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# Lakeland Highlands Scrub 2026

This 551 acre property features a 2.2 mile multi-use trail and a 0.6 mile walking trail. It contains one of the largest undeveloped scrub communities (140 acres) on the Lakeland Ridge. The natural communities in this ecosystem are very diverse and include sand live oak, scrub, dry prairie, pine flatwoods, depression marsh, basin marsh and basin swamp.

## TREK 10 TRAILS

### TRAIL ENTRANCE:

6998 Lakeland Highlands Road  
Lakeland, FL 33813

### PARK GPS COORDINATES:

N 27° 56.199' W 081° 55.414'

### TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

27° 55.6433' N 81° 55.805' W



## THINGS TO SEE:

Lakeland Highlands Scrub is home to at least five rare plant species, as well as gopher tortoises, eastern indigo snakes, Florida Scrub-jays and a number of wading bird species. The raccoon also calls the scrub community home and forages at night for food including crayfish, snails, frogs, turtles, insects, rodents, eggs, fruits and nuts.

## FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

From the parking area, enter the property and proceed to the right of the pavilions onto the Scrub Flatwoods Trail. Turn left to follow the signs to the boardwalk. At the 4-way intersection turn right then turn left onto the boardwalk. At the intersection in the sandy area turn left. When you get to the end of the path turn right. Prior to reaching the next intersection look for the downed tree on the right. You can sit on the tree and see the cache on the back side. You can either return the way you came OR

continue to the next intersection. Turn right at the "T" intersection. The turn right again at the next "T" intersection back onto Scrub Flatwoods Trail. Continue straight towards the parking area. At the next intersection look right and continue following the trail towards the parking area. At the sign for the Seven Wetlands Park, stay right.

**(HIKE: 2.3 miles round trip)**



## DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From Polk Pkwy (SR 570) Exit 9, take Lakeland Highlands Blvd. (CR 37B) south. Reach CR 540A at 1.8 miles, and continue south another mile, crossing Crews Lake Rd.

Alternatively, take US 98 south from Lakeland or north from Bartow to 540A and head west. Turn left on Lakeland Highlands Rd. After crossing Crews Lake Road, Lakeland Highlands Blvd. becomes a dead-end road. Keep going to where the road ends at the trailhead.

