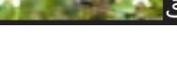
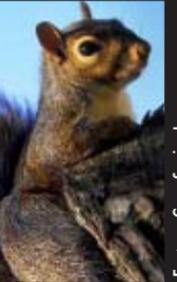




# Ocean Ridge Natural Area Photo Album

Mammals	Reptiles	Fish	Insects	Plants	Birds	Crustaceans												
 <p>Raccoon (<i>Procyon lotor</i>)</p>	 <p>Racer (<i>Coluber constrictor</i>)</p>	 <p>Checkered Puffer (<i>SphaeroIDES testuineus</i>)</p>	 <p>Gulf Fritillary (<i>Agraulis vanillae</i>)</p>	 <p>Gumbo Limbo (<i>Bursera simarubra</i>)</p>	 <p>Eastern Gray Squirrel (<i>Sciurus carolinensis</i>)</p>	 <p>Common Snook (<i>Centropomus undecimalis</i>)</p>	<p>Halloween Pennant (<i>Celithemis eparina</i>)</p>	<p>Satinleaf (<i>Chrysophyllum oliviforme</i>)</p>	<p>Coralbean (<i>Erythrina herbacea</i>)</p>	 <p>Green Heron (<i>Butorides virescens</i>)</p>	 <p>Prairie Warbler (<i>Dendroica discolor</i>)</p>	 <p>Blue Land Crab (<i>Cardisoma guanhumi</i>)</p>	 <p>Yellow Warbler (<i>Geothlypis trichas</i>)</p>	 <p>Little Blue Heron (<i>Egretta caerulea</i>)</p>	 <p>Sand Fiddler Crab (<i>Uca pugnator</i>)</p>	 <p>Osprey (<i>Pandion haliaetus</i>)</p>	<p>White Ibis (Adult and Immature) (<i>Eudocimus albus</i>)</p>	<p>Great Blue Heron (<i>Ardea herodias</i>)</p>
 <p>Wild Coffee (<i>Psychotria nervosa</i>)</p>	 <p>Dune Sunflower (<i>Helianthus debilis</i>)</p>	 <p>Railroad Vine (<i>Ipomoea pes-caprae</i>)</p>	 <p>Necklacepod (<i>Sophora tomentosa</i>)</p>	 <p>Great Blue Heron (<i>Ardea herodias</i>)</p>														

Welcome to one of Palm Beach County's natural treasures! The Ocean Ridge Natural Area protects environmentally sensitive mangrove habitat. The natural area also provides recreational opportunities for residents and visitors who want to explore the good nature of Palm Beach County.

In September 1997 Department of Environmental Resources Management staff began researching potential locations for a "boater island" to provide a recreational area for boaters within the southern portions of the Lake Worth Lagoon. In June 2001 a lease agreement with the Town of Ocean Ridge was approved for Palm Beach County to restore mangrove wetlands, create recreational amenities, and provide for the long-term management of the Ocean Ridge Natural Area.

The 12-acre Ocean Ridge Natural Area is part of a system of natural areas, protected to maintain the diversity of biological communities and species in Palm Beach County. The natural areas are open to the public for educational use and passive recreational activities such as hiking, nature photography, and bird watching.



The Ocean Ridge Natural Area is home to hundreds of plant and animal species. One of the many birds found among the mangroves is the red-bellied woodpecker. This 9-inch long bird has an abundance of red on its head and hindneck but very little red on its belly. It is quite vocal - listen for its rolling *churr* double *chiv* as you walk along the boardwalk. This woodpecker is also known as "zebraback" for the striking black and white markings on its back.

## Rules and Regulations

**Prohibited on the Site:**

- Smoking
- Hunting
- Feeding wildlife
- Alcoholic beverages
- Discharging firearms
- Pets or domestic animals
- Bicycles or motor vehicles
- Collecting plants or animals

The natural area is open from sunrise to sunset, seven days a week, including holidays.

There are no toilets or drinking water at this site.

**In an emergency, call 911 or the Ocean Ridge Police Department at 561-732-8331.**



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