

### Morning:

- **Start in Silver Springs:** Begin your day at Silver Springs State Park, known for its crystal-clear springs and glass-bottom boat tours.
- **Mill Dam Recreation Area** - In the shade of live oaks overlooking 168-acre Mill Dam Lake, Mill Dam Recreation Area offers two different experiences for the public. Between March 16 and September 30, it's a day use recreation area with a large swimming area and sandy beach accessible by wheelchairs. For the remainder of the year, October 1 - March 15, it becomes a group campground / recreation area for both day use and tent camping.
- **Drive to Juniper Springs:** Head east on State Road 40 to Juniper Springs, one of the oldest and most scenic recreation areas in the national forest. Here, you can swim in the natural springs or take a canoe trip down Juniper Run.
- **Alexander Springs** - The first-magnitude spring located in the Ocala National Forest, known for its crystal-clear waters, lush surroundings, and year-round 72-degree temperature. As one of the only springs in Florida with a gently sloping sandy bottom, it's perfect for swimming, snorkeling, and scuba diving.

### Afternoon:

- **Lunch in Astor: Drifters Riverfront** - Drifters Riverfront Bar & Grill in Astor is a laid-back spot on the St. Johns River, perfect for enjoying fresh seafood, cold drinks, and live music with scenic waterfront views. Whether arriving by boat or car, guests can relax with great food and a true Florida vibe.
- **Visit the Barberville Pioneer Settlement:** Travel south on U.S. Route 17 to this historical village showcasing Florida's rural past with restored buildings and artifacts.
- **Barberville Yard Art Emporium-** A one-of-a-kind roadside treasure trove filled with eclectic metal sculptures, vibrant pottery, and unique garden décor. This quirky destination is a must-visit for anyone looking to add character to their outdoor space. With its ever-changing selection, you never know what eye-catching piece you'll find.
- **Volusia Speedway-** Volusia Speedway Park is a premier dirt track racing venue known for its high-speed action and thrilling events. Hosting races year-round, it's a must-visit for motorsports enthusiasts.

Head east on State Road 40, passing through the forest's dense canopies. Arrive in Ormond Beach in time to catch a sunset over the Halifax River.