

Tenoroc Public Use Area

Tenoroc was extensively surface mined for phosphate ore between 1960 and 1978 by the Coronet Fertilizer Company, the Smith-Douglass Company, and Borden, Inc. In 1982, Borden, Inc. donated 6,058 acres to the State of Florida. Two additional tracts were acquired through purchase: 341 acres with funds from the Non-Mandatory Reclamation Trust Fund and Preservation 2000 in 1998, and 986 acres through the Preservation 2000 Inholdings and Additions program in 2000.

TRAIL ENTRANCE

3755 Tenoroc Mine Road
Lakeland, FL 33805

PARKING COORDINATES:

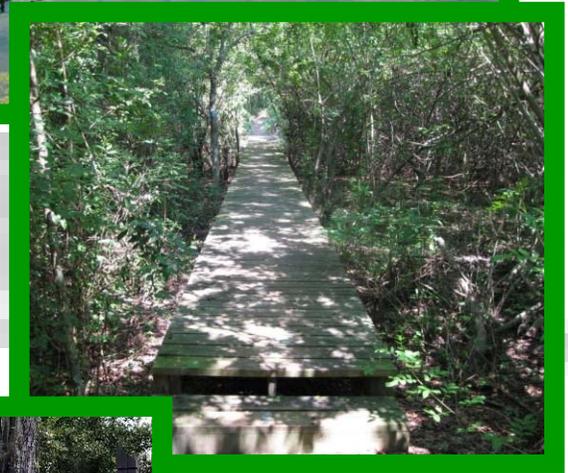
N28 05.249 W51.846 or
N28 05.524 W081 52.094

TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N28 ° 04.686 W 81 ° 52.025

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

From Hiker Trail Marker 24, head down the hill towards the log bridge. Cross the log bridge and head up the hill. Turn left at the yellow blaze. Turn right at the No Horses Allowed Beyond This Point sign. Turn left at Hiker Trail Marker 6 and follow the Red Trail. The trail curves to your left and there will be a No Horses Beyond This Point sign with a red blaze. Cross the trail and continue on the Red Blaze Trail. Pass through two slim oak trees and continue on the Red Blaze Trail. Notice the creek on your left. The trail curves up and to the right past another No Horses Beyond This Point sign. Turn left at the wide horse trail and do not continue to follow the Red Blaze Trail. The trail curves sharply to the right. At Horse Trail Marker 25 and Hiker Marker 7 make a left and go down Hiker Trail 7. Follow the Red Blazes. Look for Red Blaze Tract on a clump of 4 oak trees. Leave the trail to the right just past these trees and look for a fallen palmetto in front of a twin oak approximately 40 feet off the trail. The cache is chained to the fallen palmetto. Return to the Horse Trail and follow it back to the Yellow Blaze. Turn right and go back over the log bridge to the road. **(HIKE: 2.1 miles round trip)**



PLEASE NOTE: \$3 per person entry fee. Pick up a trail map from the office.

Daylight Savings Time: Fridays-Mondays, 6:00am-8:00pm

Standard Time: Fridays-Mondays, 6:00am-7:00pm

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From US 98 and the Polk Parkway: One mile north of the Polk Parkway turn right onto SR 659 (Combee Rd). Continue north 6.4 mi. Turn right onto Tenoroc Mine Rd and continue east almost two miles. Park in the boat ramp area for Lake 10 or Lake 2.



THINGS TO SEE

Although mining has modified the natural environment of Tenoroc, habitats support abundant birdlife. Tenoroc is a gateway for the East Section of the Great Florida Birding Trail, which spans an eighteen-county area. Tenoroc lies along a major historical songbird migration route that once followed hardwood forests lining the Peace River. Birding hotspots are numerous. The trail also passes the Collins Cemetery where some of Polk County's early pioneers were laid to rest.



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