

HOT SPOTS FOR BIRDING in St. Johns County, FLORIDA



St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoological Park

Description:	<p>The Alligator Farm is a modern zoo that focuses primarily on reptiles. It exhibits living specimens of all 24 currently recognized species of crocodilian. There is a wading bird rookery nestled among the alligators where birds actively roost, nest, and raise their young. The wild visiting birds are attracted to the facility because the presence of the alligators keeps the nests safe from tree climbing predators. The elevated boardwalk through the rookery allows visitors to get an intimate view of these nesting birds. Photographers regularly get award winning photos at this location.</p> <p>The best time to visit is during nesting season from March through June. Birds are in their breeding plumage and actively nesting.</p>
Address:	999 Anastasia Blvd. St. Augustine, FL 32080
Phone Number:	904-824-3337
Fee:	<p>Adults (ages 12+).....\$25.99 Children (ages 3-11).....\$14.99 Guests in Wheelchairs (Adults).....\$13.00 Guests in Wheelchairs (Children).....\$7.50 St. Augustine Alligator Farm Zoo Members.....Free Admission AAA, Military, and Senior Citizens 10% off</p>
Hours of Operation:	Every day 9-5, Extended hours in summer 9-6
Handicap Accessibility:	Yes
Website:	https://www.alligatorfarm.com/
Facilities Available:	Restrooms, gift shop, zip lines, wildlife shows
Types of Habitat:	Wading bird rookery
Other Information:	<p>You can visit the Alligator Farm website to get updates on birding activity so you can plan your visit. Regularly recorded rookery updates are also available at (904) 824-3337 ext. 23.</p> <p>The purchase of a photographer pass allows entrance an hour before and an hour after the park closes during nesting season.</p>
Level of Difficulty:	Easy
Species:	Native herons, egrets, spoonbills, and wood storks
Bird Checklist Available:	No, but the wading rookery has signs and information on the types of birds that nest regularly