

# ARBORS VILLAGE NATURE TRAIL



### Anhinga

Commonly called snake birds because, while swimming, only their head and a portion of their neck is above the water's surface. At first glance it appears to be a snake.



### American Alligator

Once endangered, their diet usually consists of fish, turtles, and small mammals but may attack anything if agitated. They should be respected and watched from a distance. Do not feed.



### Little Blue Heron

Common in marshy wetlands, they constantly move looking for small fish, amphibians and invertebrates. Blue herons are born white and achieve maroon or blue feathers with maturity.



### Snakes

Quite common in Florida and very valuable to the ecosystem. None are aggressive and most are non-poisonous, however, many snakes will defend themselves, so they are best observed at a distance.



### Wood Stork

The only stork found in North America is usually in cypress trees surrounded by water. A wood stork feeds by groping in the water until it bumps into prey and grabs it in its large beak.



### Bats

They're actually mammals and are almost always most active at night. Considered nature's best bug control, each bat can eat up to a thousand mosquitoes and other bugs in about an hour.



### Otters

Otters are playful animals with a diet primarily consisting of fish. They have a soft underfur protected by an outer layer of hair that keeps them dry and warm when underwater.



### Hoot Owl

The hoot owl is nocturnal, primarily hunting at night for mice. They live in tree cavities and are known for their call consisting of eight accented hoots.



### Sand Hill Cranes

The sand hill cranes are easily identifiable by their red foreheads, long legs and loud calls. They mate for life and their babies are referred to as colts.

Lagerfeld Drive

Conerton Boulevard

-  Nature Trail
-  Boardwalk
-  Lake
-  Wetlands
-  Nature Preserve
-  Trail Head

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SCALE IN FEET

*The trails are provided for your enjoyment. As with any natural area, there are hazards associated with the trails and surrounding wildlife area. Users of the trails do so at their own risk. Venturing off the trail is not recommended. All distances are approximate.*



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