

# TREK 10 TRAILS 2017

## Trail Entrance via:

Marshall Hampton Reserve  
3115 Thornhill Rd.  
Winter Haven, FL 33880

## Park GPS Coordinates:

N 28° 00.473 W 081° 49.259



## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From US 98 South turn east onto Winter Lake Road / FL-540 East. Turn right to stay on FL-540 East. Travel about 4 miles, then turn right onto Thornhill Road. The parking area is a short distance on the right side of the road.

## THINGS TO SEE

The trail traverses a variety of habitats including open water via the bridge. You are almost guaranteed to see alligators and a good variety of birds especially during spring and fall migrations. There are impressive views of Lake Hancock and the vestiges of phosphate mining.



## TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 27° 59.020 W 081° 49.304

## FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

From the parking area head west on the trail approximately 0.6 miles. At the point where you can see the trail forking to the east, go clock wise around the pit lake, follow the signs to Panther Point Trail. You will have to open two gates along this trail through a pasture. Push the button to open the gates, the gates will close behind you. The area between the two gates is an active cattle grazing area. Please DO NOT feed, chase or try and pet the cattle.

About 1 mile south of the second gate you will reach the cache. Just past the cache location you will see a large piece of concrete on the left side of the trail, you can use it as a bench. Before you reach the concrete look to your right (west) for a group of 4 pine trees. The cache is behind the second tree off the trail. (5.4 mile round trip) We recommend going past the cache another 0.3 miles to see the bridge.

**(6.0 mile RT)**

## Work in progress:

The first 5 miles of the trail are open. Ultimately, it will run 10-miles and connect to the Fort Fraser Trail at US 98.

## *Panther Point on Lake Hancock*

is a linear trail running south from the Marshall Hampton Reserve around the east side of Lake Hancock, The trail goes through pasture, shady woods and along former phosphate mine pit lakes that have spoil island rookeries.

There is an impressive new bridge that allows for water control between the pit lakes and Lake Hancock. The trail follows the mine berm and is a mix of fine gravel and flat compacted surfaces.



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