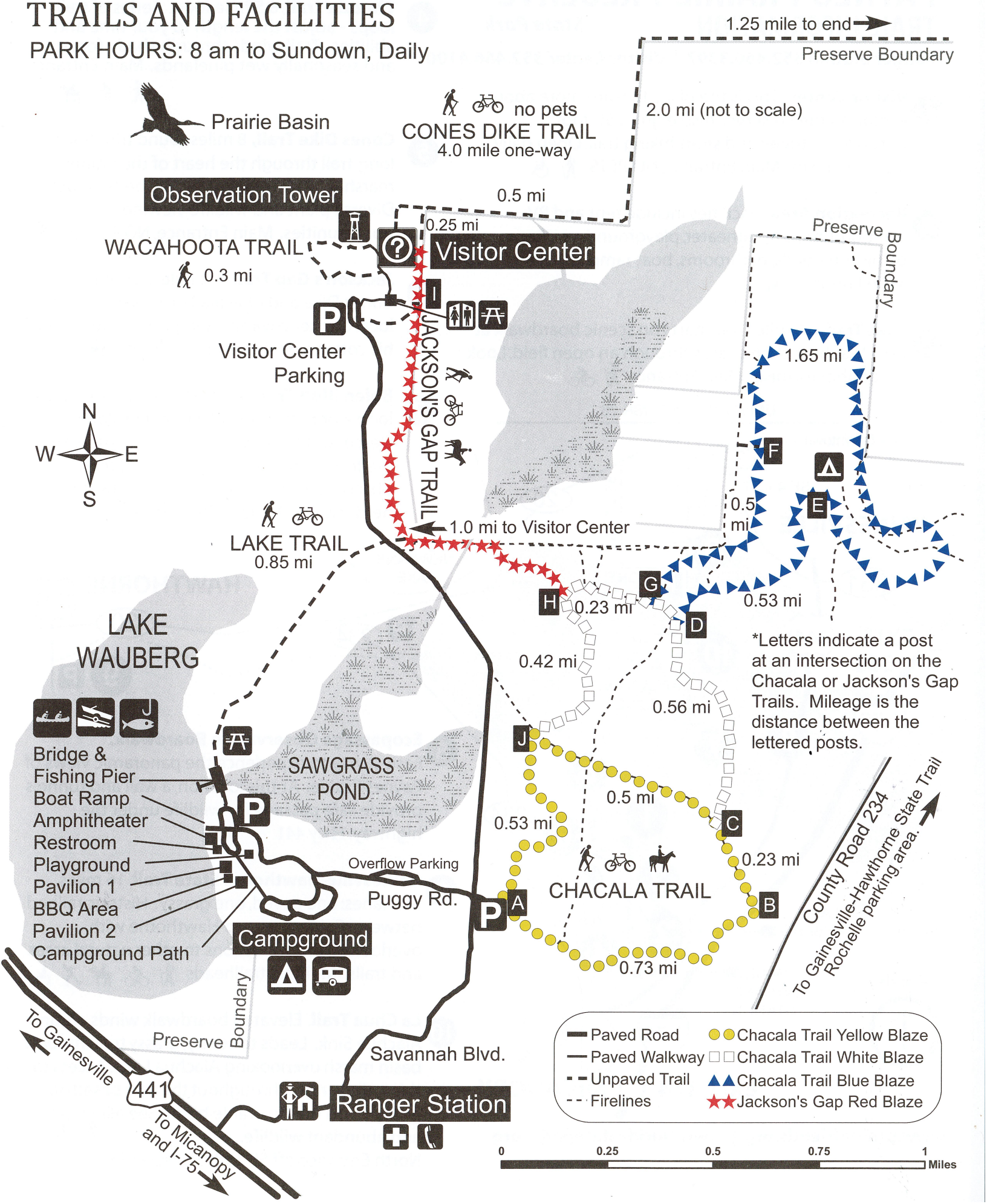
PAYNES PRAIRIE PRESERVE STATE PARK
TRAILS AND FACILITIES

PARK HOURS: 8 am to Sundown, Daily



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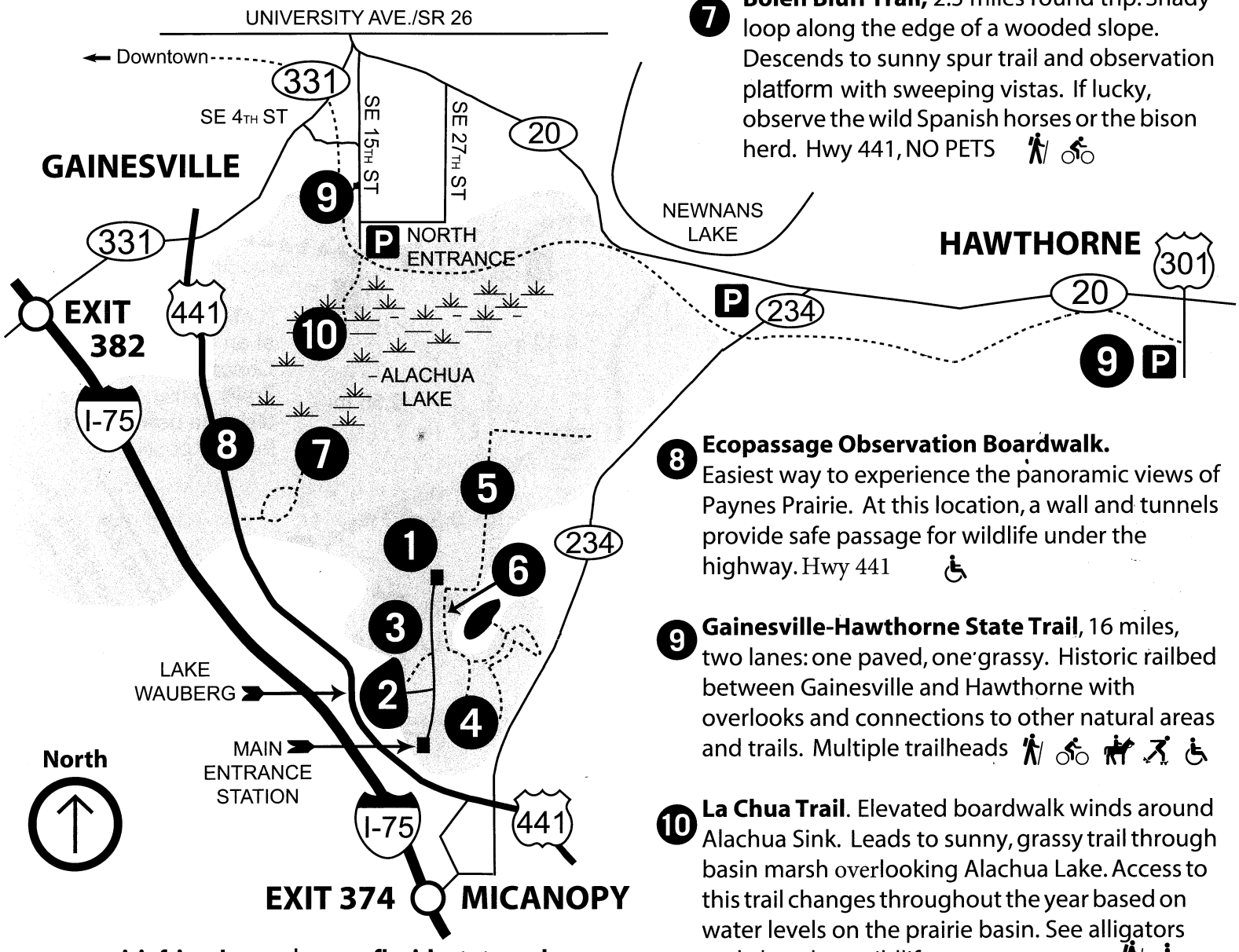
TRAIL INFORMATION *State Park*

Ranger Station 352.466.3397 | Visitor Center 352.466.4100

1. **Visitor Center.** This is the place to learn more about exploring the Preserve. Also enjoy a 50-foot observation tower and short hiking trail. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Main Entrance, NO PETS

2. **Recreation Area.** Facilities include tent and RV campground, amphitheater, playground, pavilions, picnic area, grills, bathrooms, boat ramp and fishing. Main Entrance

3. **Lake Trail,** 0.8 mile. Trail starts on scenic boardwalk at Lake Wauberg then passes through an open field. Look for gopher tortoise. Main Entrance



4. **Chacala Trail,** 6.5 mile loop. Series of trail loops - adjust the length to your time and abilities. Trail winds through shady forests and seasonally wet pinelands. Main Entrance

5. **Cones Dike Trail,** 8 miles round trip. Sunny, long trail through the heart of the prairie marsh. The further you go, the better it gets. Diverse plant and wildlife viewing opportunities. Main Entrance, NO PETS

6. **Jackson's Gap Trail,** 1.2 miles. Connects Cones Dike and Chacala Trails. Named after a local cracker cowman and passes remnants of his cottage. Main Entrance

7. **Bolen Bluff Trail,** 2.5 miles round trip. Shady loop along the edge of a wooded slope. Descends to sunny spur trail and observation platform with sweeping vistas. If lucky, observe the wild Spanish horses or the bison herd. Hwy 441, NO PETS

8. **Ecopassage Observation Boardwalk.** Easiest way to experience the panoramic views of Paynes Prairie. At this location, a wall and tunnels provide safe passage for wildlife under the highway. Hwy 441

9. **Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail,** 16 miles, two lanes: one paved, one grassy. Historic railbed between Gainesville and Hawthorne with overlooks and connections to other natural areas and trails. Multiple trailheads

10. **La Chua Trail.** Elevated boardwalk winds around Alachua Sink. Leads to sunny, grassy trail through basin marsh overlooking Alachua Lake. Access to this trail changes throughout the year based on water levels on the prairie basin. See alligators and abundant wildlife.
North Entrance off SE 15th St., NO PETS

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