

Bok Tower Gardens – Preserve Trail

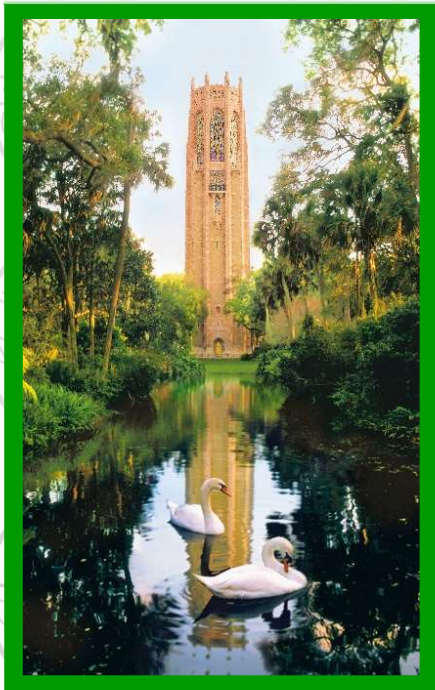
This moderate walking trail engages and inspires learners of all ages about one of Florida's most endangered ecosystems and ongoing restoration efforts. Some of this land is an original Longleaf Pine forest, while some is former citrus grove being restored to Longleaf Pine. Interpretive signs tell about 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:

N 27° 56.227 W 081° 34.497



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° 55.841' W 081° 34.285'

FIND CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

After parking walk to the east side of the parking lot and enter Pine Ridge Preserve trail at the picnic area (see small gazebo structure). Follow the trail bearing right at the Y (before the bench) and continue across the paved road onto the gravel trail which is the Preserve Trail. Follow the arrow to the Knoll (interpretative sign says Ancient Islands) then on to the next hill past the sign "Birds of Prey". The cache is about half way down the hill and 75 feet off the trail behind a fallen crooked pine tree which is about 50 feet right of a large cabbage palm.

(HIKE: 1 mile round trip)

BOK Bonus!

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 fees vary, please check website: <https://boktowergardens.org/>



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