









Our Events & Activities

The City of Weston provides wholesome family and individual leisure and recreation programs and services to residents through our Community Services Department. The department maintains and operates thirteen municipal parks which provide an abundance of amenities for every age and lifestyle. Weston offers safe park facilities for adults and children to play, and natural areas for everyone to enjoy.

Weston also offers a variety of activities and special events throughout the year to enhance the quality of life for our residents. Coordinated by the City's Recreation Services, additional support comes from many community groups, businesses, and volunteers. If you're ready to add additional enjoyment and cultural experiences to your life, then just take a look at Weston's events calendar for the City's scheduled activities...you'll discover they were designed especially with you in mind! Visit the Weston web site at www.westonfl.org for all events and activities that go on year-round.

Current events and registrations are broadcast on the Weston Information Station at 1680 AM and on Weston's cable TV channels: channel 25 (Advanced Cable), channel 78 (Comcast) and channel 62 (Glades).







Our Community Center

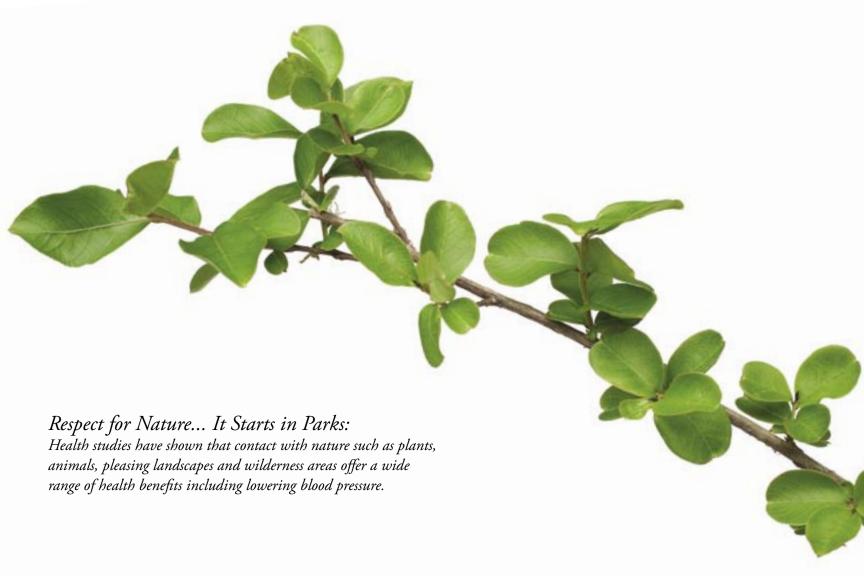
The Weston Community Center | 20200 Saddle Club Road | 954-389-4321

General Information - Located within the Weston Regional Park, the Center serves as the core of operations for Parks and Recreation Services and hosts numerous activities:

Community Center Programs - Weston has a wide variety of activities and instructive programs for all ages. Current class schedules are available on the city web site at www.westonfl.org or call for information.

Room Rentals - Available on Saturdays. Perfect for small parties and receptions, the Community Center has a 2,000 square foot event room which can be separated into three individual 650 square foot rooms. No alcohol is permitted. Rental fee includes tables and chairs. Please call us for fees and reservations.

55 + Club - Supporting programming for social seniors, the 55+ Club meets weekly, providing a range of activities including board game days, luncheons, bus trips and lectures. Come once a week or once a month! Call the Community Center for more information.





Our Parks

Respect for Nature...It Starts in Parks:

A poll of people from around the country that asked about quality of life revealed that low crime, safe streets, and access to greenery and open space were major elements for a satisfactory life.







Our Parks

Experience Weston's picturesque parks and choose from a wide selection of recreational opportunities. From small passive parks to expansive athletic complexes, Weston has a park experience you will enjoy.

Country Isles Park

A passive neighborhood park, whose facilities include a gazebo with benches, an exercise path and a covered playground area. **Located:** Country Isles Road and Royal Palm Boulevard.

Eagle Point Park

Point Elementary School.

An active neighborhood park, whose facilities include two baseball fields, two basketball courts, a covered playground area, an exercise path and a restful lake front passive area.

Located: Indian Trace just north of North Lakes adjacent to Eagle

Emerald Estates Park

An active neighborhood park with facilities that include a covered playground area, 2 tennis courts, a basketball court, 2 picnic shelters with tables and grills, an exercise path, and restrooms, all in a waterfront setting. **Located:** Just west of Weston Road on Emerald Estates Drive across from Home Depot.

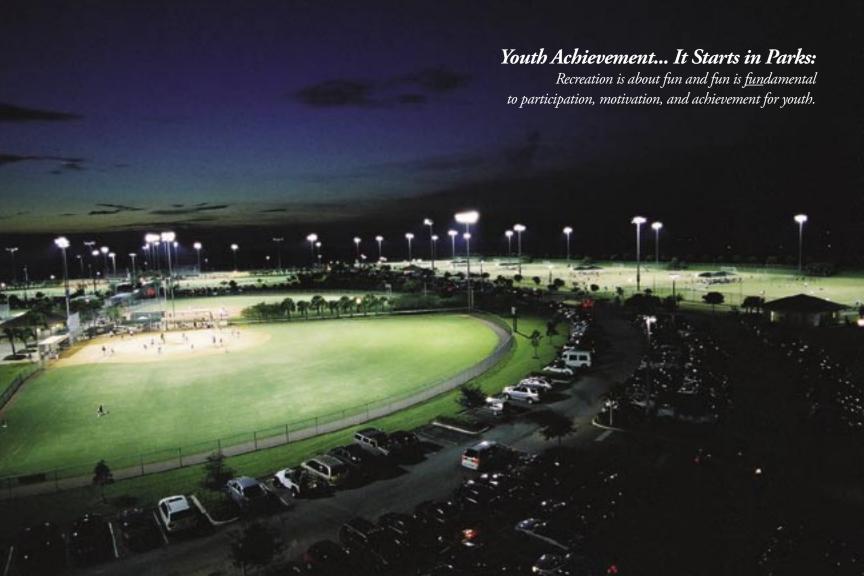
Gator Run Park

A passive neighborhood park with facilities that include a covered playground area, 3 small picnic shelters, lighted walkways and exercise path, restrooms and an open play area. **Located:** Glades Parkway and Park Boulevard adjacent to Gator Run Elementary School.

Heron Park

An active neighborhood park. Facilities include 2 baseball fields and 1 football & soccer field. **Located:** Three Village Road and Country Isles Road, adjacent to Country Isles Elementary School.











Indian Trace Park

An active neighborhood park with facilities that include a playground, 4 basketball courts, 1 baseball field, and 1 football & soccer field. **Located:** Corner of Indian Trace and Saddle Club Road, adjacent to Indian Trace Elementary School.

Library Park

Under construction in 2007, Library Park will be a passive "reading" park adjacent to the Weston Branch Library. Features will include three gazebos, a unique water fountain and informational signage on Florida authors, pathways, seating and open areas. **Located**: Corner of Bonaventure Boulevard and Vista Park Boulevard.

Peace Mound Park

A passive neighborhood park with lush landscaping, whose facilities include a playground area, fishing dock and wooden bridge, expansive lighted exercise/walking path and 2 small picnic shelters with tables in

a peaceful waterfront setting. This park is the site of a Tequesta Indian burial mound with archaeological exhibits and features included in its design. **Located**: Corner of Indian Trace and Three Village Road.

Weston Regional Park - Weston Community Center, Skate Park, and West Broward Family YMCA.

A 102-acre regional park with extensive athletic facilities which include 8 baseball & softball fields, 8 soccer fields, 4 full size roller hockey rinks, 3 junior size roller hockey rinks, 1 skate park, 8 basketball courts, 2 covered playground areas, 2 sand volleyball courts, 5 concessions stands with restrooms and 3 picnic shelters with tables and grills, an exercise trail measuring 1.4 miles, and a covered event stage. All athletic fields and courts are lighted. There are limited water views from the passive areas and expansive views of the wetland preservation area from the south west section of the park. *The Skate Park:* No fees; must have own skates/skateboards and safety equipment. It is not supervised. Open during park hours. (continued)









The Weston Regional Park is host to numerous tournaments, concerts and city events. Also located within the park are the Weston Community Center and the West Broward Family YMCA facilities. For information on the YMCA call 954-424-9622. **Located:** Intersection of South Post Road and Saddle Club Road.

Tequesta Trace Park

An active community park with extensive facilities that include 4 baseball & softball fields, 3 football & soccer fields (one with stadium seating), 1 roller hockey rink, 1 covered playground area, nature trail, 2 concession stands with restrooms, and an administration & maintenance building. The park has limited water views from the nature trail. **Located:** Indian Trace Road, south of Saddle Club Road.

Town Center Park

A passive linear park running along a serene waterfront setting, it is

located next to the Weston Town Center shopping plaza. This park has a lighted waterfront walkway, benches and an outdoor band shell. Many City concerts & events are performed at this site. Use of the band shell is by city permit only; contact the Community Center for details. **Located:** Corner of Bonaventure Boulevard and Royal Palm Boulevard - access is from within the Weston Town Center.

Vista Park

An active community park with facilities that include 4 soccer fields, 4 little league baseball fields, 2 concessions with restrooms, 2 picnic shelters and a covered playground. The park has a limited water view. **Located:** Vista Park Blvd., adjacent to Cypress Bay High School.

Weston Tennis Center

A championship facility that includes 15 har-tru-courts, one hard court, and a clubhouse with pro shop and locker rooms. The City contracts with Cliff Drysdale Management, Inc. to manage and operate









this 6-acre complex. Day and evening court times; private & group instruction for all ages/levels; leagues, round robins; tiny tots program; summer camp and junior tournament player program.

The Weston Tennis Center is host to National USTA Sanctioned Tournaments, all open to the public. For information on membership, day passes, lessons, tournaments, and events visit www.westontennis. com or call 954-389-8666. **Located:** Racquet Club Road, west of Bonaventure Boulevard.

Windmill Ranch Park

An active neighborhood park with facilities that include a covered playground area and 1 football/soccer field. **Located:** Bonaventure Boulevard between Royal Palm Boulevard and South Post Road - adjacent to Everglades Elementary School.

Park Shelter Rentals - Reserved shelters are available at the Weston Regional Park and Emerald Estates Park, for groups not

exceeding 30 persons. Please call us at the Community Center for fees and reservations at 954-389-4321.

For our 4-legged friends - A dog park is located just outside Weston, inside of Broward County's Markham Park at 16001 West State Road 84 (Weston Road at State Road 84). All Weston parks, with the exception of the Regional Park, Town Center Park and Vista Park, welcome dogs on a leash.

Weston Bike Lanes

Weston has over 46 miles of dedicated bike lanes within our City, making Weston one of the premier areas in south Florida in which to bike. Bike lanes are a portion of the roadway which has been designated by striping and pavement markings, for the use of bicycles. Bicyclists have the same rights as motorists and as such must obey all vehicular traffic laws. Weston has provided an interconnected system of safe bike lanes, multipurpose paths and shaded sidewalks for pedestrian travel throughout the City.





Our Parks















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Shelters are first come first serve*

Shelters may be reserved for private use at the Regional Park and Emerald Estates Park, for groups up to 30 persons.

A Rental fee applies. Contact the Weston Community Center for reservations and fees.





Florida's Future... It Starts in Our Parks: Youth Achievement

Students who spend one to four hours weekly in extracurricular activities are 49% less likely to use drugs and 37% less likely to become teen parents than students who are not involved.







The following are Weston Sports Alliance organizations.

Thriving sports leagues for both kids and adults. The City of Weston contracts with the Weston Sports Alliance, Inc., Weston's own all volunteer organization, to manage its organized league athletics. The Weston Sports Alliance averages 10,000 registered league participants each year in programs that are grooming great athletes in fun-filled team sports. The leagues practice and play on city fields, which are second home to many Weston families with children involved in sports.

Baseball –Spring; Western Area Little League Youth ages 5-18 boys & girls. Fast pitch softball for girls only ages 6-16. Disabled, ages 5-18 Register Nov. 1-Dec. 16. www.wallbaseball.org

Baseball – Fall; YMCA. Youth 954-424-9622. www.ymcabroward.org

Baseball – Travel; Weston Rattlers. U-9 to U14 leagues. Tryouts in August. www.eteamz.com/westonrattlersbaseball

Baseball – Travel; YMCA Hawks. Youth. 954-424-9622 www.ymcabroward.org

Basketball – YMCA. Youth and Men's. Starting at age 5. 954-424-9622 www.ymcabroward.org

Football & Cheerleading – Tackle Football & Cheerleading – Weston Warriors Youth. Tryouts in July. Play Aug-Nov. www.westonwarriorsfootball.com

Football – Flag football. YMCA. Youth and Adult. 954-424-9622 www.ymcabroward.org









Hockey – Roller hockey. YMCA/WARHL Hockey. Youth Ages 6-17; Co-ed & Men's. "Sneaker hockey" for 3-5 years of age. Fall & Spring seasons. www.warhl.com

Lacrosse – Weston Warrior Lacrosse Kindergarten – U15 leagues. www.westonwarriorlacrosse.com

Soccer – AYSO Soccer. Youth ages 4-18, Men's and Women's. Register May to June, play September to December. www.ayso644.org

Soccer – Travel. Weston Soccer Club. Youth boys and girls – travel soccer program. www.westonsoccer.net

Softball – YMCA. Adult, co-ed; year-round. 954-424-9622 www.ymcabroward.org

Visit each organizations web site or call the contact number for detailed information on registration dates, fees, schedules and more.

Players and Parents: Park and field closure information is just a click away. Go to the city web site at www.westonfl.org and go to Parks & Recreation. From there click on Field Closure Information. Closures will also be broadcast on 1680 AM, Weston's information radio station.

Our Preservation Areas

Conservation of our Natural Treasures...It Starts in Parks:

Air, Land, Water - These are our greatest natural treasures. Conserving green spaces and waterways for the generations to come is crucial for our very survival.









Wetland Preservation

Weston encompasses a vast amount of open space in the way of wetland preservation areas. Historically, Weston was Everglades marsh dominated by sawgrass. The area had been drained for pastureland and was dominated with exotic, nuisance tree species.

The Indian Trace Development District, a dependent district of the City of Weston, restored over 2,000 acres of wetland as preservation. The homes and businesses in Weston were allowed to be built on the condition that these preservation wetlands be constructed and maintained. Construction began in 1988 and was completed in 2001. The maintenance will continue in perpetuity.

Objectives of the preservation plan are to enhance and restore the historic Everglades marsh and the creation of open water and forested wetland habitats to benefit wetland-dependent wildlife. The sites constructed in Weston include varied wetland habitats such as open water, sawgrass marsh, forested tree islands, aquatic shelves and aquatic refuge. These areas are shown on the map and include areas interspersed throughout the city, running along main roadways.

Monitoring requirements of local, state and federal agencies require periodic reports for each preservation site to assess its progress, any problem areas, and its success. Year-round maintenance includes the elimination of specific plant species









while fostering the growth of healthy wetland and native vegetation, attracting and supporting a diverse population of fish and wildlife.

The restored and enhanced Everglades marsh and the creation of open water and forested wetland habitats, today blends seamlessly with the naturally formed Everglades that it borders. Water levels are monitored, panoramic photo stations visually record environmental conditions and vegetative cover, and regular fish and bird counts document the overall health and vitality of each site. It is a sanctuary for wildlife to thrive in an undisturbed and unthreatened environment.

Weston has four major wetland preservation areas:

- A 275-acre area west of South Post Road and south of the Weston Regional Park.
- A 118-acre area abutting U.S. 27 near SW 26th and SW 16th Streets.
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- A 1,185 -acre area between the Savanna community and U.S. 27, the largest wetland mitigation project in the United States.

The City has a colorful and picture-filled, easy-to-read brochure available for residents entitled: *The Who, What, When, Where and Why of Mitigation.* Call or stop by the Weston Community Center for your copy.







Lakes and Canals

Along with the wetland preserves, Weston has 1,877 acres of lakes and canals which are also carefully maintained by the City.

Oftentimes, residents question the spraying of vegetation along the lake edges or want to see the "weeds" removed: The plantings in each area were put there for a specific purpose, whether to attract certain insects, birds and fish, or to provide nesting places for reproduction, or to provide a food supply for others. The City sprays the exotic weeds, which die, fall into the water and deteriorate, leaving only the native plants. Dead plant leaves and stems break down in the water to form small particles of enriched organic material. This feeds many small aquatic insects, shellfish and small fish that are food for larger fish, reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals.









The vegetation along lakes and canals is necessary for water quality, enabling Weston residents and visitors to enjoy pristine water conditions. Diverse vegetation pulls impurities from the water, like a filter, and releases oxygen and water into the atmosphere. Littoral shelves, varying ground levels along and in the water embankments, planted with vegetation, are constructed for this purpose as well as serving as nesting areas.

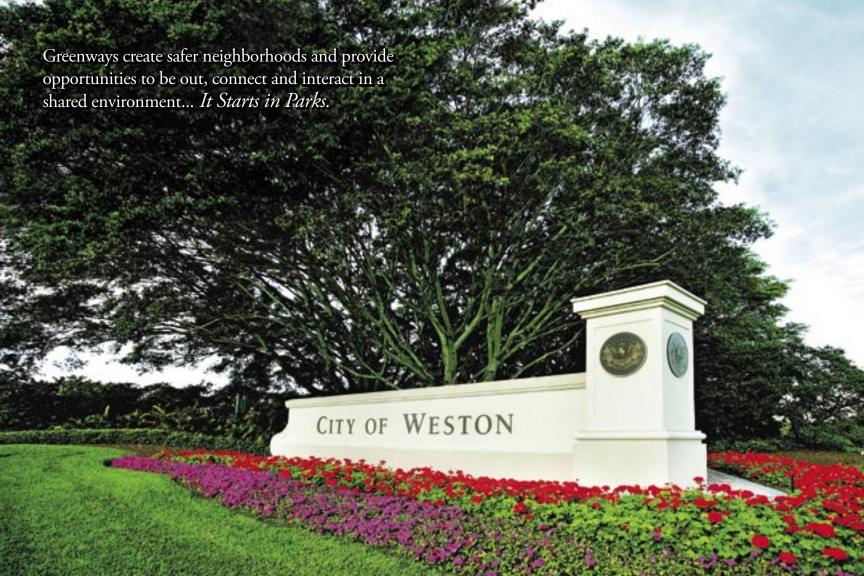
The Benefits, There are Many - water quality, flood protection, shoreline erosion control and opportunities for nature appreciation.

- Wetlands serve as natural water filtration systems and water storage areas that provide flood protection.
- Wetlands recharge the ground water that is vital to our fresh water supply.
- Wetlands purify storm water by removing organic materials, fertilizers and contaminants.

- Wetlands provide a habitat for fish, birds and other animals and provide foods that attract other animal species.
- Weston's wetland preserves and our host of lakes and canals provides residents with a glimpse of South Florida in its most natural state.

Natural Habitats and its Wildlife

Wildlife observation reporting is a part of the monitoring requirements for Weston's wetland preserves. A quick glimpse at one month's report: 5 amphibians/reptiles; 28 species of birds; 4 fish species; 3 invertebrates and 5 mammals. Included in this list are: The American Alligator, Great Blue Heron, Red-tailed Hawk, Yellow Throated Warbler, Tri Colored Heron, Osprey, Great Egret, Eastern Meadowlark, Largemouth Bass and Mosquito Fish, Florida Apple Snail, White-Tailed deer, Bobcat and Marsh Rabbit.









Alligators - Nature is very close by indeed, and as such residents need to be aware that alligators and other animals do cross over into our "inhabited" environment. Grates are in place on the city's four main canal outfalls to deter the movement of large alligators to the interior lake system, but this does not prevent their travel over land. May and June are mating season for gators and they tend to be more visible as they seek a mate. It is important for everyone in South Florida to be aware of their surroundings and to carefully monitor small children and pets near the water, while continuing to enjoy the uniqueness of our environment.

If an alligator appears threatening, comes close to your home, or becomes a risk for humans or pets, contact the Statewide Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 1-866-392-4286. Only nuisance alligators can be removed - they will make that determination and

contact a licensed trapper. The City is not permitted to handle an alligator for any reason.

Alligators are a part of Florida's natural environment and play an important role in the State's wetlands ecology.

Landscaped Weston - 60 Miles of Lush, Maintained Vegetation

We all know it's pretty. Weston's lushly landscaped berms, medians, and rights-of-way are an icon of elegance. You immediately know that you have arrived. One of Weston's greatest assets, landscaping is a hallmark of the City's appearance. While beautiful, it is also beneficial. Trees and plants provide social, ecological, and economic benefits. Their beauty inspires writers and artists, while their leaves and roots clean the air we breathe and the water we drink, they reduce soil erosion and cool our environment.









Our Past

Weston has a rich archaeological history. A number of city parks and properties in Weston were once inhabited by prehistoric animals and eventually Tequesta and Seminole Indians. Today, it is Weston residents and visitors who inhabit our parks on a daily basis.

Weston encompasses 20 identified archaeological sites. Six have yielded remarkable fossil finds, all noted throughout the map (*located on page 36 of this brochure*).

Peace Mound - Peace Mound Park

Peace Mound Park was the first park in South Florida dedicated to

archaeology in 1987. It is here that Tequesta Indians lived and buried their dead, with excavations yielding thousands of artifacts dating back to 3,000 BC. The Peace Mound site is one of the highest natural elevations in west Broward County. The park's name, rooted in history, came from the sugarberry trees located there, which the Tequesta Indians regarded as a symbol of peace. During the 19th century, Seminoles arrived and utilized Peace Mound as their hunting and camping site, which they used through the 1940's.

Blue Cow Indian Mound - Weston Regional Park

Preserved within the Weston Regional Park, the Blue Cow Indian











Mound was inhabited during the Paleo-Indian Period of 10,000 to 8,000 BC and holds the earliest evidence of man in the eastern Everglades. The site received its name from the cow bones discovered from ranching activities during the 1950's and 60's, but the site was likely home to pre-historic peoples who accompanied the mammoth, bison and mega fauna on the land. Flint arrowheads have been discovered on this site dating back 8,000 years.

The Mega Site - Wetland Preservation area

Located within Weston's 1,500-acre wetlands preserve area that forms the city's western boundary, the seven-acre Mega Site is the largest

Indian tree island preserved within our community. Both Tequesta and Seminole Indians used the site for camping, which is 6-8 feet above the wetlands, and will be protected as part of the wetland preserve.

"No Name Mound" - Cypress Bay High School site

Home to another Indian Mound is Cypress Bay High School, which was explored in 1991. The dig yielded thousands of mollusks and snails, suggesting the Indian inhabitants possibly 5,000 years ago, ate apple snails to the exclusion of other foods. The Broward County School Board has preserved the site within its property.







Weston Pond - the Ridges neighborhood

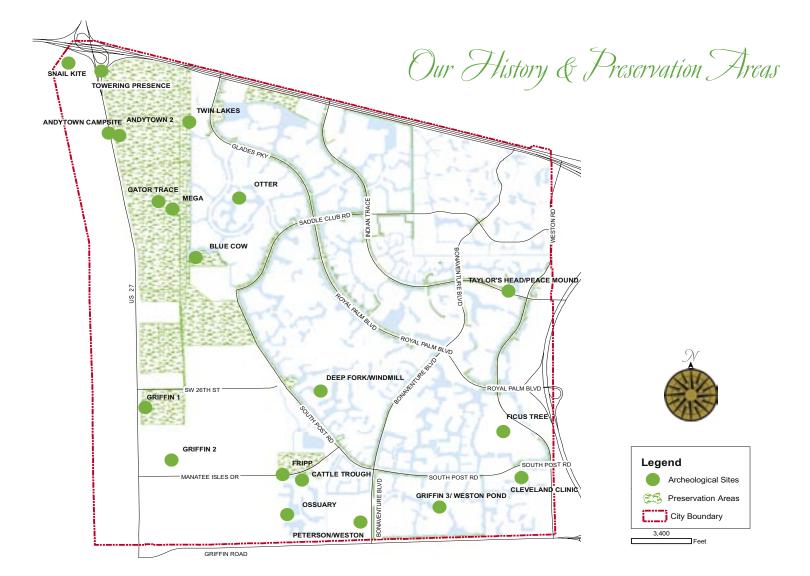
In 1990, during development of the Ridges neighborhood, archaeologists discovered a half-mile wide limestone ridge dating back 100,000 years, shedding light on the early formation of the Everglades. Two years later an ancient pond nearly 400 feet in diameter was found on the site, with sediment and leaves over 7,000 years old. Weston Pond became the oldest wetlands feature still existing in Southeast Florida. Here it is thought that Paleo-Indians fished, dined and camped. The excavation site yielded "George", a pond apple snail shell at least 3,000 years old. "George" went on to become the centerpiece and design theme of this new community, named The Ridges at Weston Pond.

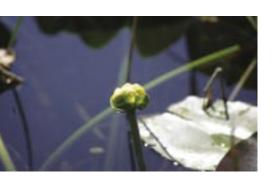
Weston Fossil Site - the Savanna neighborhood

Called the greatest fossil find in Broward County, in the summer of 2000, amateur archaeologists discovered hundreds of animal bones and fragments believed to be 40,000 to 250,000 years old. Fossils included the jawbone of a Pleistocene horse (equs), Mastodon tooth, elephant and bison bones, evidence that these large pre-historic animals roamed Weston's Savanna grasslands.

A display case of preserved artifacts is periodically available for viewing at the Weston Branch Library, 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard.

Weston's archaeological sites serve as a constant reminder and source of great pride in the rich heritage of our community.



























It Starts in Parks... These facts and figures were obtained from the Florida Recreation & Parks Association (F.R.P.A.), and are used to promote awareness of the benefits of parks and recreational activity.