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TREK 10 TRAILS

Lewis Arboretum

This 61.2 acre parcel, owned by the Green Horizon Land Trust, contains a mix of native and ornamental plants that are part of Polk County's horticultural heritage. Once a banana plantation, the site was donated to the Trust by Tal Lewis, who for over 40 years collected and planted ornamental plants from across the state in a landscape he designed. The arboretum features a large collection of Chinese fan palms as well as most palms that will grow in Central Florida.

TRAIL ENTRANCE:

2000 Overlook Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33884

PARK GPS COORDINATES:

N28 ° 00.898' W081 ° 40.075'



DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From U.S. 27 and Dundee, turn west onto FL-542 E/Dundee Rd. and travel 2.8 mi. to the traffic light at Carl Floyd Rd. Turn south onto Carl Floyd Road. Road will dead-end into CR 550/Overlook Dr. Turn left. Entrance will be on the right about 0.5 mi.

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Enter the property near the western end near parking area. Walk along row of pines southeast until you reach the trail head. Follow the trail until you reach a point where you can go left or right. Keep left onto the Talurusla trail loop. Turn left at the next intersection in the trail and continue to follow the main trail past the Bamboo loop sign. Turn left on the trail to avoid the fallen oak tree. Bear left when you reach Racetrack Run. Continue around the loop until you see a footbridge.

The cache is at the base of the palm tree on the left side of the bridge. (Please disguise the cache when you are done.) Continue around the loop back to the main trail to return the way you came or turn left to explore the Fern Gully loop. From that exit, turn left onto the main trail and continue back to the parking area.

(HIKE: 1.5 miles loop trail)



THINGS TO SEE:

In addition to ornamentals, see native trees such as magnolias, oaks and persimmon as well as at least six species of ferns, large stands of bamboo, terrestrial orchids and other plants.



TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 28° 00.462' W 081° 40.259'

NOTE:

Trails can be very wet after heavy rains. Beware of anthills.

