

# SWEETER *Than* EVER



*What sets Sweetwater Oaks apart — besides budget friendly price tags — is its attention to lively, luxurious living.*

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**A**FTERNOONS IN THE HAMMOCK. Intimate gatherings with friends in front of the fire. Blooming gardens, accented with flowering trees and shrubs. Dazzling vistas of rolling acreage in the distance.

With the recent addition of private entry gates and elevating to a 55-Plus Community, the lifestyle doesn't get any sweeter than the one you'll find at Sweetwater Oaks.

This quaint, quiet neighborhood plays host to a vibrant, well-knit community of active adults. A charming village of friends and family, Sweetwater Oaks is just minutes away from some of Florida's best health care, great golf courses, shopping and the most scenic vistas in the Southeast.

Located in Ocala — which *Money* magazine rated as one of the 'Best Places to Live in America' — it certainly remains one of the untapped treasures of Highway 27 real estate in this growing area.

Driving through the picturesque, privately gated entry and boulevard, shaded with stately draping oaks, you would never know you were in a manufactured home community.

# Paradise, at an affordable price



But then again, today's manufactured home is definitely not what it used to be. Gone are the single-wide trappings of 70s-era trailers. Made with the same materials as your millionaire's estate, today's manufactured homes are built to the exacting standards of the HUD Code established for Florida residences. They now average 1200 to 1500 square feet, complete with luxurious appointments like textured walls, cathedral ceilings, upgraded kitchens, and even bathrooms with Jacuzzis.

And for just a fraction of the millionaire's estate price tag.

Given today's prices, even in Ocala, get ready for reverse sticker shock. Complete, turnkey packages on new homes, situated on completely sodded and landscaped home sites, start in the \$50,000s.\* Sometimes quality resale homes can be found for even less.


What sets Sweetwater Oaks apart, besides its budget friendly price tags, is its attention to detail. The ornate gated entry, opens up to view a grassy median and main boulevard decorated with attractive street lamps, all of which lead to a charming neighborhood of quality homes that are prim and trim, with fruit trees, and gardens exploding with flowers.

Also, central to the community is the attractive and busy clubhouse with its heated pool and spacious community center.

General Manager and resident, Frank Alogna, says, "Our residents have taken over the social calendar of our facilities, which is great! We welcome their participation — it's their community, their home, so of course they should be in charge of what goes on."

What goes on, in fact, is an ever-expanding array of activities, including Wednesday-night Bingo, monthly breakfasts and dinners, card games, water aerobics and/or indoor exercise, line dancing, which along with many private parties keep Sweetwater Oaks humming along.

Planned and laid out like an upscale, residential development, the homes and lifestyle at Sweetwater Oaks provide unequalled value. Whether you choose from one of the beautiful, move-in ready models or have that dream home custom-built to your specifications, the flexibility and affordability is what makes this community one of Ocala's best places to live.

This attention to detail and exacting design lend themselves creatively to create a charming 50-acre property that has become known as "Paradise, at an affordable price." 

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