

Barbara B. Pederson Wildlife Preserve

Pederson Preserve is a 40 acre parcel of upland forest was donated to the Green Horizon Land Trust by the Jim Pederson family as a wildlife preserve. Located on Scenic Highway, this property on the Lake Wales Ridge was protected from development for more than 69 years by the Pederson's.

TRAIL ENTRANCE:

6609 N Scenic Hwy., Lake Wales, FL 33898

PARKING COORDINATES:

N27° 59.509 W 081° 35.727

TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N27° 59.552 W 081°35.975



THINGS TO SEE

The site is home to endangered plants, gopher tortoises, turkey, great horned owls, bobcat, quail and numerous butterflies. Bald eagles and occasionally deer have been seen on the site. The north loop trail offers a good view of Lake Annie.

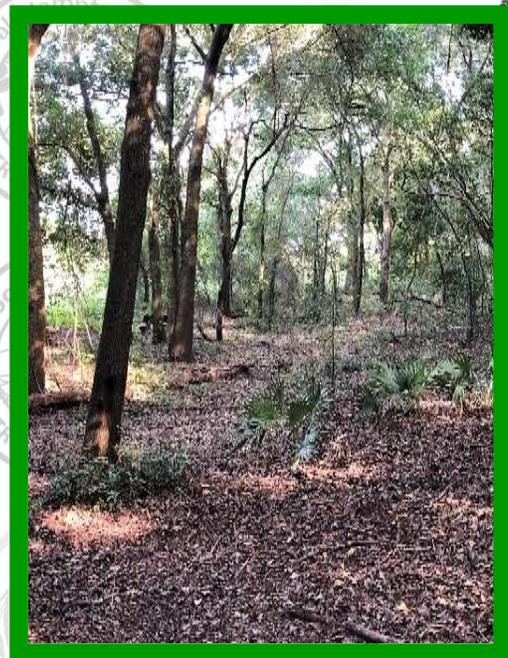
DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From US 27 and Dundee Rd. head east on Dundee Rd./SR 542. Turn slightly right onto E. Main St. continuing onto FL-17 S/N Scenic Hwy. Entrance gate will be on the right just past Stainaker Rd. which is on the left. Location is approximately 3.92 miles from US 27.

FIND CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

From the parking area, head north on the trail past the picnic table bearing right. Follow the orange blazes on your right. Continue to the point where the trail curves and descends from the berm down to the lake. Enjoy the lake view from the bench. Come back up the berm/hill and look for the double orange blazes on a tree to your right. About 75 feet on your right (SW) you will see a large multi-trunked tree. The cache is at the base of that tree. Back track along the berm and to rejoin the original trail for about 100 feet, then take the right fork and continue to follow orange blazes back to the parking area.

(HIKE: 0.9 mile round trip) Note: Add another 0.4 miles to your hike by taking the second loop trail which begins just left of the resident's gate.



2020-2021

TREK TEN TRAILS



FRIENDS OF THE PARKS
www.friendsoftheparks.net