

# Circle B Bar Reserve

is named after a cattle ranch that once existed on the 1,267-acres. Purchased to protect the floodplain of Lake Hancock and to restore the Banana Creek marsh system, it also offers large natural communities of oak hammocks and various forested wetlands in the northeast corner of the property. Lake Hancock, Polk County's 4th largest lake, sits at the headwaters of the Peace River.

## TRAIL ENTRANCE:

4399 Winter Lake Road,  
Lakeland, FL 33812

## PARKING COORDINATES:

N 27° 59.693 W 081° 51.896



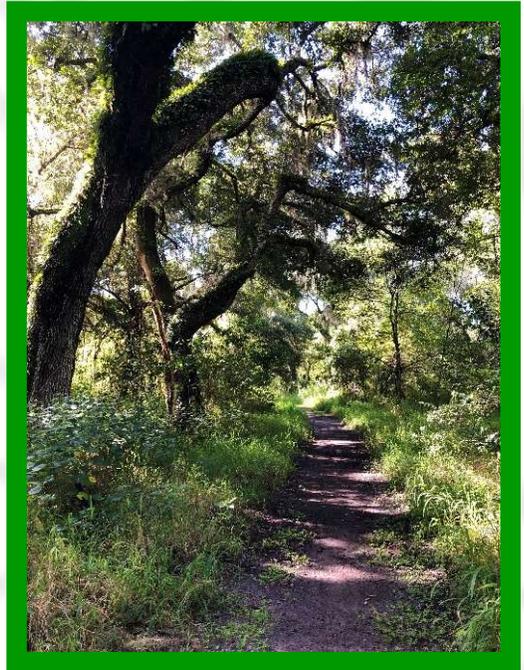
## TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 27° 59.483' W 081° 52.836'

## FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Park at the first picnic pavilion on Discovery Drive. Enter the Treefrog Trail head on the west side of the pavilion. Hike approximately 0.35 miles to a large oak tree on your right (SW) that has limbs stretching over the trail to your left. There is a short cabbage palm and young thin tree next to the oak. The cache is at the base of the oak.

**(Hike is 0.7 miles round trip or continue to next trail intersection and choose a loop trail to follow.)**



## POLK'S NATURE DISCOVERY CENTER:

Provides Information and many discovery opportunities about the unique water, wildlife and wilderness resources, as well as the associated cultural heritage and nature-based recreation opportunities on environmental lands in Polk County. The Nature Discovery Center includes picnic pavilions, wildlife observation viewing platforms, boardwalks and multi-use trails. The Reserve is open daily, year-round, from 6:00 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Standard Time and until 8:00 P.M. during Daylight Savings Time. This area may become wet during the rainy season. Don't forget the insect repellent and water. Be careful and enjoy the area.

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From I-4 east or west, take the Polk Parkway (Toll Road 570) and exit at US Hwy 98 south, exit 10. Turn left at Winter Lake Road (SR 540). The entrance to the Reserve is two miles east of US 98.



## THINGS TO SEE

While hiking the trails you may see a variety of birds, including sandhill cranes, bald eagles, wood storks, great blue herons and many other wading birds, as well as vistas across Lake Hancock and Banana Creek Marsh. Take a walk along the banks of Lake Hancock and you will see many alligators.



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