



Bok Tower Gardens – Preservation Trail

The 1.5-mile trail engages and inspires learners of all ages about one of Florida’s most endangered ecosystems and ongoing restoration efforts. This moderate walking trail takes visitors on a journey through the Preserve from the main Entrance Gate to the Visitor Center. Along the trail is a parking area and picnic shelter. Some of this land is an original Longleaf Pine forest, while some is former citrus grove being restored to Longleaf Pine. Interpretive signs tell about the flora, fauna and wildlife of this habitat, the ecological role of fire, and the natural history of the Lake Wales Ridge.

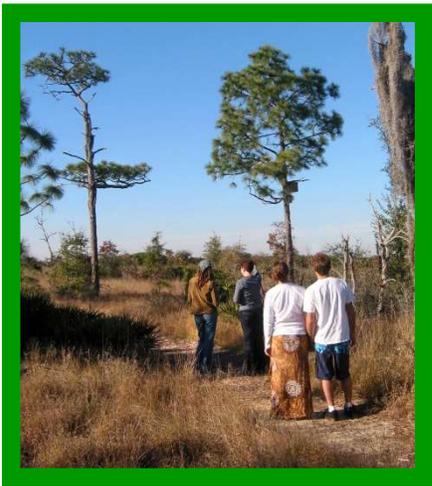
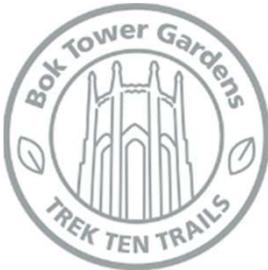
TRAIL ENTRANCE:

1151 Tower Blvd.

Lake Wales, FL 33853

PARKING COORDINATES:

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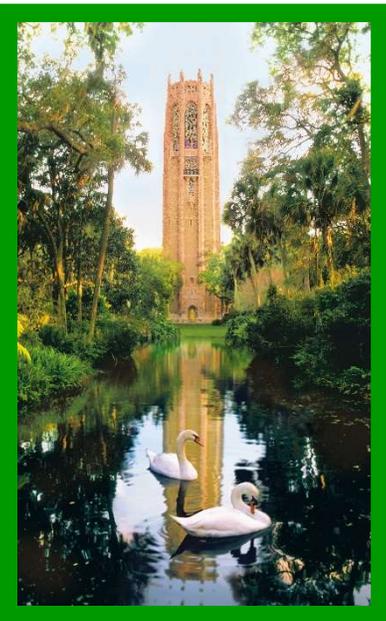


DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Bartow follow US98 to Lake Wales, about 13.5 miles. Turn left on Central Ave and follow Central Ave for about 1.5 miles. Turn left on SR17 and follow road for about 1 mile. Make sharp right on Burns Ave and follow road for about 1.5 miles. Turn left on Tower Blvd and follow road to parking area.

TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 27° 56.342 W 081° 34.526



THINGS TO SEE

Atop Iron Mountain, one of the highest points in peninsular Florida, this National Historic Landmark will open its grounds to Trek Ten Trails participants for a Bok Bonus Trek! Each person who presents their Validation Card with any four trail stamps will receive **FREE ADMISSION** to search for the cache and enjoy the world famous carillon and surrounding gardens.

Bok Tower is open every day of the year from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. with last admission at 5 p.m. Admission is Adults: \$14, Children (ages 5-12): \$5 and Children (under 5): Free

FIND CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

After parking, walk to the outdoor seating area at the back of the Café. Continue following the sidewalk towards a stone wall that has a quotation of Edward Bok on it and turn Right. Turn Right again when you come to the sign "Main Walk". At "Garden Kitchen and Children's Garden" sign make another Right. Continue past the outdoor kitchen --- go through the iron gates and turn Left following the sidewalk into the Children's Garden. Walk past the large steel water tower on your left and continue on the sidewalk past the children's tunnel. After passing the tunnel, look up on the bank to your left. Cache is hidden under the second large fallen tree stump.
(HIKE: 0.25 mile round trip)