

**Chelonian Research Institute  
Oviedo, Florida  
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*Chelonian Research Institute (CRI), located in Oviedo, Florida, is an international leader in research and conservation of turtles and tortoises of the world. This institute is a private and non-profit corporation, established in 1998 by Dr. Peter Pritchard; a turtle conservationist.*

<http://chelonianresearch.wordpress.com/>

## Facilities available at Chelonian Research Institute

### Scientific Library of CRI

The Institute has a well organised scientific library having historic and updated literature on chelonians, including books, slide shows, scientific papers, maps, videos etc.



### Museum of CRI

Museum at the institute is of its own kind, having a collection of more than 13,000 catalogued specimens, which makes it the world's third largest turtle and tortoise museum collection, including 270 of the world's 300 recognised species of turtles. Every living genus of chelonians is represented in this museum. These facilities make it a perfect place for turtle researchers and scientists.



## Home for living turtles and tortoises

The institute also has living specimens of Galapagos and Aldabra tortoises, Alligator snapping turtle, and South American sideneck turtles.



## Visit to Alexandra Spring in Florida

Alexander Springs offers several excellent resources. The Timucuan Trail, named after the Timucuan Indian tribe, is a 1.1-mile interpretive loop trail that highlights vegetation used by early Native Americans and is an outstanding location for wildlife viewing.

[http://www.lakecountyfl.gov/hometown\\_highlights/alexander\\_springs.aspx](http://www.lakecountyfl.gov/hometown_highlights/alexander_springs.aspx)



## Visit to the University of Central Florida

The University of Central Florida has a well established wing for scientific research on marine turtle biology that contributes well to the conservation of these precious species.

## Visit to Kanapaha Botanical Garden of Florida

<http://www.kanapaha.org/>

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens is a 62 acre facility developed and operated by the North Florida Botanical Society, a non-profit educational organization.

Kanapaha Botanical Gardens is comprised of 24 major collections visually accessible from a 1 ½ mile paved walkway. These include the state's largest public display of bamboos and the largest herb garden in the Southeast. Some of Kanapaha's gardens are organized taxonomically; others demonstrate principles of ecology or natural selection.



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