



Deering Preserve at Deep Creek
County of Volusia
Parks, Recreation and Culture Division
202 North Florida Avenue
DeLand, Florida 32720
(386)736-5953

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATION
PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION, SIGN PAGES 1 AND 2
RETURN COMPLETED FORMS TO PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE DIVISION ADMINISTRATION:
Via email: Rebecca Rau [rrau@volusia.org](mailto:rrou@volusia.org) AND Alisha Cole acole@volusia.org OR Fax 386-943-7012

- This application is for the purpose of requesting vehicular access to the Deering Preserve canoe/kayak launch.
- A completed application must be received by the Division of Parks, Recreation and Culture at least seven (7) days prior to the requested date of access.
- Capacity and access is restricted/limited.
- If your request is approved, you will be provided via email, the special use authorization, placard for vehicle, facility rental contract and the gate lock combination.
- **Conservation lands are areas where natural conditions, plants or animals could pose a danger to individuals and their equipment. It is the duty of the individual to exercise reasonable caution and care when on conservation lands. The County does not, by providing access to conservation land for outdoor recreational purpose, extend any assurance that such lands or areas are safe for any purpose. Individuals should prepare for emergency situations, including medical emergencies, and be aware cellular phone service is not reliable in remote areas.**

APPLICANT

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Numbers:

Work: _____ Residence: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Date of Requested Access: _____ (Access is for one day and may be limited to Wednesdays only during hunting season)

If request is approved, telephone number at which you can be contacted while on the property: _____

I/We understand the risks that are generally associated with property that is in a substantially natural condition and assume all such risks. I/We agree to save and hold harmless the County of Volusia, its agents and employees, and any underlying fee simple property owner(s), from any and all claims damages, suits at law, in equity, or of whatever kind or nature for damages to or loss of property or injury or death to persons, resulting directly or indirectly from this request/use.

I am the party, or authorized representative of the party, requesting this access.

Signature

Date

SPECIAL USE AUTHORIZATION

This Special Use Authorization allows:

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number(s):

use of DEERING PRESERVE for the purpose of vehicular access to the canoe/kayak launch, as shown on the attached map, on _____ (DATE)

CONDITIONS OF USE

(A) STANDARD CONDITIONS

- The Authorization must be signed by all parties to be valid. Use constitutes acceptance of all conditions.
- The authorized party must have the approved Authorization on their person at all times while on the property.
- This Authorization is only valid for the date specified.
- Authorized party agrees that access is restricted to one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset.
- The authorized party will ensure the gate located at the entrance to the property from Osteen-Maytown Road is closed and properly locked upon entering the property. The authorized party shall not leave the gate open or unsecured while on the property or upon leaving the property.
- The Authorization is valid for one vehicle less than 22 feet in length. Multiple vehicles are expressly prohibited.
- The provided placard must be visibly displayed on the driver's side of the dashboard of the authorized party's vehicle at all times while on the property.
- The authorized party's vehicle shall be parked on the road in the designated area.
- All vehicles must have a valid tag and be legal to drive on Florida highways and are to be operated in a safe manner. The speed shall not exceed 30 miles per hour.
- ATVs and motorcycles are not allowed.
- All vehicles are to be confined to the designated roadway leading to the established canoe/kayak launch (see attached map).
- No overnight parking or camping is allowed.
- No motorized watercraft is allowed.
- No trailers are allowed.
- Authorized party agrees that any vehicles, equipment or other items they bring on the property shall be removed by the authorized party by the end of the approved access period.
- People, vehicles and other recreational equipment are prohibited in areas posted as closed to public access.
- Littering, trash dumping or vandalism is prohibited. Trash and similar material brought onto or generated while on the property shall be removed when leaving.
- Domestic pets and animals may not be brought onto the property.
- Failure to comply with the approved Authorization may lead to penalties including, but not limited to, immediate revocation of the Authorization.

(B) SPECIAL CONDITIONS (IF ANY)

I agree to the conditions of this Special Use Authorization:

Signature

Date

Authorization based upon the above conditions is approved:

Signature

Date

Pell Road

CR 4164 (Osteen Maytown Road)

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ST. JOHNS RIVER

Lake Harney



Deering Preserve Trail

AT DEEP CREEK

The preserve is 1,400 acres of conservation land featuring Deep Creek, a five mile body of water that crosses the property as it flows to the St. Johns River. The natural community types here include pine flatwoods, cypress domes, and floodplain swamps. Great blue heron, osprey, bald eagle, alligator, river otter, bobcat, deer and turkey make their homes here.

TRAIL OPEN SUNRISE TO SUNSET BY PERMIT (CALL 396-736-5953.)

Yellow Trail
(0.1 MILES)



Paddling Trail
(3.6 MILES)

These lands are managed through the Volusia Forever program. In 2000 the citizens of Volusia County voted to tax themselves to establish this fund to protect the county's natural biodiversity for future generations.

