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TREK 10 TRAILS



Gator Creek Reserve

2025-6

Gator Creek Reserve is located in the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern. Gator Creek Reserve lets you experience a mosaic of cypress swamps, hardwood forests and marshes interspersed with slightly elevated areas including pine flatwoods. With a series of adjoining loop trails, one of which is paved, this 2,700-acre reserve offers easy short walks or longer treks through several unique habitats.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From 1-4 east or west, exit at US Hwy. 98 north (Exit 32) and continue north for 6. Drive 7 miles. The entrance is on the right.

TRAIL ENTRANCE:

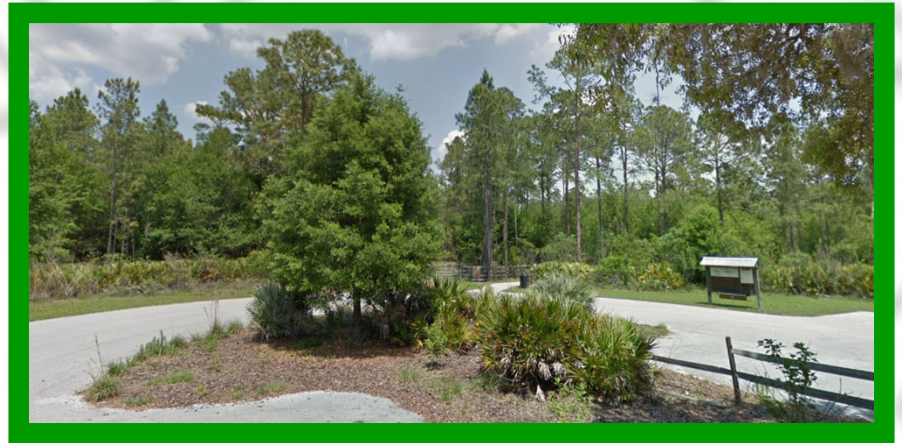
9725 US Hwy 98
Lakeland, FL 33809

TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 28° 10.558' W 081° 58.968'

PARKING COORDINATES:

N 28° 10.707' W 081° 59.153'



THINGS TO SEE

Wildlife that may be observed includes deer, turkey, fox squirrels, and gopher tortoises. If you come across a deer track in the wet sand or mud, look for the dew claws - they will show up along with the hooves in the substrate.

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Start your journey on the paved trail to the right of the locked gate.

Turn right at the "Explore The Green Swamp" sign.

Shortly after passing the SFWMD meter box on the right, jump off the paved trail onto the trail to the right.

Turn right at the next intersection, about 30 yards from the trail ending at the fence, the cache is around the base of a pine tree overlooking the palmetto field on the right.

You can go back the way you came, or turn right at the paved trail to complete the loop.

(Hike: 1.1 miles if you return the same way you arrived, or 2.2 miles if you follow the loop around.)

