

Holloway Park

The legacy of Mary Ann and Edward Holloway. The 362 acre property had been mined prior to 1950 and was left in a rugged state with lots of ridges and valleys. Over time, pioneer species, some native, others invasive, became established. Today the land hosts a variety of plants, trees and shrubs that provide food and shelter to a variety of wildlife. Conservation projects include native vegetation restoration, nest box installations and shoreline improvements for wading birds. The Park is a multipurpose recreational site, offering cross-country trails for races, but also open for nature enthusiasts to explore and enjoy.

TRAIL ENTRANCE:

2402 Holloway Park Dr,
Lakeland, FL 33803

Check hours – Closed on Monday

PARKING COORDINATES:

N 28° 00.490 W 81° 54.702

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From the Polk Parkway take exit 10 (US 98) Bartow Hwy north. Turn left on Holloway Park Rd just past Combee Rd. After driving through entrance gate, look to the left for a 3 ft. high chain link fence with a gate. Park in designated parking area.

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Go through gate, keeping canal on your right, walk up a small rise to the trail system. At the top of the rise turn Left (East) following "Hiking Trails" signs. Then look straight ahead (small marker) and follow blue (arrow) trail.

At picnic table take trail to the left and continue to follow blue trail arrow. You will pass a short, cut through trail on the right followed quickly by a grey marked primitive trail on the left -- continue to follow the blue trail arrow here. At the next fork in trail, look to your left. Ammo can is hidden on ground behind a 4 ft. high stump and fallen branch about 15 ft off trail.

To return either retrace your steps OR continue on loop by turning right (West) at cache site then take another quick right (North) -- you are now on the red trail. You will come to a 3 way split in trail -- you can return to the blue trail by following the blue trail arrow to the right or continue straight using the trail that branches to the right. Both ways will return you to the picnic table and then parking area.

(HIKE: 1 mile round trip)



TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 28° 00.070 W 081° 54.502



THINGS TO SEE

While degraded ecosystems are not as productive as their pristine counterparts, they still provide some essential functions for wildlife. As you walk these trails you will encounter birds, insects and a variety of reptiles. Several bird species live and nest in the preserve including Northern Cardinals, Eastern Meadowlarks, Red-tailed Hawks and even a pair of Bald Eagles. The resident Sandhill Cranes raise their chicks every year on the shores of Lake Ann.



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