

# Mount Dora, Florida: One of America's Best Small Towns!



Smithsonian Magazine's third annual search-and-enjoy mission singled out small towns (fewer than 15,000 residents) with particular strengths in history, music, visual arts, learning, food, theater and science.

**Mount Dora, home of Waterman Village, was the ONLY ONE IN FLORIDA to be named to America's 20 Best Small Towns.**



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According to Smithsonian: *Forget Orlando – the next time you're planning a trip to central Florida, think about stopping by Mount Dora, a town of about 13,162 nestled ... on the edge of Lake Dora. Two of Mount Dora's annual festivals are renowned throughout the country for their quality: the nationally-ranked Mount Dora Arts Festival and the Fall Craft Fair, which is the largest outdoor event in the southeast United States. Mount Dora also caters to antique enthusiasts, who come from all around the state – and country – to browse the town's offerings. At the center of town sits Donnelly Park, a tree-shaded block that offers visitors a place to picnic or indulge in a game of tennis or shuffleboard. Nearby, visit Palm Island Park, home to one of the most beautiful nature walks in Florida. Mount Dora is also home to the world-famous Renninger's Florida Twin Markets, a flea market and antique market held each Saturday and Sunday in town.*

When USA Today decided to rank small towns on their retirement appeal to Baby Boomers, they looked at three main qualities:

- a charming (and walkable) downtown
- the ability to make social connections
- ease of living and accessing recreation

**Again Mount Dora was recognized as one of the TOP 4 IN THE NATION and the ONLY ONE IN FLORIDA!**

**USA TODAY** According to USA Today: *Mount Dora exudes a comfortable Southern charm and hospitality. This central Florida lakefront community is nestled amid gentle hills, orange groves and Live Oak trees. It's elevation of 184 feet makes it Florida's equivalent of a mountain-top town. Laid out around a large square, the downtown has shopping, excellent antiques and a rich cultural life with many festivals.*

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