

We surveyed UCF faculty and asked them to respond to questions regarding their favorite activities in the central Florida area.

****Disclaimer: These recommendations were obtained from individual faculty members and do not constitute an endorsement of any of the businesses or services listed herein by the University of Central Florida or the UCF Center for Success of Women Faculty.**

What is your favorite fun thing to do “on the town” with loved one?

- **Congo River (miniature golf)** - 4 miles from campus - <http://www.congoriver.com/>
12193 E. Colonial Dr.
Orlando, FL 32826
(407) 823-9700
- **The Wine Room** – 11 miles from campus - <http://thewineroomonline.com/>
270 Park Ave S.
Winter Park, FL 32789
(407) 696-9463
- **Jazz’n Blues Stroll** – Harry P. Leu Gardens – 13 miles from campus <http://www.leugardens.org/>
(usually occurs in October)
1920 North Forest Ave
Orlando, FL
(407) 246-2620
- **Pirates Cove** - 26 miles from campus - <http://www.piratescove.net/>
8501 International Dr.
Orlando, FL 32819
(407) 352-7378
- **Blue Spring State Park Manatee Viewing** - 34 miles from campus
<http://www.floridastateparks.org/bluespring/default.cfm>
Orange City, FL (between Orlando and Daytona Beach)
2100 W. French Avenue
Orange City, Florida 32763
(386)775-3663
- **Manatee Observation & Education Center** - 110 miles from campus - www.manateecenter.com

480 North Indian River Drive
Fort Pierce, FL 34950
(772) 466-1600 ext. 3333

- **Lake Eola Market** - 14 miles from campus - <http://www.orlandofarmersmarket.com>
E. Central Blvd & N. Eola Drive
Orlando, FL
- **Orlando Museum of Art** - 15 miles from campus - <http://www.omart.org/>
2416 North Mills Ave
Orlando, FL
(407) 896 4231
- **Walt Disney World**
<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/>
<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/maps/>
- **Winter Park Farmers Market (Saturday only)** - 12 miles from campus
[http://www.cityofwinterpark.org/Pages/Visitors/Shopping Dining and More/Saturday Farmers Market.aspx](http://www.cityofwinterpark.org/Pages/Visitors/Shopping_Dining_and_More/Saturday_Farmers_Market.aspx)
200 West New England Ave
Winter Park, FL 32789
- **Day trip to St. Augustine, Florida** - 105 miles from campus
http://www.visitflorida.com/St_Augustine

Adult Venues

- **Bananas Diner Gospel Brunch on Sundays** – 14 miles from campus
<http://bananasdiner.com/events/events.html>
924 N Mills Avenue
Orlando, FL 32803
(407) 480-2200
- **The Parliament House** - 18 miles from campus <http://www.parliamenthouse.com/front/main.asp>
410 N. Orange Blossom Trail
Orlando, Florida 32805
(407)-425-7571

What is your favorite fun thing to do with family on a day off?

- **Walt Disney World**
<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/>
<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/maps/>

- **SeaWorld** - 30 miles from campus - <http://seaworldparks.com/en/seaworld-orlando/>
7007 SeaWorld Drive
Orlando, FL 32821
(888) 800-5447
- **Corn Field Maze at Scott's Country Market** – 52 miles from campus
<http://www.longandscottfarms.com/>
26216 County Road 448A
Mt. Dora, FL 32727
(352)383-6900
- **Winter Park Scenic Boat Tour**
<http://www.scenicboattours.com/home.htm>
312 East Morse Blvd.
Winter Park, FL 32789
(407) 644-4056
- **Harry P. Leu Gardens** – 13 miles from campus <http://www.leugardens.org/>
1920 North Forest Ave
Orlando, FL
(407) 246-2620
- **Orlando Science Center** – 15 miles from campus - <http://www.osc.org/>
777 E. Princeton Street
Orlando, FL 32803
(407) 514-2000
- **Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge (birding)** – 52 miles from campus -
<http://www.fws.gov/merrittisland/Index.html#>
- **Canaveral National Seashore (fishing or boating)** – 51 miles from campus -
<http://www.nps.gov/cana/index.htm>
- **Canaveral National Seashore (oyster reef restoration)** – 51 miles from campus -
<http://www.brevardzoo.org/conservation/local>
- **Track Shack (5K fun runs)** - <http://www.trackshack.com/events/regional-calendar.php>

If you go to the attractions, which is your favorite?

- **Universal Studios** – 25 miles from campus - <http://www.universalorlando.com/>
6000 Universal Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32819
407-363-8000
- **Walt Disney World**
<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/>
<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/maps/>
- **SeaWorld** – 30 miles from campus - <http://seaworldparks.com/en/seaworld-orlando/>
7007 SeaWorld Drive
Orlando, FL 32821
(888) 800-5447
- **Downtown Disney**
<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/destinations/downtown-disney/>
<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/maps/>
- **Holy Land Experience** – 22 miles from campus - <http://www.holylandexperience.com/>
4655 Vineland Road
Orlando, FL 32811
- **Harry P. Leu Gardens** – 13 miles from campus <http://www.leugardens.org/>
1920 North Forest Ave
Orlando, FL
(407) 246-2620
- **Legoland Florida** – 66 miles from campus <http://florida.legoland.com/>
One Legoland Way
Winter Haven FL 33884
(877) 350-LEGO(5346)

If you frequent central Florida beaches, which beach would you recommend to colleagues?

- **Cocoa Beach** – 50 miles from campus - <http://www.cityofcocoabeach.com/>
White sand beach, swimming, surfing, life guard on duty in specific areas. No vehicles on beach, no pets on beach.
- **St Petersburg Beach** – 131 miles from campus - http://www.visitflorida.com/St_Pete_Beach
White sandy beaches, swimming, surfing, parasailing. No vehicles on beach, no pets on beaches.
- **Clearwater Beach** – 124 miles from campus - http://www.visitflorida.com/Clearwater_Beach

White-sand beaches, jet skiing, parasailing, and water biking, swimming and surfing. No vehicles on beach, no pets on the beach.

- **New Smyrna Beach** – 48 miles from campus - http://www.visitflorida.com/New_Smyrna_Beach
Swimming and surfing. Vehicles are allowed on beach \$5.00 per day, no pets on beaches.
- **Daytona Beach** – 57 miles from campus - http://www.visitflorida.com/Daytona_Beach
23 miles of sandy, white beaches. Vehicles allowed on beach, \$5.00 per day. No pets on beaches.
- **Melbourne Beach** – 66 miles from campus - <http://www.visitflorida.com/Melbourne>
White sandy beaches, swimming, surfing, and kayaking. No vehicles allowed on beach, no pets on beach.
- **Snow Cone Beach** – approx. 50 miles from campus
Near Patrick Air Force Base between Cocoa Beach and Satellite Beach, Brevard County. Snow cone truck sits in parking garage and sells HUGE snow cones for \$1.00. All the locals go here.
- **Pass-A-Grille Beach** – approx. 131 miles from campus <http://www.pass-a-grillebeach.com/>
Tampa Airport and / St. Pete Clearwater Airport: Take 275 South to Exit 17 - Pinellas Bayway/St. Pete Beach (Bear right to exit). Straight 3 miles (or 3rd light) after the toll booth. Make left at light on to Gulf Boulevard. It turns into Pass-A-Grille Way.
- **Playalinda Beach Canaveral National Seashore** - 51 miles from campus - <http://www.nps.gov/cana/index.htm>

If you attend festivals in central Florida, which would you recommend?

- **Melbourne Art Festival** – 62 miles from campus - <http://www.melbournearts.org/index.asp>
625 E. New Haven Ave
Melbourne, FL
This art festival usually takes place in April of each year
- **Orlando International Fringe Festival** – <http://orlandofringe.org/>
The Fringe Festival shows and activities are located in and around Loch Haven Park area, please refer to the webpage for locations of the shows and activities. This festival usually takes place in May.
- **Winter Park Art Festival** – 10 miles from campus - <http://www.wpsaf.org/CMS/>
This art festival usually takes place in March, Winter Park, FL.
- **Maitland Arts Festival** – 13 miles from campus - <http://www.maitlandrotaryartfestival.com/>

This art festival usually takes place in October, Maitland, FL.

- **Mt Dora Art Festival**- 49 miles from campus

http://www.mountdoracenterforthearts.org/event_artfestival.html

This art festival usually takes place in February, Mt Dora, FL.

- **Spring Fiesta** – 14 miles from campus - <http://www.fiestainthepark.com/>

This fiesta usually takes place in April. Lake Eola – Orlando, FL.

- **Fall Fiesta** -14 miles from campus - <http://www.fiestainthepark.com/>

This fiesta usually takes place in November, Lake Eola – Orlando, FL.

- **Silver Spurs Rodeo**- 30 miles from campus - <http://silverspursrodeo.com/>

This annual rodeo takes place in June of each year, Kissimmee, FL.

- **Images: A Festival of the Arts** - 50 miles from campus -

<http://www.imagesartfestival.org/index.html>

This art festival takes place in January, New Smyrna Beach, FL.

- **Taste of Oviedo** – 5 miles from campus - <http://www.tasteofoviedo.org/>

This food festival takes place in April, Oviedo, FL

- **Florida Strawberry Festival** – 78 miles from campus - <http://www.flstrawberryfestival.com/>

This festival takes place in Feb/March, in Plant City, FL

- **Disney Festival of the Masters** - 32 miles from campus -

<http://disneyworld.disney.go.com/destinations/downtown-disney/special-events/festival-of-the-masters/>

This art festival takes place in November and is held at Downtown Disney, Orlando

- **Orlando Greek Festival** - 12 miles from campus - <http://www.orlandogreekfest.com/>

Greek entertainment, Greek Food, this festival takes place in November, Maitland, FL

- **Orlando Oktoberfest** – 14 miles from campus - <http://downtownoktoberfest.com/>

German food and entertainment, held in October, downtown Orlando

- **Florida Highwaymen Exhibit** - <http://www.floridahighwaymenpaintings.com/>

Paintings by 26 African American artists, see website for dates of exhibit. Various Florida towns.

- **Orlando Cabaret Festival** – 14 miles from campus - <http://www.orlandocabaret.com/>

Jazz, Pop & Broadway performances, usually takes place in May.

- **Orlando Japan Festival** – 31 miles from campus - <http://orlandojapanfestival.com/>
Japanese culture, food, entertainment, this festival is in November
- **ZORA! Festival** - 22 miles from campus - <http://www.zorafestival.com/>
Zora Neal Hurston festival of the arts & humanities. Festival occurs in January
- **Asian Cultural Festival** – 10 miles from campus- <http://www.orlandochinese.com/>
Chinese performances, dances, food. This festival is in May.

If you like to watch sports, what live action would you recommend?

- **UCF Sports** - <http://www.ucfathletics.com/>

Do you belong to any interest clubs on or off-campus (e.g. SCUBA, clogging, model air planes) that you think other faculty would enjoy knowing about?

- **Track Shack (Running)** - <http://www.trackshack.com/>
- **Yoga Matrix (Yoga)** - <http://www.yogamatrixstudio.com/>
- **Central Florida Computer Society** - <http://cfcs.org/>

Do you belong to any charitable groups on or off-campus (e.g. Relay for Life, Salvation Army, etc.)

- **UCF Relay for Life** - <http://www.relayforlife.org/?gclid=CMysyJ79-q4CFdFa7AodSBTx0Q>
- **UCF Women's Club** - <http://ucfwomensclub.com/>
- **Cystic Fibrosis Foundation** - <http://www.cff.org/>
- **Shepherd's Hope** - <http://shepherdshope.org/>
- **Jobs Partnership** - <http://jobspartnershipfl.org/>
- **American Heart Association - UCF Team for Heart Walk**
http://www.heartwalk.org/site/c.rjJ0J6MHloE/b.5777283/k.2284/Heart_Walk_National_Web_Site.htm
- **Brevard Zoo Volunteers** - <http://www.brevardzoo.org/volunteer>

Where's a good place to go biking in central Florida?

- **Cross Seminole Trail** -
http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/guide/regions/eastcentral/trails/cross_seminole.htm

- **West Orange Trail** - http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/guide/regions/eastcentral/trails/west_orange.htm
- **Cady Way Trail** - <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/guide/regions/eastcentral/trails/cadyway.htm>

Where's a good place to go hiking in central Florida?

- **Florida State Parks** - <http://www.floridastateparks.org/findapark/district-all.cfm>
- **Wekiwa Springs State Park** -35 miles from campus - <http://www.floridastateparks.org/wekiwasprings/>
- **Ocala National Forest** -90 miles from campus - <http://www.fs.usda.gov/ocala>

Where's a good place to go kayaking in Central Florida?

- **Wekiwa Springs State Park** – 35 miles from campus - <http://www.floridastateparks.org/wekiwasprings/>
- **Jupiter Springs** – 90 miles from campus - <http://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/ocala/recarea/?recid=34064>
- **Alexander Springs** – 90 miles from campus - http://www.lakecountyfl.gov/hometown_highlights/alexander_springs.aspx
- **Blue Springs** – 35 miles from campus - <http://www.floridastateparks.org/bluespring/>
- **Mosquito Lagoon** – 45 miles from campus - <http://www.paddling.net/places/showReport.html?1159>
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