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TREK 10 TRAILS

The Polk County Environmental Lands Program and the South Florida Water Management District acquired this 4,031-acre property in February 1999 to preserve its important ecological resources and its cultural history. SUMICA is home to at least 12 species of rare plants and animals. This property is the site of a former logging community and sawmill. It's nestled beside the 7,500-acre Lake Walk-in-Water. The name "SUMICA" comes from the timber town that was on the site in the early 1900s. The town was named after a French company, "Societe Universelle de Mining, Industrie et Agriculture," that had timber rights on the property. Enjoy the four miles of hiking trails on the property. Horseback riders can explore nearly seven miles of trail. You can picnic, camp (primitive) and bicycle as well.

TRAIL ENTRANCE:

12993 FL-60

Lake Wales, FL 33898

PARKING COORDINATES:

N 27° 51' 25.2" W 081° 22' 29.5"

TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 27° 51.39' W 081° 2.9983'

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

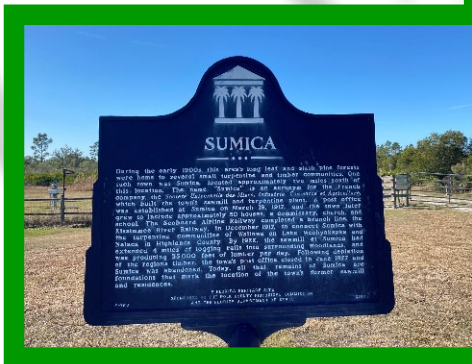
From I-4 and US 27 (Haines City) take US 27 south 24 miles to SR 60, turn left and follow SR 60 east 14 ½ miles to SUMICA on right.

From Polk Parkway and US 98 (Lakeland / Bartow) take US 98 south 8 miles to SR 60, turn left and follow SR 60 east 29 1/2 miles to SUMICA on right.



FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

From the parking lot, proceed to the signs and gate opening. Once you get to the first "T" intersection turn right. Watch for the trail maker and once you see the sign with the equestrian trail marker, turn left. Then turn left again following the signs for towards the primitive camp site trail. The next sign will be at the trail to the primitive camping area, without turning, look ahead along the trail and you will see a lone oak tree amongst the pines. The cache is at the base of that tree. This is approximately 0.9 miles. Return the way you came to **HIKE: 1.8 miles round trip.**



THINGS TO SEE:

The property contains more than 4,000 acres of diverse native habitats including pine flatwoods, oak hammocks, and significant wetland and marsh plant communities that provide critical habitat for a variety of wildlife including wading birds, bald eagles, gray fox and turkey.