

# WINTER HAVEN

## *The Chain of Lakes City*

### Leisure Services Parks and Facilities Guide



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*The City of Winter Haven is committed to offering countless leisure opportunities to our community. This facility guide will give you a snapshot of what our parks and facilities offer. We invite you to come out to one of your recreation and community centers, visit one of your nature parks, bike or hike on a trail, bring out the inner athlete in yourself, go fishing at one of your lake front access points, go downtown for a special event, play on your favorite playground, or just have a picnic at your closest neighborhood park. However you chose to spend your leisure time, we hope it will be with us.*

**Introduction**

### Legend

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|  |  |  |  |  |   |  |  |
| Tennis  | Athletic fields   | Pool  | Shuffleboard  | Golf  | Indoor Gymnasium  | Football field  | Weight room   |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Outdoor basketball court  | Exercise classes  | Horseshoes  | Playground  | Skate park  | Parking   | Coffee shop   | Library   |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pro shop  | Fishing pier  | Nature observation  | Picnic facilities   | Open space  | Boat ramp   | Benches   | Food  |
|  |  |  |  |  |   |   |   |
| Restrooms   | Amphitheater  | Sculpture   | Multiuse trail  | Rental opportunities  |   |   |   |

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# Experience Your Recreation and Community Centers



Chain O' Lakes Complex	X	X		X			X				X
WH Recreational & Cultural Center	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
WH Senior Adult Center				X				X			X
Winter Haven Public Library									X	X	X
Winter Haven Woman's Club											X

**Chain O' Lakes Complex** – The Chain O' Lakes Complex is located at **210 Cypress Gardens Boulevard**. The Complex features a community center, gymnasium, art gallery, community theater, meeting and banquet rooms available for rental, classrooms, the “Rowdy” Gaines Olympic Pool, Orange Dome Fairgrounds, and Leisure Services Administrative Offices. Instructional programs, exercise classes, art and theater events, lap swim, swimming lessons, summer camp, gymnasium use, and rentals are some of the many opportunities available at the Complex. Please call **(863) 291-5656** for additional information.

**Winter Haven Recreational and Cultural Center** – The Winter Haven Recreational and Cultural Center is located at **801 Avenue T NE**. The Center features a community center, seasonal pool, gymnasium, work out room, weight room, instructional areas, outdoor basketball court, playground and two baseball fields. An afterschool program, summer camp, gymnasium use/rentals and athletics are some of the many opportunities available at the Center. Please contact **(863) 291-5675** for additional information.

**Winter Haven Senior Adult Center** – The Winter Haven Senior Adult Center is located at **250 Lake Silver Drive**. The Center features a community room, auditorium and shuffleboard courts. Drop-in and programmed styled activities for senior adults, fellowship, lunches, special events, shuffleboard play, and rentals are some of many opportunities available at the Senior Adult Center. Please contact **(863) 291-5870** for additional information.

**Winter Haven Public Library** – The Library is located at **325 Avenue A NW**. The facility features a public library, used book store, coffee shop and parking. Please call **(863) 291-5880** or visit [whpl.mywinterhaven.com](http://whpl.mywinterhaven.com) for additional information.

**Winter Haven Woman's Club** – The Woman's Club is located at **660 Pope Avenue NW**. The facility is perfect for a special event rental and contains the Winter Haven Historical Museum. Please call **(863) 291-5656** for additional information.

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*A celebration of our achievements and successes*

**Recreation and Community Centers**

# Experience Your Community Parks



Kiwanis Park	X						X	X	X		X	
Rotary Park	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
Lions Park	X							X	X		X	X
Lake Shipp Park	X						X	X	X	X	X	X
MLK Jr. Park	X		X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X

**Kiwanis Park** – This park is located on the south side of Lake Martha at the intersection of **Third Street and Avenue C NE**. The park features a toddler playground, youth playground, individual picnic facilities, restrooms, parking and a fishing pier.

**Rotary Park** – This park is located at **350 Sixth Street NE**. The park features a playground, clubhouse available for rentals and meetings, skateboard park, ½ basketball court, practice ball diamond, restrooms, sand volleyball court, horseshoe complex, group rental and individual picnic facilities, fishing pier, and parking.

**Lions Park** – This park is located on Lake May at **820 Avenue L SW**. The park features a playground, interpretive boardwalk, picnic facilities, rental building, fishing pier and parking.

**Lake Shipp Park** – This park is located on the west side of Lake Shipp at **1649 Lake Shipp Drive**. The park features picnic facilities for individuals and groups, boat ramp, restrooms, playground, fishing pier and parking.

**Martin Luther King Junior Park** – This park is located on Lake Silver on **South Lake Silver Drive**. The facility features an amphitheater, gazebo, group rental and individual picnic facilities, boat ramp, fishing pier, parking, basketball court, restrooms and open space. The park hosts numerous special events throughout the year including the City's Easter Egg Hunt, Cardboard Boat Races and the Independence Day Fireworks.

## Experience Your Athletic Opportunities



Willowbrook Golf Course				X			X	X	
Winter Haven Tennis Complex	X						X		
Sertoma Park		X			X				X
DiamondPlex Softball Complex		X				X			X
Chain of Lakes Stadium and Baseball Park		X							X
"Rowdy" Gaines Olympic Pool			X			X			X

**Willowbrook Golf Course** – The 18-hole golf course is located at **4200 State Road 422 East**. The course features a lighted driving range, practice area, pro-shop, The Grille Sport Bar and instruction from a PGA Professional. Call Willowbrook Golf Course at **(863) 291-5899**.

**Winter Haven Tennis Complex** – The Tennis Complex is located at **209 Avenue F NW**. The complex features 11 hard-surface, lighted tennis courts, pro-shop, changing rooms and instruction from a USTA Professional. Call the Tennis Complex at **(863) 291-5690**.

**Sertoma Park** - This park is located at **1657 Lake Shipp Drive**. The park features four baseball fields, one T-ball field, two football fields, batting tunnel, concessions and parking. The park is primarily used for youth sports league play; however rental opportunities are available. For additional information on the park, Winter Haven Youth Football League, or Winter Haven Youth Baseball League, please call **(863) 291-5656**.

**DiamondPlex Softball Complex** – The Complex is located at **999 Polk State College Access Road**, and features five softball fields, concessions, playground and parking. The complex is home to the Polk State College Women's Softball Team, and is primarily used for recreational leagues and tournament play. For additional information about the complex, or to book a rental, please call **(863) 298-7687**.

**Chain of Lakes Stadium and Baseball Park**– The stadium and park are located at **210 Cypress Gardens Boulevard**. The stadium features a Major League Baseball regulation field, clubhouse, office space, concessions and seating for approximately 6,000 spectators. The baseball park features 5.5 baseball fields, batting tunnels, a clubhouse and an unpaved exercise trail. For information on stadium use, schedule of games and rentals, please contact **(863) 291-5745**.

**"Rowdy" Gaines Olympic Pool** – The "Rowdy" Gaines Olympic Pool is located at the Chain O' Lakes Complex at **210 Cypress Gardens Boulevard**. The facility features a 50-meter pool, diving well and changing rooms. Adult lap swim is offered all year during lunchtime, and seasonally in the evenings. Open swim is held seasonally afternoons and weekends from late March until early September. Red Cross Swim Lessons are available in the summer months. The pool is also home to the Winter Haven Stingrays Swim Team. Call **(863) 291-5656** for additional information.

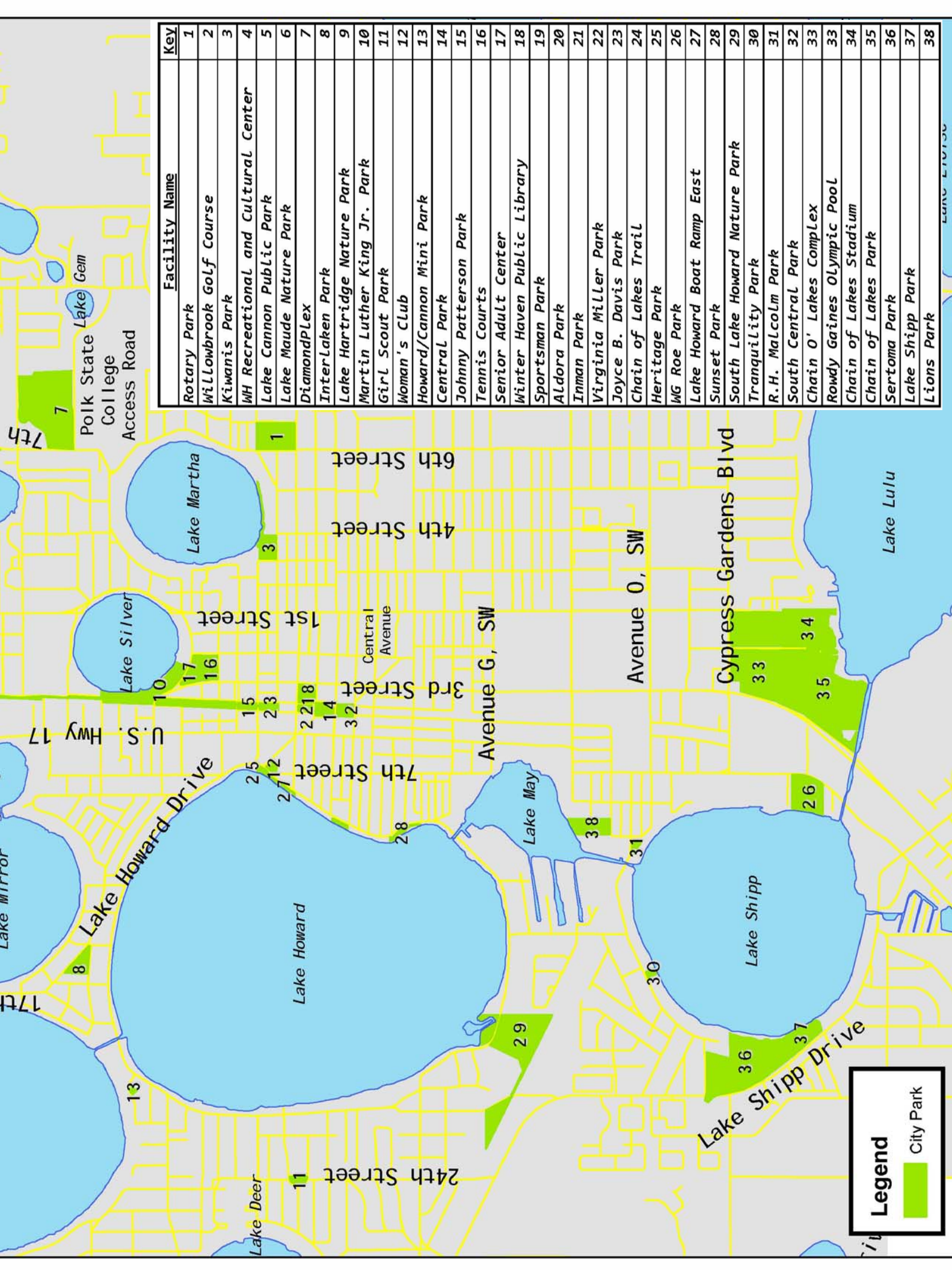
**Athletics**

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**Legend**

City Park

# Experience Your Nature Parks and Trails



Chain of Lakes Trail	X							X	
South Lake Howard Nature Park	X	X	X			X	X	X	
Lake Hartridge Nature Park	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Lake Maude Nature Park	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Inman Park	X		X		X	X			
Polk State College Trail	X								

## Nature Parks and Trails

**Chain of Lakes Trail** – This trail is a 12-foot wide, 3.6-mile multi-use trail that starts in downtown Winter Haven and travels north to U.S. 17/92 in Lake Alfred. In Lake Alfred, a sidewalk connects the trail into downtown Lake Alfred at the McKay Estates Preserve.

**South Lake Howard Nature Park** – This park is located approximately one-fourth mile west of the intersection of **15th Street SW and Lake Howard Drive**. The park features 1-, ½-, and ¼-mile loop paved trails, boardwalks, individual picnic facilities, fishing piers, restrooms, parking and nature observation.

**Lake Hartridge Nature Park** – This park is located at **1901 Havendale Boulevard**, on the southside of Lake Hartridge. The facility features a 1/3-mile paved trail, group rental and individual picnic facilities, restrooms, large playground, parking, fishing piers, boat ramp and nature observation.

**Lake Maude Nature Park** – This park is located at **1751 Seventh Street NE**. The facility features a .9-mile paved trail, individual picnic facilities, small playground, restrooms, parking, fishing piers and nature observation.

**Inman Park** – The park is located at the southeast corner of **U.S. Highway 17 and Avenue T NW**. The facility features a ½-mile paved trail, individual picnic facilities, small playground, parking, outdoor exercise equipment, Florida Friendly demonstration landscaped areas and the Inman Family Memorial Garden.

**Polk State College Trail** – The .8 mile trail is located at the intersection of the **Polk State College Access Road and Fairfax Road**.

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*Finding our shared heritage*



# Experience Your Lakes



W.G. Roe Park	X	X	X	X		
Aldora Park			X	X	X	X
Heritage Park				X	X	X
Lake Howard Boat Ramp East	X		X	X		X
Sunset Park			X			X
Tranquility Park						X
Lake Cannon Public Park						X

**W.G. Roe Park** – This park is located at **2403 Seventh Street SW** on Lake Shipp. The facility features 10 boat ramps, restrooms, picnic pavilion and parking.

**Aldora Park** – This park is located on **12<sup>th</sup> Street NW** on Lake Hartridge. The facility features a fishing pier, parking and individual picnic facilities.

**Heritage Park** – This park is located on Lake Howard at the intersection of **Avenue D NW and Lake Howard Drive**. The facility features parking and a fishing pier.

**Lake Howard Boat Ramp East** – This park is located on the eastern shore of Lake Howard at the intersection of **Central Avenue and Lake Howard Drive**. The facility features a boat ramp, parking and individual picnic facilities.

**Sunset Park** – This park is located on the eastern shore of Lake Howard at **Avenue C SW and Lake Howard Drive**. The facility features individual picnic facilities and open space.

**Tranquility Park** – This park is located on **North Lake Shipp Drive**, and features only open space at this time.

**Lake Cannon Public Park** – This undeveloped park is located on the northeast shore of Lake Cannon, and features only open space at this time.

Additional parks with lakefront access: Lake Shipp Park, Martin Luther King Junior Park, South Lake Howard Nature Park, Lake Hartridge Nature Park, Lake Maude Nature Park, Lions Park and Kiwanis Park

**Lake Access**

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*Respecting nature*

# Experience Your Downtown Park District



South Central Park	X	X	X
Central Park	X	X	X
Virginia Miller Park	X	X	X
Joyce B. Davis Park	X	X	
Johnny Patterson Park	X	X	

The **Downtown Park District** features five linear parks. Throughout the year these parks are host to many special events, rentals, festivals, concerts and gatherings. Three of the sites contain outdoor sculptures as part of the Florida Outdoor Sculpture Competition.

**South Central Park** – This park is located at the southeast intersection of **Central Avenue and Fifth Street SW**. The park features open space, walkways, outdoor sculptures and benches.

**Central Park** – This park is located at the northeast intersection of **Central Avenue and Fifth Street NW**. The park features a fountain and central plaza, open space, brick paver walkways, outdoor sculptures and benches.

**Virginia Miller Park** – This park is located at the northeast intersection of **Avenue A and Fifth Street NW**. The park features brick paver walkways, open space, outdoor sculptures and benches.

**Joyce B. Davis Park** – This park is located at the southwest intersection of **Avenue D and Fourth Street NW**. The park features open space, walkways and benches.

**Johnny Patterson Park** – This park is located at the northwest intersection of **Avenue D and Fourth Street NW**. The park features open space, an outdoor sculpture, walkways and benches.

**Downtown Park District**

# Experience Your Neighborhood Parks



Girl Scout Park	X	X	X		X
R.H. Malcolm Park	X	X		X	X
Sportsman Park	X	X	X	X	X
Interlaken Park		X			X
Howard/Cannon Mini Park					X

## Neighborhood Parks

**Girl Scout Park** – This park is located at **24<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue B NW**. The facility features a playground, half basketball court and individual picnic facilities.

**R.H. Malcolm Park** – This park is located at the northwest intersection of **Avenue N and Eighth Street SW**. The facility features a playground, parking and individual picnic facilities.

**Sportsman Park** – This park is located at **Avenue U and Second Street NW**. The facility features a playground, basketball court, group and individual picnic facilities and parking.

**Interlaken Park** – This park is located at **Avenue L and Orange Street NW**. The facility features open space and individual picnic facilities.

**Howard/Cannon Mini Park** – This park is located between Lake Howard and Lake Cannon at **Lake Howard Drive and 21<sup>st</sup> Street NW**. The park features open space.

**Neighborhood Parks**

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### Friendly Tips for Visiting Your Parks

- Parks are open for your enjoyment from sunrise to sunset.
- Make memories but leave only footprints.
- Please place trash in its proper place.
- Pets are welcome but please clean up after them.

Below is a list of contact information for our facilities. For more information, please visit us on the web at [www.mywinterhaven.com](http://www.mywinterhaven.com), or just give us a call at (863) 291-5656.

#### City Hall

451 Third Street NW (863) 291-5600

#### Chain O'Lakes Complex

*(Leisure Services Division Administrative Offices)*

210 Cypress Gardens Boulevard (863) 291-5656

#### Winter Haven Recreational & Cultural Center

801 Avenue T NE (863) 291-5675

#### Senior Adult Center

250 S. Lake Silver Drive (863) 291-5870

#### Winter Haven Tennis Courts

209 Avenue F NW (863) 291-5690

#### DiamondPlex Softball Complex

900 PCC Road (863)298-7687

#### Rotary Park

350 Sixth Street NE (863) 291-5656

#### Willowbrook Golf Course

4200 State Road 544 East (863) 291-5899

#### Winter Haven Public Library

*(Library Services Division Administrative Offices)*

325 Avenue A NW (863) 291-5880

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