



Audubon Assembly Field Trip Options to Explore on Thursday Afternoon

North of Howey-in-the-Hills:

- [Lake Idamere Park](#) (located 4.5 mi north of our venue): offers a 1.4 mi partially paved path that loops around the lake.
- [Lake May Reserve](#) (located in Eustis, 16.8 mi northeast of our venue): Offers a scenic, 2.4-mile loop along the lake to explore sandhill and scrub habitats restored from 136 acres of former orange groves.

Closer to the venue:

- [Hickory Point Park](#) (located 2.8 mi. from the venue, 7 minutes away) offers a short nature boardwalk with lakeside views.

South of Howey-in-the-Hills:

- [Ferndale Preserve](#) (located 11 miles southeast of our venue): offers a 2.1-mile trail loop along mostly sandhill restoration land. With a whopping 130 ft of elevation gain, you'll get panoramic views of Lake Apopka nearby.
- [Lake Louisa State Park](#) (located 23 mi south of our venue): found along the eastern border of the Green Swamp, the park is home to 11 distinct natural plant communities and offers over 20 miles of multi-use trails. **\$5 entry fee required**
- [Oakland Nature Preserve](#) (located 23 miles southeast of our venue): offers a .7-mile accessible boardwalk through marshes to the lake and several short upland trails to explore.

Non-birding option: Explore Mt. Dora! Stop by Palm Island Park while you're there for an easy stroll on the lakefront boardwalk.

Saturday Afternoon (Only open Fri-Sun):

- **Lake Apopka Wildlife Drive** (21 miles east of our venue): considered one of the most renowned birding destinations in Florida, the drive offers the potential to see 377 different bird species recorded on the property. The one-way drive is 11 miles long and can take anywhere from 1-3 hours to complete, depending on your stops.