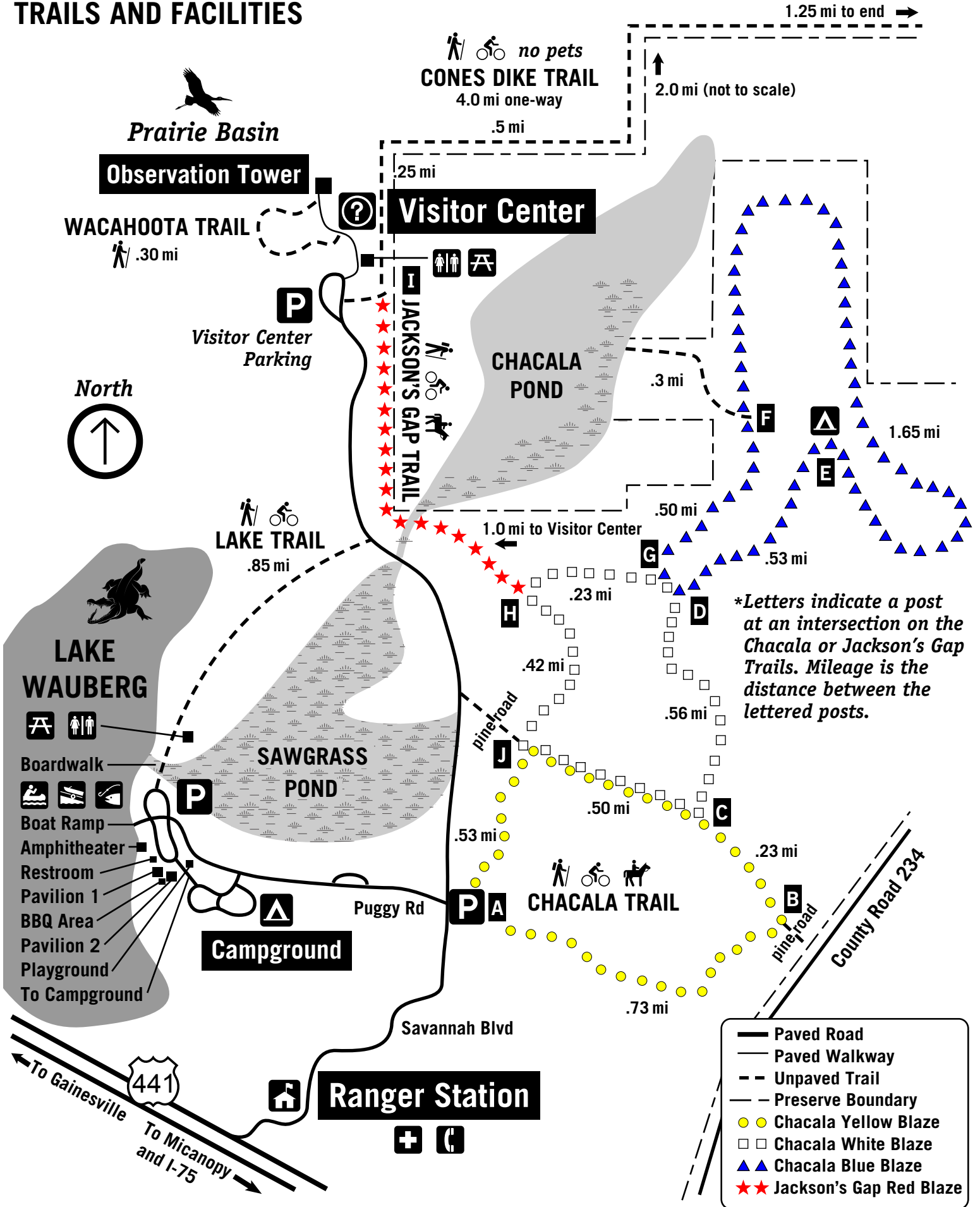


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TRAILS AND FACILITIES



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TRAIL INFORMATION

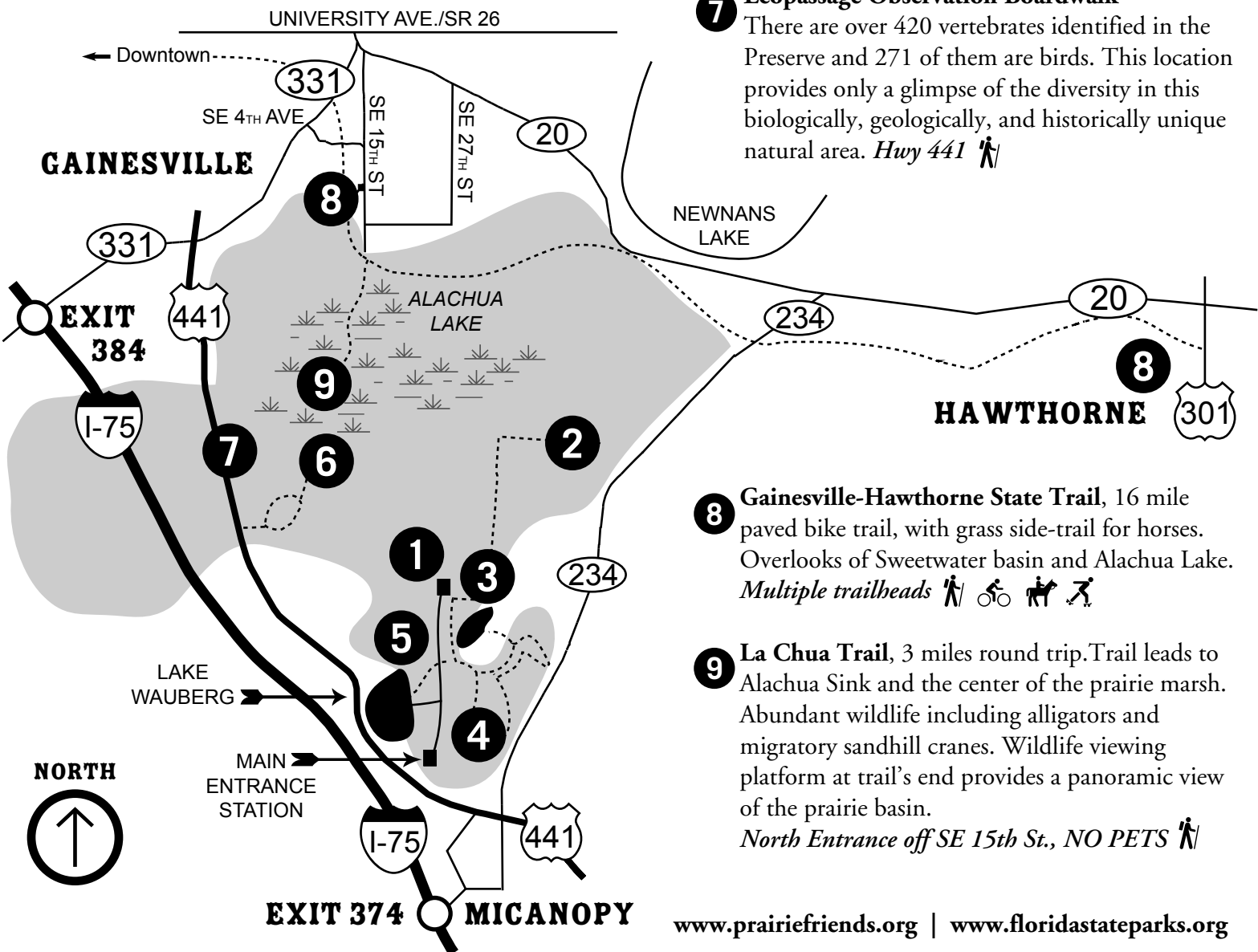
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- 1 Visitor Center.** Our award-winning Visitor Center contains exhibits and a video illustrating the cultural history and natural significance of Paynes Prairie. Also enjoy a 50-foot-high observation tower and short hiking trail. This is the place to learn more about exploring the preserve. Open daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Main Entrance*
- 2 Cones Dike Trail,** 8 miles round trip. Sunny, long trail through the heart of the wet prairie marsh, “the Everglades” of Paynes Prairie. *Main Entrance, NO PETS*
- 3 Jackson’s Gap Trail,** 1.2 miles. Named after a cracker cowman, this trail passes through shady hammock and pine flatwoods. *Main Entrance*

- 4 Chacala Trail,** 6.5 mile loop trail. This level trail winds through several biological communities. Observe seasonal wildflowers and butterflies, deer, bobcat, wild turkey, bald eagles, hawks, and woodpeckers. *Main Entrance*
- 5 Lake Trail,** .8 mile. Trail starts on boardwalk at the edge of Lake Wauberg then passes through an open field. Look for gopher tortoise. *Main Entrance*
- 6 Bolen Bluff Trail,** 2.5 miles round trip. Named after a family of pioneer settlers, this trail is a shady loop with a spur to a wildlife viewing platform. If lucky, observe the wild Spanish horses or the bison herd. *Hwy 441, NO PETS*

- 7 Ecopassage Observation Boardwalk** There are over 420 vertebrates identified in the Preserve and 271 of them are birds. This location provides only a glimpse of the diversity in this biologically, geologically, and historically unique natural area. *Hwy 441*



- 8 Gainesville-Hawthorne State Trail,** 16 mile paved bike trail, with grass side-trail for horses. Overlooks of Sweetwater basin and Alachua Lake. *Multiple trailheads*
- 9 La Chua Trail,** 3 miles round trip. Trail leads to Alachua Sink and the center of the prairie marsh. Abundant wildlife including alligators and migratory sandhill cranes. Wildlife viewing platform at trail’s end provides a panoramic view of the prairie basin. *North Entrance off SE 15th St., NO PETS*