

# Points of Interest

(Numbers in parenthesis correspond to numbers on the maps)

## BAKER COUNTY

### Osceola National Forest (2)

One of Florida's most versatile recreation sites and one ready-made for bicyclists, hikers, and walkers. 312 square miles of pine and oak woodlands, cypress swamps, small streams and ponds, including the *Ocean Pond Recreation Area (3)* and *Olustee Beach (4)*.

Bicyclists are prohibited on the 22 miles of the Florida National Scenic Trail that runs through the forest, but there are plenty other options. County roads 250, 250A and 231 are well-paved and lightly traveled. For the more adventurous, there are numerous forest roads. Spring and early fall are best times to cycle and hike in the forest as trails can be boggy in summer. Stop at the Ranger headquarters at U.S. 90 for map brochures on the forest's attractions.

### Olustee Battlefield State Historic Site (5)

Site of 1864 Confederate victory at Olustee, largest Civil War battle in Florida. Battlefield, monument, and museum. Re-enactments held each February.

## NASSAU COUNTY

### Fernandina Beach

Historic Victorian seaside village where shrimp boats still sail with the rising sun and a 150-year-old lighthouse still guides seamen home. Eight flags have flown over this community which exhibits the influence from the French, Spanish and British to pirates, patriots and Confederates. Bike through the area's National Historic District, 50 blocks of green-canopied streets of late Victorian architectural charm winding around historic downtown Centre Street with its quaint shops, art galleries, and cafes.

Fernandina Beach is located on **AMELIA ISLAND**, a popular vacation spot offering visitors 13 miles of beautiful beaches, luxurious resorts, award-winning golf and tennis facilities, and fine dining.

### Fort Clinch State Park (22)

A pre-Civil War fort occupied by both Confederate and Union troops during the Civil War. Named for Gen. Duncan Lamont Clinch, an important figure in Florida's Seminole War of the 1830s. Park has a natural beach, the Atlantic Ocean, and includes huge sand dunes,

maritime hammock, and tidal marsh. Candle light tours and re-enactments. Visitor center with historical exhibits.

### Ralph E. Simmons Memorial State Forest (23)

Restricted during hunting periods. Access: From U.S. 1/U.S. 301, go east on Lake Hampton Rd. Info kiosk on Pigeon Creek Rd. Ensures conservation of 6.7 miles of St. Marys River shoreline. Serves as refuge for a number of rare and globally endangered plants.

## DUVAL COUNTY

### St. Johns River Ferry

Part of Florida A1A. Connects Mayport and Ft. George Island. Runs daily 6:20 a.m.-10 p.m. at 30-minute intervals. Northbank leaves on quarter hour; Southbank on half hour. 50 cents pedestrians/bicycles.

### Other Points of Interest

See Bike Ways map for Duval County for information.