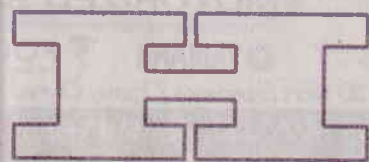




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Horseshoes is one of the more popular activities around The Villages, found at 55 recreation centers with 106 horseshoe pits in total. The sport was central to the early development of Florida's Friendliest Hometown, with 12 pits located at Paradise Recreation, the community's first recreation facility. Chatham and Laurel Manor recreation complexes have the next highest concentration with five pits apiece. It's a game of concentration and hand/eye coordination, as Ray Butler, above, of the Village of Pine Ridge, lines up a shot at Fish Hawk Recreation. One can either play competitively, or as a solitary activity for peace and relaxation. For those passionate about the game, The Villages Horseshoes Club competes in tournaments around the area.

JOIN THE FUN

Check the Recreation & Parks guide to find the nearest horseshoes pits. Or visit The Villages Horseshoe Club website at villageshc.mysite.com.