

## Jacksonville, FL

You don't need to hug the ocean, and its traffic laden roads, to find great beautiful drives in Florida. Our Jacksonville route explores some wonderful driving roads along the St. Johns River, the Lake George Conservation area, and Caravelle Ranch Wilderness Management Area. Some of the natural highlights along the route include sand pine forests, ancient sand dunes, natural water springs, and the highest population density of Florida black bear.

### Route Master Notes

**Road Selection** - Your route master has made every effort to select roads which are fun to drive, light on traffic, and interesting for both driver and passenger. As the route departs onto secondary, or even more remote selections, pavement quality may suffer. If you were attending a drivers' meeting at one of our traditional events, you'd hear your route master tell you "a rough road is only as rough as the speed you drive it at!" Slow driving, through any sections you deem rough, will increase enjoyment of the route.

**Fuel & Restroom Stops** - Your route master presumes you've started the day with a full tank of fuel. For routes over 150mi, we've ensured we've gone close enough to major centers, or through towns, so that you can find fuel. You may need to go slightly off route to fill your tank. Due to Covid-19, you may find that restroom stops are not available in towns, at gas stations, or anywhere on route. We've included some dining stops in the anticipation of Covid-19 regulations being loosened, but in the meantime, simply drive past a featured stop, and your digital app will automatically route to the next waypoint. Participants are reminded to follow all Covid-19 restrictions, only stopping if safe and legal to do so.

### Route Notes

Our drive is a 4 hour, 20 minute loop (without stopping) beginning in the south end of Jacksonville. The loop begins at Twisted Compass Brewing Co., a favorite coffee shop of your route master. Featuring proper espresso coffees and fantastic morning pastries, it's a great way to start off. You can check hours of operation, and levels of service by visiting [www.twistedcompassbrewing.com](http://www.twistedcompassbrewing.com)

Mid-route, approximately 2 hours and 20 minutes into the tour, you'll pass through the town of Astor where you'll find multiple restaurants, including:

- Williams Landing, located in the Blackwater Inn, features seafood, steaks and sandwiches. [www.blackwaterinn.com](http://www.blackwaterinn.com)
- Sparky's Place Restaurant offers home-style burgers, pizza, sandwiches and salads. This laid-back spot is a favorite for locals. [www.sparkysplace13.com](http://www.sparkysplace13.com)
- Castaways Restaurant is a bar and grill, famous for their generous portions. You'll find a wide variety of entrees and options. [www.castawaybg.com](http://www.castawaybg.com)

Our tour finishes at Blackstone Grille, in the Bartram Oaks Walk. The Blackstone Grille offers trendy bistro style cuisine, from renowned chef Charles Wang. Full menus, hours and service information can be found by visiting [www.blackstonegrille.com](http://www.blackstonegrille.com)