

Lake Marion Creek / Stokes Preserve

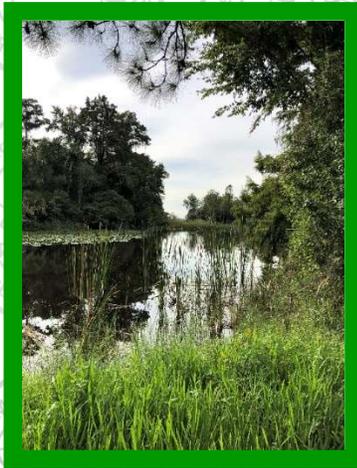
The 225-acre Sherwood L. Stokes property was acquired in 2002 as an addition to the Water Management District's Lake Marion Creek "Save Our Rivers" Project. The site, which is managed by the Polk County Environmental Lands Program, was acquired to help protect the headwaters of Lake Marion Creek. The trail takes you through white sugar sand scrub, gradually transitioning to a lower elevation with moss covered ground and tall cabbage palms. At the end of the trail is a picnic shelter and views of Lake Marion Creek.

TRAIL ENTRANCE:

Lake Marion Creek / Stokes Preserve
7598 Lake Marion Creek Rd.
Haines City, FL 33844

PARK GPS COORDINATES:

N 28° 07.040 W 081° 32.511



TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N28° 06.822 W 081° 32.462



NOTE: Trails can be very wet after heavy rains. Mosquito repellent is advisable in wet weather and beware of anthills.

THINGS TO SEE

Come enjoy the natural walkway through the forest, marshes, scrub and hammocks. Experience the extensive mosaic of plant communities, view the more than 70 species of birds, and maybe even catch a glimpse of deer, turkey or feral hogs. Our cache stamp represents the rare Rafinesque's big-eared bat which is known to inhabit the area.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Lakeland follow US92 east through Auburndale, Lake Alfred and Haines City. **From Bartow** follow US17 north to Lake Alfred. Continue east on US17/92 through Lake Alfred and Haines City. **From Lake Wales** follow SR17 north to Haines City. In Haines City turn right on E. Hinson Ave.

Once in Haines City turn left on US17/92. In ½ miles, turn right on CR580 and follow CR580 for 3.9 miles to Lake Marion Creek Road. Turn right on Lake Marion Creek Road. Parking is on the right .8 miles. Look for the Polk County Environmental Lands sign.

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Park at the trailhead and use the walk through to enter the preserve. Follow the footpath until you reach the two-track road. Turn south and walk down the road about 0.33 mile until you reach a post with a small arrow sign on it and a trail spur on your left. Take the spur on the left (NE) and walk about 80 feet until you see 2 large cabbage palms. The cache is behind the second palm.

To enjoy the creek/lake view, go back to the road and continue left (south) until you reach an opening with a picnic pavilion.

(HIKE: 1.4 round trip)



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TREK TEN TRAILS

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