



## Florida, Winter Park's Chain of Lakes

Eight miles from Orlando, Florida is a delightful suburban city called Winter Park. It was begun in 1858 as an eight-acre parcel by David Mizell, Jr. who named it Lakeview because of the chain of lakes in the town's vicinity. By the late 1800s it became a plotted town. A railroad depot constructed in 1882 helped its growth. In 1887, it was a chartered city, a winter haven for wealthy Northerners. The chain of navigable lakes via canals includes Lake Maitland, Lake Osceola, Lake Virginia, Lake Mizsell and Lake Minnehaha. The lakes are popular for paddle boarding, kayaking, waterskiing, boating and fishing. Lakeview became Osceola and then in 1881 it was renamed Winter Park by Loring Chase and Oliver Chapman who plotted the town in 1881. <[winterpark.org](http://winterpark.org)>

Since the 1880s, Winter Park has been a place for winter visitors. In 1885 Rollins College was founded by a group of Congregational ministers and was the first higher education institution in Florida. <[winterpark.org](http://winterpark.org)>

This photo program takes you on a boat tour of Lake Maitland and Lake Osceola.





Sources: <https://winterpark.org/history-of-winter-park>, <https://cityofwinterpark.org/departments/parks-recreation/lakes/boating/>, <https://cityofwinterpark.org/departments/parks-recreation/lakes/>, <https://www.paddleflorida.net/winter-park-chain-of-lakes-paddle.htm>, <https://www.floridalakefront.com/popular-lake-communities/orlando/winter-park-chain-of-lakes/> and <https://www.adventuresinflorida.com/day/winter-park-chain-of-lakes>.

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