

Lewis Arboretum

This 61.2 acre parcel, owned by the Green Horizon Land Trust, contains a mix of native and ornamental plants that are part of Polk County's horticultural heritage. Once a banana plantation, the site was donated to the Trust by Tal Lewis, who for over 40 years collected and planted ornamental plants from across the state in a landscape he designed. The arboretum features a large collection of Chinese fan palms as well as most palms that will grow in Central Florida.

PARK GPS COORDINATES:

N 28 00.898 W 081 40.075

NOTE: Trails can be very wet after heavy rains. Beware of anthills.

TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 28 00.533 W 081 40.387



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From U.S. 27 and Dundee, turn west onto FL-542 E/Dundee Rd. and travel 2.8 mi. to the traffic light at Carl Floyd Rd. Turn south onto Carl Floyd Road. Road will dead-end into CR 550/Overlook Dr. Turn left. Entrance will be on the right about 0.5 mi.

THINGS TO SEE

In addition to ornamentals, see native trees such as magnolias, oaks and persimmon as well as at least six species of ferns, large stands of bamboo, terrestrial orchids and other plants.

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Enter the property near the western end near parking area. Walk along row of palms southeast until you reach the trail head. Follow the trail until you reach a point where you can go left or right. Keep right on the trail loops. Duck under the fallen oak and continue to bear right onto Fern Gully Loop. Follow the loop to the main trail at a small ditch crossing and turn right. Continue until you see a yellow END OF TRAIL sign.

The cache is at the base of twin palm trees on the left side of the trail about 50 feet before the sign. Retrace your steps on the main trail past the fallen oak, then bear right on trail loops to return to the parking lot.

(HIKE: 1.0 mile round trip)



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