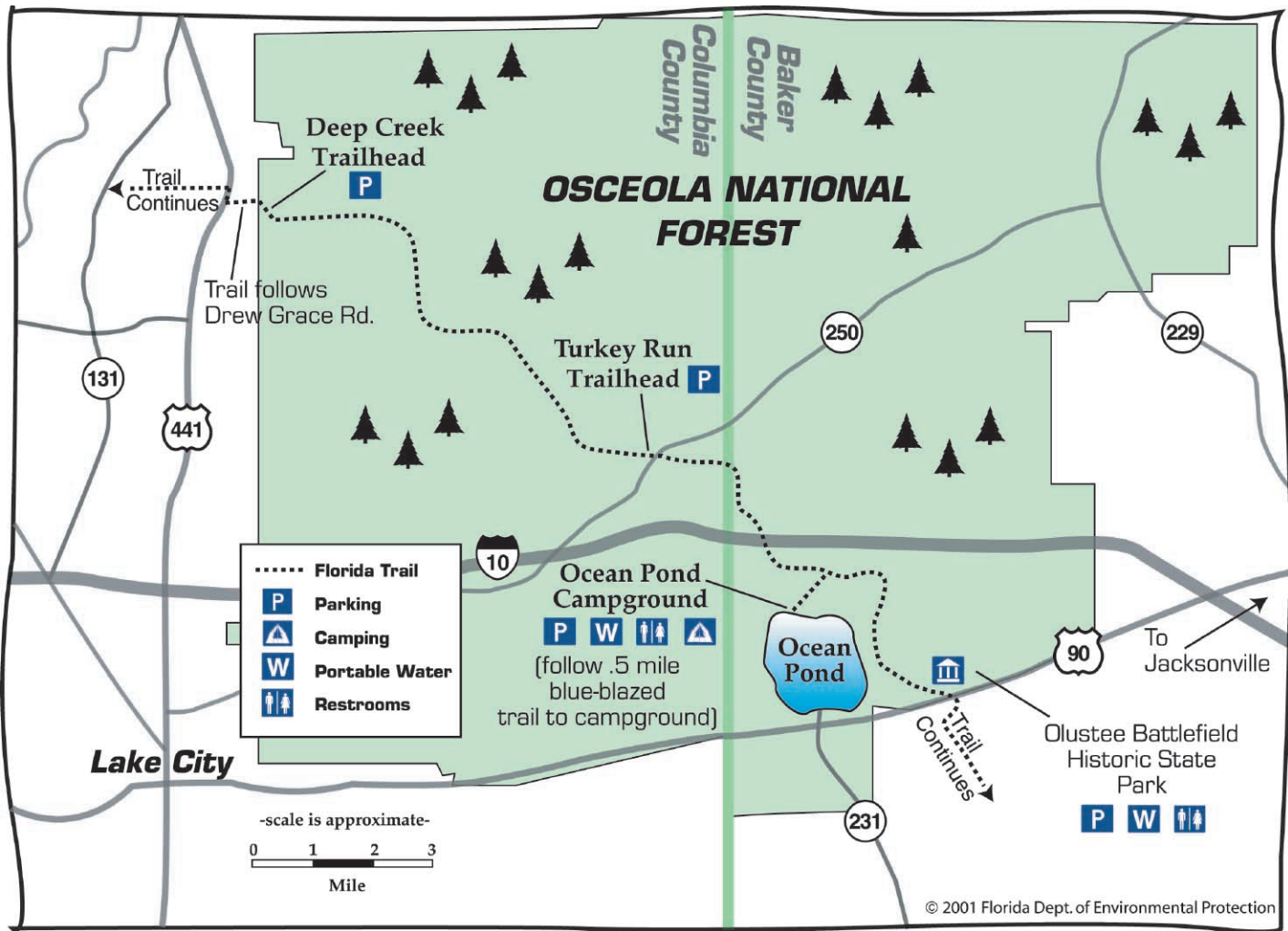


# Osceola National Forest~The Florida Trail



The Florida Trail in the Osceola National Forest is certified as Florida National Scenic Trail. The entire length of the trail in the National Forest is also designated as part of the Florida Statewide Greenways and Trails System. The trail winds through pine-palmetto flatwoods and through swamps with cypress, black gum, bay and maple trees.



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**Major Activities:** Hiking

**Trail Length/Surface:** unpaved hiking, orange blazed trail 18.8 miles

**Fee:** Admission fees may apply at some locations. Contact the Forest Service for more information.

**Counties:** Baker, Columbia

**Nearby Cities:** Lake City

**Notes:**

This is a flat trail passing through pine and hardwood forest and across many streams. Some wading may be necessary in the rainy season. Fortunately, thanks to the Forest Service, there are now 40 small bridges and catwalks over tributary streams which hikers once had to wade.

The primary Florida Trail is blazed orange. Blue blazes mark side trails to campsites, access points or places of interest. Double blazes indicate a change of direction, or that the trail is leaving an obvious path. After you spot a double blaze, watch carefully for the next blaze.

Register boxes are stationed at points along the trail. Be sure to sign in when you come to these locations. The registers provide a valuable record of trail use and are of special importance to rescue personnel.

The Florida Trail Association (FTA) produces a detailed hiking guide and segment-by-segment maps which are very useful for hiking the Florida Trail. For more information on the Florida Trail or FTA, visit their website at [www.florida-trail.org](http://www.florida-trail.org).

The attached map is intended to provide an overview of the trail location within the Osceola National Forest. There are parking and camping areas along the trail in addition to those shown on the map. For detailed information regarding additional facilities, contact the Forest Service or obtain the Florida Trail maps from FTA.



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