

# Allen David Broussard Catfish Creek Preserve State Park

The Allen David Broussard Catfish Creek Preserve State Park is located along the beautiful Lake Wales Ridge and covers more than 8,000 acres of scrub, sandhill, flatwoods, in addition to 65 acres of submerged land. The preserve offers six miles of hiking trails, seven miles of equestrian trails, a covered pavilion, fishing, and excellent wildlife viewing opportunities. When you visit the preserve, please make sure you are prepared for rugged conditions typical of scrub habitat. Bring plenty of water and be prepared for challenging trails at the park.

## TRAIL ENTRANCE:

4335 Firetower Road, Haines City, FL 33844

## PARKING COORDINATES

N 27° 59.033 W 081° 29.80

## DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From US 27 in Dundee, follow CR 542 east to Hatchineha Rd. Turn right and continue 8 miles to Firetower Rd. Turn right. Continue 3 miles. The park trailhead is on the left before the FFA Leadership Camp entrance. If you reach their gate, turn around and come back—Firetower Road dead-ends at the camp

## FIND CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Head through the gate and bear left down the sandy trail. At the trail map kiosk continue straight up the hill. There is a red blaze post at the top of the hill. Continue straight. Head down the hill passing another red blazed post on your right. You will see a third red blazed post in front of you where the road makes a "T". Make a left and skirt around the lake. At the next red blaze make a left heading up the hill away from the lake. At the second red blaze post on your left (#43), make a left and look to your left. There is a small dead tree immediately before the next red blazed post. The cache is chained to this tree. DIFFICULTY: Moderate to rugged due to inclines and deep sand.

(HIKE: 1.3 mile round trip)



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## THINGS TO SEE

The preserve is home to numerous rare plants, such as scrub morning glory, scrub plum, pygmy fringe tree and cutthroat grass and several protected animal species including Florida scrub-jays, bald eagles, gopher tortoises and Florida scrub lizards. When you visit the preserve make sure you are prepared for the rugged conditions typical of the scrub habitat.

## TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 27° 59.031' W 081° 29.403'

