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## TREK 10 TRAILS

# Marshall Hampton Reserve 2025

The 1,100+ acre property was acquired by the Southwest Florida Water Management District in 2008. Polk County entered into an agreement with the Water Management District in 2010 to oversee the management of the property. The acquisition of this property also protected a significant amount of shoreline and floodplain swamp on the edge of Lake Hancock. Lake Hancock is often referred to as the headwaters of the Peace River.

### TRAIL ENTRANCE:

3125 Thornhill Rd.  
Winter Haven, FL 33880



### PARKING COORDINATES:

N 28° 00.076 W 081° 48.823

### TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 28° 00.331 W 81° 49.722

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From US 98 South turn east onto Winter Lake Road / CR 540 about 4 miles, then turn right on Thornhill Road. Parking area is on the right side of the road.

### THINGS TO SEE:

A variety of wildlife have been observed on the site, such as gators, bobcat, turkey and pileated woodpeckers. If you listen while you walk you may hear animals and insects moving about in the palmettos as this is a great place for them to hide.

### FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

From the parking coords, follow the driveway signs to the parking area. Enter at the Panther Point Trail gate & head towards the large signboard. From the signboard, follow the marked hiking trail. You'll pass a SWFWMD monitoring station on the right. When you come to the fork in the trail, stay to the right, following the Osprey Loop Trail. If using a GPS, at .4 mile along the trail you'll pass the Peanut Border Cache, a quick find. Stay on the trail till you spot a rustic bench on the lake shore. Head to the nearest tree, hunt around the base & you'll spot the cache. **(Hike 1.8 miles)**

### TRAIL OPTIONS

Nestled on the northeast edge of Lake Hancock, across from Circle B Bar Reserve, the Reserve has an interesting blend of oak hammock areas canopied over mesic flatwoods, hardwood forest wetlands and a 60-acre pond. The site is dominated by live oaks, slash pine, sweet gum and palmettos. All trails start on the western edge of the parking

area, and lead visitors through the equestrian parking area to the main trail head. Once past the main trail head, the trail quickly allows visitors to escape the open pasture and enter a small oak hammock. The trail then shortly exits the oak hammock and visitors can view the pond. Just a short distance to the west is where the trail splits, giving visitors two trail options. The two loop trails provide very different views of the property.

