

MAKING LIFE MORE FUN

Vacationing Off The Beaten Path

(NAPSA)—Sometimes the key to a great family vacation is taking a road less traveled.

For instance, located minutes north of Orlando, and just a short drive to the East Coast's most scenic beaches as well as the John F. Kennedy Space Center, Seminole County is one of Central Florida's best-kept secrets.

Visitors are treated to a relaxed atmosphere and a wealth of natural beauty, including more than 2,000 pristine freshwater lakes and spring-fed rivers. Plus, hotel rates in the area are already one-third lower on average than neighboring destinations and Seminole County offers a third night free at select hotels.

Make A Splash

Seminole County's scenic natural waterways provide the area with a wealth of recreation options. Lake Monroe offers unbeatable fishing and sailing, while the Wekiva River, one of only two waterways in Florida to be designated a "wild and scenic river," offers a peaceful journey down spring-fed waters, bursting with wildlife and lush vegetation.

For the more adventurous, an exhilarating airboat tour is a must-do activity. Departing from Black Hammock Adventures, a flat-bottom boat propels riders over grassy marshes and the smooth waters of Lake Jesup, which is believed to have the largest concentration of alligators of any lake in North America.

A Sporting Time

Back on solid ground, Seminole County's parks boast miles of interconnected trails for cycling, running or a leisurely stroll.



Airboating is just one exciting way for vacationers to get their feet wet in Florida's Seminole County.

Golfers can choose from 14 courses, from public access to championship level. And amateur and world-class athletes regularly train at the county's numerous sporting facilities.

Small-Town Charm

In sharp contrast to more crowded destinations, Seminole County blends modern conveniences with small-town charm. Only blocks from Sanford's new RiverWalk is its Main Street Historic District. Lined with antique shops, art galleries and cafes, the district has 22 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Also in Sanford is Central Florida's only zoo, with more than 300 animals in a uniquely Florida setting.

For a listing of Seminole County hotels offering a free weekend night's stay, visit the Web site at www.AFreeNight.com and click on the "3rd Night Free" link. Destination information is also available by calling (800) 800-7832.