

## Afternoon/Evening touring options:

1. **Don Garlit's Museum of Drag Racing and Don Garlits' Classic Car Museum** - 13700 SE 16th Ave., Ocala. Garlits' acclaimed museum chronicles the history of drag racing. Displays of historic dragsters, classic cars, memorabilia, and even a highly-modified Buick nailhead engine. Admission: \$12 (\$10 seniors). Distance: 10 miles, 15 minutes.
2. **Florida's Silver Springs State Park** - 5656 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Silver Springs, FL. A grand Florida attraction since the 1820s, enjoy nature trails and gardens, ride a glass bottom boat to see underwater view wildlife, vegetation and Indian and early explorer artifacts, along with movie props from the park's Hollywood productions days (Tarzan movies, the Creature from the Black Lagoon, Sea Hunt T.V. show). Cost: park admission is \$2. Glass Bottom Boat 30-minute tour is \$11, \$10 seniors over 55 and children under 17. Stroll the grounds. Canoes and Kayaks \$18 for first hour, \$9 each extra hour. Distance: 12 miles, 25 minutes, allow 2-3 hours in park.
3. **Ocala City Square** – Tree-shaded square complete with a gazebo surrounded by restaurants, cafes, shopping. Stroll, dine, shop. Distance: 6 miles, 12 minutes.
4. **Grand Oaks Resort Carriage Museum** - 3000 Marion County Rd, Weirsdale, FL. Large private collections of carriages and equine artifacts, including 160 European and American carriages. Enjoy a lunch (or an early dinner) at the Grille. Admission: \$15 per person. Distance: 30 miles, 41 minutes.
5. **Pacquett's International Harvester-Farmall Tractor Museum** – 615 S. Whitney Road, Leesburg, FL. Roadside America calls this an “impressive, completely-out-of-nowhere private collection of Farmall Tractors and International Harvester machinery.” Five buttons on Trip Advisor. \$15 admission or \$10 if you get nine others to go, too. [www.stewsihstuff.com/](http://www.stewsihstuff.com/). Distance: 33 miles, 38 minutes.
6. **Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Historic State Park** - 18700 S. CR 325, Cross Creek, FL. This is the authentic cracker-style home and farm where the author lived and wrote her Pulitzer prize winning novel, *The Yearling*, and other fictional works. Guided tours of the home. Visit the farmyard, grove and garden, and nature trail. Park admission is \$3 per car, admission to the home and guided tour is \$3 per person. Distance: 29 miles, 35 minutes.
7. **The Yearling Restaurant** - one mile further along the county road from the Rawlings Park is one of Florida's top eateries. Classic “Florida Cracker” cuisine featuring sea food, gator, steaks, sandwiches, an amazing sour orange pie (think key lime pie meets Dreamsicle). Distance: 30 miles, 37 minutes.
8. **Micanopy, FL** - on US 441 just west of Cross Creek is this scenic village known for antiques, craft shops, cafes along quaint main street (it was the location for Doc Hollywood). Distance: 28 miles, 35 minutes.
9. **Cedar Key** - This is a longer drive that takes you through Ocala thoroughbred farm country to Florida's Gulf coast and a quaint fishing town and a glimpse of Old Florida. Some tasty seafood restaurants overlooking the water. Distance: 69 miles, 1 hour 18 minutes.
10. **Hit the links** – If you bring your clubs, Ocala has plenty of opportunities to play a round, ranging from full-length to executive nine-hole courses. Our hotel even has a putting green so you can warm up.