



Green Swamp – Hampton Tract

is an 11,052 acre parcel located at the southern end of the Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve and adjacent to Colt Creek State Park. Visitors can hike the road network or the trail system to enjoy the natural beauty of this landscape that can only be found in central Florida. Be prepared for wet hiking; some trails are excessively wet during certain times of year. NOTE: Trails maps at kiosk show only the road network .

TRAIL ENTRANCE:

14300 Rock Ridge Road
Polk City, FL 33809

PARKING COORDINATES:

N 28° 15.556 W 81° 57.514



TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 28° 16.139' W 081° 57.876'



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From I-4, take exit 38 to US 98 North. Travel 8.4 miles north to Rock Ridge Road, turn right. The entrance gate is on the left side of Rock Ridge Road approximately 6 miles northeast of US 98.



CHECK WEBSITE FOR DATES WHEN THE PROPERTY IS CLOSED FOR HUNTING:

www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/recreation/events/closed-for-hunting.php

THINGS TO SEE

This tract contains a variety of habitat types and is a great place for bird watching and wildlife viewing including mammals, amphibians, reptiles and insects especially butterflies. Portions of Gator Creek and Colt Creek are within the tract boundaries.

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

From the day use parking area, cross over to the walk-through at the kiosk. Follow the wooden fence back toward the entrance gate to the trail on the east side. Do not cross the creek – bear left. Stay on the 2 track dirt road that bears left. You will eventually see the trail start to make a sharp right up ahead. At that point, you will see a large open palmetto/gallberry area on the left and a berm on the right side of the road about 100 feet away. Continue on the trail until you see a group of 3 larger pine trees close to the right (east) side of the trail. The cache is at the base of a second group of 3 pine trees that are on the berm about 130 feet off the trail. If you reach a Y in the road, you have gone too far.. (HIKE: 2 mile round trip)