

Coastal Dune Lakes

Walton County, Florida



Why are these lakes important?

- Temporary estuaries and nursery grounds are formed when the fresh and saltwater mix.
- Each lake is different due to variable salt content, dependent upon number of outfall openings.
- Conservation efforts are needed to protect the health and longevity of these special ecosystems.

How can you help these ecosystems?

- Stay on the marked trails and boardwalks and avoid walking across dunes and trampling vegetation.
- Be respectful of the lakes and their natural processes, do not dig in or around the lake outfalls.
- The health and beauty of these lakes is very important, please be respectful and properly dispose of all trash.

For more information visit:

www.basinalliance.org
<http://walton.ifas.ufl.edu>
www.co.walton.fl.us

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"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it is attached to the rest of the world" ~

John Muir

Western
 ◇
 Eastern
 ◇
 Deer
 ◇
 Camp Creek
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 Powell
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 Fuller ◇ Morris ◇ Campbell ◇ Stallworth ◇ Allen

Globally Rare



- Found in few places around the world, 15 of these rare lakes are found along the white beaches of Walton County!!

Unique Ecosystems



- Lakes create an opening, called an outfall, to the Gulf of Mexico during periods of high water levels causing fresh and salt water to mix.

Oyster ◇ Draper ◇ Big Redfish ◇ Little Redfish ◇ Alligator