

CHITTY CHATTY CREEK ORIGIN AND DESTINATION

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Source reference:

<https://gisweb.sumtercountyfl.gov/arcgis/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=60ec8df321b548fd8d8ba5286ea87aa3&find=1>

Here are some satellite shots tracing the Chitty Chatty creek as it flows out of Lake Deaton. It goes under 44 and then under the power lines and into the swamp. It then crosses under Morse Blvd. (468) and into CCC. From this point it was widened into our canal system. It flows under the bridge to the plug which has diverted the flow into the lower marsh for decades. The old canals follow the original creek bed through the forest under the second bridge and behind the homes on Lazy hollow and Seminole path to the lake and to Gator Inlet at the end of the canal. There is an ancient canal barely visible from Big Oak through the swamp to Gator Inlet that was never connected for some reason. Finally, our lake drains into Hogeys sink just across the Turnpike in the Villages.

Lake Deaton and Lake Okahumpka are where the Chitty Chatty begins and ends.



Chitty Chatty starts at Lake Deaton and crosses under Morse Blvd.



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Chitty Chatty feeds through swamp behind Lake Deaton Plaza



Chitty Chatty feeds out of the swamp to behind Lake Deaton Plaza



Chitty Chatty behind Lake Deaton Plaza



Chitty Chatty behind Lake Deaton Plaza



Chitty Chatty crosses under 44 and the power lines



Chitty Chatty crosses under Morse again.



Chitty Chatty enters CCC behind Timber and Honeysuckle



Chitty Chatty passing under the robin lane bridge and then diverting at the plug into the marsh before hidden lake. If you look closely you can see the dirt road turn at the plug. The old canal continues past hidden lake and the sewer.



The old canal passes the sewer and meanders through the edge of the forest and down along the power lines.



Canal crosses under second bridge along the forest. Dog park is at the right of the photo. The canal is difficult to see clearly as it crosses under bridge and to Lazy Hollow



Close view of the very faint small creek bed as it crosses under the power lines. I have this creek in my 1981 photos. I keep wondering if this is where the canal leaves the original creek bed.



The canal continues around Lazy Hollow and behind Seminole Path to the lake and around the lagoon to [Gator Inlet](#) at the end of the canal.



An ancient canal can be seen (if you squint) from Big Oak to [Gator Inlet](#) that was never connected to the system. I believe it was just for drainage and maybe for the fill.



This is Gator Inlet. The entire corner of Lake Okahumpka at the end of the canal.



Our wetlands and forest at CCC and Gator Inlet are essential to the wildlife and ecosystem of Lake Okahumpka. We are about to find out what effects losing all of our trees on the lake will bring. We need to pay a lot more attention to this part of our property. It truly is the reason that we are all living here.



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<https://www.thevillages.com/.../recr.../hogeye-preserve-path>



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