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TREK 10 TRAILS

TRAIL ENTRANCE COORDINATE:

N 28° 04.385 W 081° 30.985

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From E Johnson Ave & US-17 in Haines City head east on E. Johnson Ave. toward N. 18th St. (3.9 mi.). Turn right onto Lake Marion Creek Rd. and travel 2.3 miles. Turn left onto Midway Rd., Midway Rd. turns right and becomes Eastway Rd., Eastway Rd. turns slightly left and becomes McMan Rd. Go 0.8 mi and turn onto Lake Marion Creek Dr., go another 1.4 mi to the entrance at the intersection of Pine St. and Lake Marion Creek Dr.

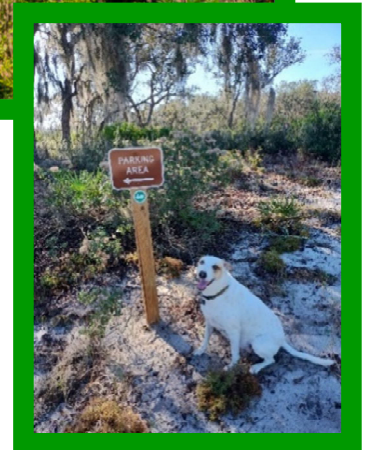


The 638-acre Preserve was acquired September 2023, as a result of a successful partnership between Polk County, Conservation Florida and Department of Defense, with funding assistance from Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida - Implementation Grants. Polk County funding from the Stormwater MSTU was used to protect over 3 miles of living shoreline along Lake Marion and improve water quality in the Kissimmee Watershed.



THINGS TO SEE:

The property is home to sand skinks, a federally threatened species, and gopher tortoises, a regionally and state-designated threatened species. A variety of wildlife has been observed on the site including gators, bobcats, deer, turkeys and pileated woodpeckers. If you listen while you walk you may hear the animals moving about in the palmettos, as this is a great place for them to hide. Lake view loop is the second longest trail at the Preserve with a nice view of Lake Marion.



FIND CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Enter the main gate & you'll see the signpost straight ahead. Take the Lakeview Loop trail (Green markers) to the right. Follow the Lakeview Loop trail & in about a quarter of a mile there's a bench on the right. You will come to a fork. When you come to the next signpost continue following the Lakeview Loop trail (green arrow) to the right. You'll come to an open area with Lake Marion on the right. There's a bench down by the lake's edge. Take the small bridge over the creek. Just past the bridge there's a large oak tree on the left. After passing the tree, take the small path off to the left towards the fir trees. The cache is nestled at the base of the tree in the center of the path, camouflaged with pine needles and Spanish moss. The cache is just past the lake view area, about .8 from the parking lot. After finding the cache, return to the main trail and continue to follow the loop trail back to the parking area.

(HIKE: 1.3 mile loop trail)

TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 28° 04.222' W 081° 31.178'

NOTE:

At times, the property can be extremely wet, often flooding entire sections of land. Protection of these resources makes for a more resilient Florida.

