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## **FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN IN DOWNTOWN TAVARES!!!!**

Kids already bored with Summer vacation? Grandkids visiting during the Summer and you don't want to drive to the attractions in Orlando?

VISIT TAVARES – AFFORDABLE FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN.

Seaplane rides, boat tours and boat rentals, a Seaplane themed Splash Park, great places to eat and drink.

All can be found in downtown Tavares – Your Summer Fun Destination. Make a day of it.

## **SEAPLANE RIDES**

Seaplane rides will be offered from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on selected weekends this Summer. The cost of the ride is determined by the tour selected and ranges from \$35 per adult and \$30 per child and up.

Rides will be offered on the following dates: June 18 – 20<sup>th</sup>, July 2 – 4<sup>th</sup>, August 13 – 15<sup>th</sup> and Sept. 4 – 6<sup>th</sup>.

Group arrangements may be made for additional times by appointment. Detailed brochure information is available at the Ship's Store at Wooton Park.

For information and reservations please call 352-508-1800.

## **ECO-CRUISES ON LAKE DORA AND DORA CANAL**

Premier Boat Tours, berthed at the Tavares Seaplane Base/Marina docks, offers daily Eco-Cruises of the beautiful Dora Canal. Passengers will experience the natural wonders of an ancient cypress swamp, including exotic birds, turtles, gators and more.

Daily Tours are available at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and at Sunset (approximately one hour before dusk). Cost is \$20 for Adults, \$10 for Children from ages 4 – 13, and Free for Children 4 and under. Sunset Tours are \$15 per person.

Tour departure times are subject to change due to weather and other factors.

Group rates are available and groups that reserve in advance may select a convenient departure time.

The boats are manned by Coast Guard certified Captains and trained guides specialize in friendly and informative tours.

Please call 352-434-8040 for further information or visit [www.doracanaltour.com](http://www.doracanaltour.com).

## **CHILDREN'S SPLASH PARK AT WOOTON PARK**

The Children's Splash Park, a Seaplane themed venue, is open April through October.

Summer hours of operation are:

Monday – Thursday	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday – Sunday	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cost is \$2 for anyone entering the Splash Pad fenced areas. Swim diapers are required for toddlers. Seasonal Passes for bona fide City residents are available at City Hall at a cost of \$15 for each individual pass.

Covered picnic gazebos and the Wooton Wonderland playground are located adjacent to the Splash Park.

The Splash Park may be closed due to thunderstorms or other weather conditions.

## **BOAT, KAYAK AND BIKE RENTALS**

Beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> ASAP, LLC will begin offering pontoon, deck boat, kayak and bike rentals from the Wooton Park Seaplane Base and Marina. Guided kayak tours are also available.

A Sailing Club, Boat Club and Bike Club will also be formed. Water Safety, Boating and Sailing classed will also be offered.

Hours of operation are:

Sunday – Thursday	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For rental rates and reservations, please call or visit in person at AL'S Landing restaurant, 111 West Ruby Street, Tavares, FL 32778, or phone 352-742-1113 and ask for the reservations department of ASAP Rentals.

You can also go to the web site at [ALSlanding.com](http://ALSlanding.com) and click on the tab for ASAP Rentals.

## **TRAIN RIDES**

A variety of train rides are provided by Rail Entertainment USA. For schedule and prices contact 352-589-4300 (Voice and Information Line) or [www.rail-road.com](http://www.rail-road.com).

## **SEAPLANE BASE/MARINA**

The City of Tavares Seaplane Base/Marina at Wooton Park in downtown Tavares was opened as an FAA certified airport and marina providing free itinerant boat docking and offering aviation and marina fuel sales.

The Seaplane Base/Marina sells ethanol free 93 octane marine fuel and 100 octane low lead aviation fuel. Price will be set by the market.

The Seaplane Base/Marina also offers 40 slips available for monthly rental. The cost per month will be \$7.00 per boat foot length and includes the availability of electric power and water at each slip. No liveboards or overnight stays on the boats are permitted. Further information on boat slip rentals can be obtained by calling the Seaplane Base/Marina at 352- 742-6267.

The Ship's Store at the Seaplane Base/Marina is an historical replica of the Woodlea House and provides a unique setting for the sale of food and sundry boat related necessities as well as clothing and other marine and aviation related items.

Hours of operation for the Seaplane Base/Marina including the Ship's Store and fuel sales for boats and seaplanes are established as follows:

Monday – Friday and Sunday	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

## **RESTAURANTS IN THE DOWNTOWN AREA**

There are several dining opportunities in downtown Tavares including the Copper Heron Restaurant, The Luck Dog Gallery and Café, Ruby Street Grill, O'Keefe's Irish Pub, Pressed for Thyme, the World's Worst Deli, AL'S Landing, Basil's, Casa Mia and Yalacita Mexican restaurant.