

Holloway Park

The legacy of Mary Ann and Edward Holloway. The 362 acre property had been mined prior to 1950 and was left in a rugged state with lots of ridges and valleys. Over time, pioneer species, some native, others invasive, became established. Today the land hosts a variety of plants, trees and shrubs that provide food and shelter to a variety of wildlife. Conservation projects include native vegetation restoration, nest box installations and shoreline improvements for wading birds. The Park is a multipurpose recreational site, offering cross-country trails for races, but also open for nature enthusiasts to explore and enjoy.

TRAIL ENTRANCE:

2402 Holloway Park Dr,
Lakeland, FL 33803

7 am to 7 pm – Closed on Monday

PARKING COORDINATES:

N 28° 00.490 W 81° 54.702



TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N28° 00.167 W 081° 54.497

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Go through the gate, keeping the canal on your right, walk up a small rise to the trail system. At the top of the rise turn left (east) following "Hiking Trails" signs. Then look straight ahead for the small signpost and follow RED (arrow) trail to the right (south). At the fork continue straight and follow the curving trail. When you reach the crest of the hill, bear right (south) continue on past an amphibian info sign and continue until you reach a metal bench at the top of the hill. Take the trail immediately on your left past the bench heading north. At the fork, continue straight downhill. When you reach the conjunction of multiple trails you will see disc golf basket #15 on your right. From the basket, walk about 45 feet up the trail (south). The cache is behind a small tree about 20 feet off the trail on your left (east) next to a fallen tree stump. Return to the trail intersection and go straight to the BLUE signpost and take the trail to your right. It will curve right up the hill to a RED/BLUE signpost. Follow the RED trail back past the hilltop bench and down the hill bearing left at the 2 forks in the trail. At the large open trail intersection turn right and follow the trail to the parking lot (the canal will be on your left).

(HIKE: 1.8 miles)



THINGS TO SEE

While degraded ecosystems are not as productive as their pristine counterparts, they still provide some essential functions for wildlife. As you walk these trails you will encounter birds, insects and a variety of reptiles. Several bird species live and nest in the preserve including: Northern Cardinals, Eastern Meadowlarks, Red-tailed Hawks and even a pair of Bald Eagles. The resident Sandhill Cranes raise their chicks every year on the shores of Lake Ann.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From the Polk Parkway take exit 10 (US 98) Bartow Hwy north. Turn left on Holloway Park Rd just past Combee Rd. After driving through entrance gate, look to the left for a 3 ft. high chain link fence with a gate. Park in designated parking area.



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