

Summer in Florida: A Guide to the Outdoors in Levy County

If you want to explore the best of the great outdoors in Florida, come to Levy County. Sitting on the Gulf of Mexico and home to beautiful lakes, rivers and forests, Levy County is ranked among the best places to explore in the state. Here, you can kayak tree-draped rivers and dive to see a 2-million-year-old fossil. If you want to get outside and into nature, come explore the outdoors in Levy County.

Levy County is home to some of the best paddling pathways in the world. The [Waccasassa River](#) has more than 29 miles of scenic routes where paddlers can see various habitats including swamps and forests and eventually merges into [Wekiva River](#), where visitors will notice beautiful tree-lined scenery. [Cedar Key](#) is a great alternative to get your kayaking fix year-round. This coastal area is wonderful for spotting dolphin and wading birds while paddling. Guests have a choice of embarking on a self-guided tour or taking a nature & history tour boat ride from one of the many vendors along Dock Street. [The Withlacoochee River is a local favorite for paddling.](#) Come experience the best in outdoor paddling and launch your kayak at [B's Marina Campground](#) in Yankeetown, Florida, for a beautiful paddle to the Gulf of Mexico.

Kayaking



Scalloping



Levy County is one of the few places in the country where families can go on a one-of-a-kind scalloping adventure. In early summer, scallops are ripe and ready to be harvested. Visitors can opt to ride along with a charter boat captain like [Osprey Guides](#) that can provide scalloping gear (fins, net and snorkels) and take you to the location to go scalloping. Yankeetown and Cedar Key are two excellent spots in Levy County for scalloping. Some local restaurants might even prepare the scallops for you for dinner.

If you wish to further explore the underwater world, Levy County is home to many great diving spots. [The Blue Grotto](#) in Williston is one of the county's most popular diving locations and has scuba gear rental and instructors available. Its cavern goes 100 feet deep, where divers can explore the gorgeous, undisturbed rock formations. For a more dramatic experience, the [Devil's Den](#) features an underground spring hidden inside a cave. When visiting Devil's Den, divers will see fossils dating from 10,000 to 2 million years old. Because of the spring's location, its temperature remains at an ideal 72 degrees throughout the year. Scuba rentals are available.

Diving



Fishing



Located on the Gulf, Levy County has hundreds of fishing spots to pull in a big catch. For saltwater fishing, Cedar Key has a number of fishing islands only accessible by boat where red fish, trout and tarpon roam. If you're without a boat, you can still fish off the Cedar Key Fishing Pier. The county also has a number of lakes and rivers with trophy-fish potential. Among the most popular fishing locations is the famous [Suwannee River](#)—an excellent place to catch freshwater fish like catfish, largemouth bass and bream. If you're planning to bring your own boat, the river has many boat ramps. Those without boats can opt to fish on one of the river's piers at Fanning Springs State Park. [Lake Rousseau](#) is another fantastic location to drop a line. At this picturesque lake, visitors can take their chances at nabbing bluefish, sunfish and black crappie. The lake is also home to an [RV park](#).