

Green Swamp – Hampton Tract

The 11,052-acre parcel is located at the southern end of the Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve and adjacent to Colt Creek State Park. Visitors can hike the road network or the trail system to enjoy the natural landscape of central Florida. There are approximately 30 miles of multiuse trails and some are excessively wet at certain times of the year.

TRAIL ENTRANCE:

14300 Rock Ridge Road
Polk City, FL 33809



TREK TEN CACHE

COORDINATES:

N28 15.902 W81 58.219

PARKING COORDINATES:

N28 15.558 W81 57.515

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From I-4, take exit 32 to US 98 North. Travel 8.4 miles north to Rock Ridge Road, turn right. The entrance gate is on the left approximately 6 miles northeast of US 98.



FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Please sign in at the information kiosk and pick up a trail map. Head down the hard packed road, passing Trail Marker 1 on your left. Pass a small side trail to your left that does not have a Trail Marker number. Turn left at Trail Marker 2 and head down the grassy trail. Caution: This trail may become waterlogged during the wet season. The landscape changes from pine/oak forest to palmetto scrub. As you begin to enter pine trees again, look for Trail Marker 5 on a pine tree on the right side of the trail. Immediately before that trail marker there is a very large multi-trunk oak tree about 20 feet off the right side of the trail. The cache is chained to a small tree behind that large oak in the palmettos.

NOTE: The majority of this trail has no shade.

(HIKE: 1.8 miles round trip)



THINGS TO SEE:

The tract contains a variety of habitats and is great for bird watching and wildlife viewing. Portions of Gator Creek and Colt Creek are within the tract boundary.



SITE CLOSINGS:

Check the website for dates when the property is closed for hunting or limited to equestrian activities.

Nov. 15-18, 2021, Dec. 2-5, 2021,
Jan. 14-16 and Feb. 1-3, 2022.

<https://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/recreation/hunting-season-limited-access>

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