

Lake Marion Creek WMA

The Baltic Road Unit is part of a 3,472 acre Save Our Rivers Property owned by the South Florida Water Management District. **PLEASE NOTE:** Since this cache is located within the WMA. Visitors should be aware of seasonal hunting and must abide by all area regulations while on the area. Please visit <http://myfwc.com/viewing/recreation/name/> for more information.

PARK GPS COORDINATES:

N 28° 05.945' W 081° 30.724'

TRAIL ENTRANCE:

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



TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N28° 06.822 W 081° 32.462

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From the intersection of US 27 and US 17/92, take US 17/92 through Haines City to 17/92 North to Johnson Avenue (East CR 580). Turn right, go 3.8 miles to Lake Marion Creek Road. Turn right, go 2.3 miles to Midway Road, to Eastway Road then left onto McMan Road to Lake Marion Creek Drive and turn left. Bear right onto Caspian Road. Go about one-half mile, then turn left onto Baltic Road. The access point is straight ahead at the end of Baltic Road.

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)

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



THINGS TO SEE

You can treat yourself to an aerobic hike in the sugar sand hills, possibly meet an inquisitive scrub jay and enjoy the great wildflower viewing. You will see numerous cone-shaped doodle bug depressions and the signature tracks of the rare sand skink. Reward yourself in the shady, lower elevations of fern-carpeted hammocks.



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