



Recreation Guide

A Word from the Mayor



Greetings,

I am pleased to share the Green PLACE Recreation Guide with Orange County's residents and visitors. Our County is home to a remarkable variety of landscapes, plants and wildlife waiting to be discovered — and this guide will help you get started.

From hiking, kayaking and horseback riding to wildlife viewing and more, there is truly something for everyone. Whether you enjoy a quiet one-mile stroll to pause and recharge or a more challenging five-mile hike, visiting a Green PLACE property promises a memorable experience.

For more than 30 years, the Green PLACE Program has preserved over 26,800 acres of environmentally sensitive land. Since funding was renewed in 2021, the program has added more than 54 properties, protecting an additional 3,417 acres. I am proud of the progress we continue to make in safeguarding our natural resources.

Looking ahead, we are excited to share these natural lands with future generations. As you explore the Green PLACE Recreation Guide, I am confident you will discover — and plan — your next great outdoor adventure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jerry L. Demings". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jerry" being more prominent.

Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor



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Green tree frog (*Hyla cinerea*)

What is Green PLACE

The Green PLACE Program is an initiative to preserve, enhance, and restore environmentally sensitive lands with the goal to establish regional corridors, greenways, and blueways within Orange County. Mayor Demings' Transition Team Report and Sustainability Operations Resilience Action Plan established the goal of doubling the amount of preservation lands by 2030. As of 2025, Orange County Environmental Protection Division (EPD), in cooperation with its partners, has purchased over 26,800 acres of environmentally sensitive land.

Green PLACE Mission Statement

"To preserve and manage environmentally sensitive lands, protect water resources, and to provide a quality nature-based recreational outdoors experience for existing and future generations."

History of Green PLACE

Orange County has been preserving environmentally sensitive lands since the mid-1990s. The acquisition and land management program was formally branded as the Green Park Land Acquisition for Conservation and Environmental Protection (Green PLACE) Program in 2002. Funding for the program has been provided through Public Service Tax Bonds, general revenue, grants, partnerships with other state and local agencies and the Conservation Trust Fund.

With assistance from the Green PLACE Advisory Board, a strategy was established for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands which focuses on the creation and expansion of ecological corridors. To ensure a balance between nature-based recreation and conservation, the board collaborates with EPD to designate appropriate nature-based recreational activities for Green PLACE properties.



Pine lily (*Lilium catesbaei*)



Recreation Opportunities



Hiking: Available at all Green PLACE properties. Be sure to stop by each property to explore Central Florida ecosystems.



Wildlife Viewing: Available at all Green PLACE properties. Every property is home to its own unique wildlife for visitors to see.



Picnic Areas: Available at all Green PLACE properties. Enjoy an outdoor meal in Orange County's natural landscapes.



Horseback Riding: Many Green PLACE properties allow horseback riding. There are special entrances and trails to allow horses to pass as well as hitching posts near picnic tables.



Observation Pier: Available at select Green PLACE properties, observation piers enable viewers to take a moment to relax and enjoy the view.



Nature Center: Orange County has partnered with Back to Nature Wildlife Refuge to provide a nature center on the Eagles Roost property. This wildlife center aims to rehabilitate animals and release them back into the wild.



Fishing: Fishing opportunities are available at several Green PLACE properties, and a fishing line receptacle is provided for easy line recycling.



Canoeing/Kayaking: Use the kayak launches at Johns Lake Conservation Area and Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park to explore local waterways.



White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

Know Before You Go

Activities Permitted:

- Nature-based recreational activities such as hiking, bird watching, wildlife viewing, interpretive programs and photography
- Other uses at designated locations: equestrian, canoeing/kayaking, fishing and picnicking
- Pets permitted on leash only

Stay Safe:

- Security is not provided; use facilities at your own risk.
- Drinking water is not available. It is very easy to get dehydrated, even if it is cool outside. Always bring a full water bottle.
- Insect repellent is recommended for mosquitos and other insects.
- Please use the designated trails. Going off the trail can harm delicate plants and habitats, or you may get lost.

Additional Information:

- Some trail systems are seasonal, as they are underwater following periods of heavy rain.
- The properties may only be accessed at designated points.
- Due to ongoing land management activities, the property or portions of each property may be temporarily closed.
- All vegetation, animals, facilities and cultural resources on these properties are protected. It is unlawful to remove, destroy, deface, mutilate or harass any of these resources.
- Please be courteous by not smoking on Green PLACE properties.
- Please dispose of all trash in trash receptacles or take trash with you if a trash receptacle is not provided.
- Motor vehicles are prohibited.

- All horseback riders must have proof of a negative Coggins test.
- Helmets are recommended for all equestrian riders but required for riders under 16 years of age.
- Horses have the right-of-way and are permitted only on designated trails.

Tips for Observing Wildlife:

- Walk quietly and be aware of sights and sounds around you.
- Look for animal signs such as tracks, scat and feathers.
- Watch where animals are most likely to show up, such as drinking sites, trail intersections, ledges and perches in trees.
- Use binoculars, spotting scopes or camera zoom lenses to get up-close views.
- Use field guides and checklists to identify animal species.
- Dawn and dusk are the best times to see wildlife.

Be Prepared and Remember Your Gear:

- Hiking backpack or day pack
- Binoculars for viewing birds and other wildlife
- Journal for recording your observations
- Weather appropriate clothing (moisture wicking and layers)
- Closed-toe shoes or hiking boots
- Water bottle and plenty of water
- Trail snacks
- Lunch, if picnicking
- Navigation tools such as a trail map and compass
- First-aid kit
- Sunscreen and a hat

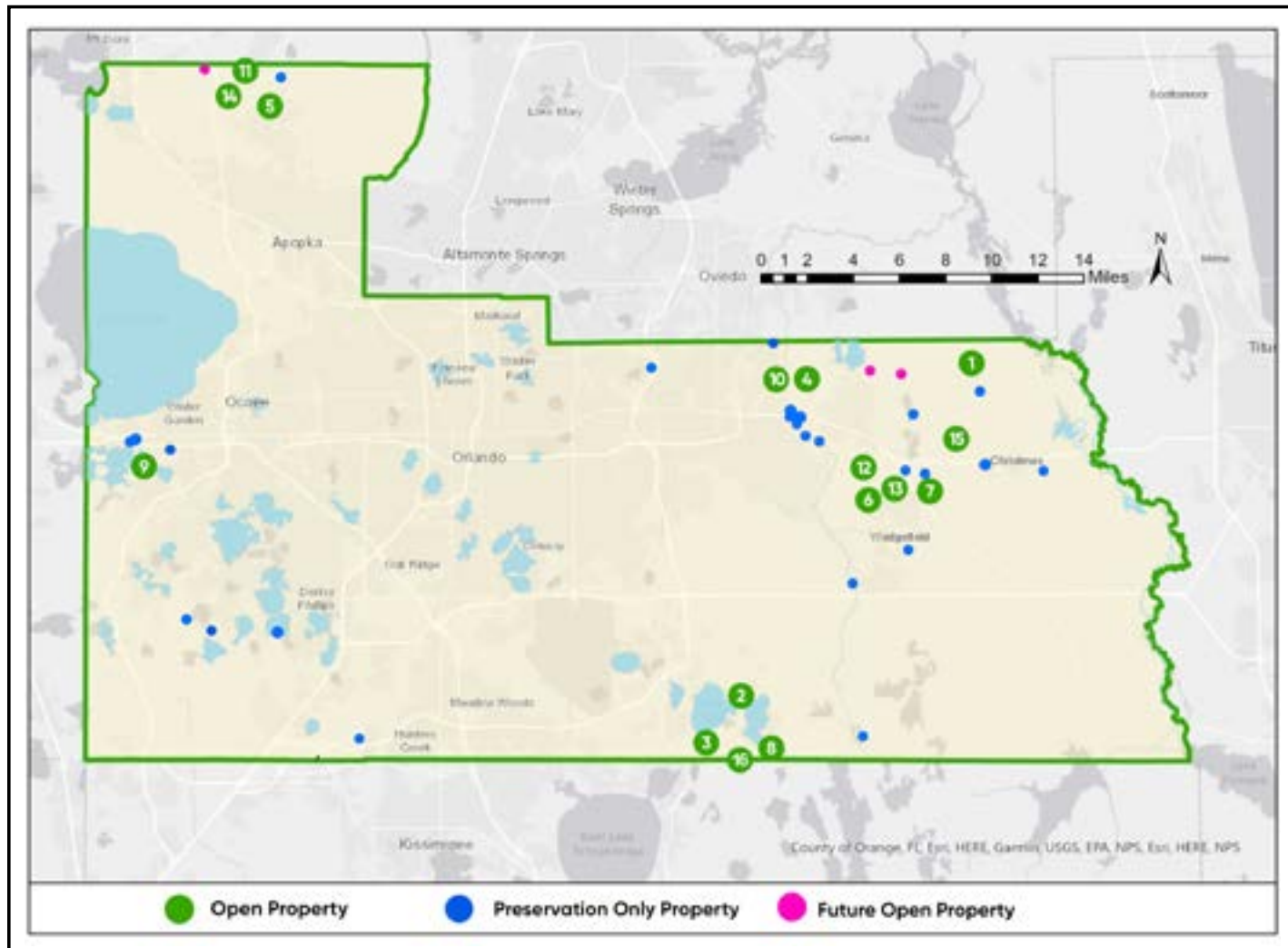
Green PLACE Properties

- 1 CHARLES H. BRONSON STATE FOREST**
3563 Phillips Road, Christmas, FL 32709
3895 Curryville Road, Chuluota, FL 32766
- 2 CROSBY ISLAND MARSH PRESERVE**
13601 Moss Park Road, Orlando, FL 32832
- 3 EAGLES ROOST**
10525 Clapp Simms Duda Road, Orlando, FL 32832
- 4 ECONLOCKHATCHEE SANDHILLS CONSERVATION AREA**
15227 Lake Pickett Road, Orlando, FL 32820
- 5 GREENEYES WILDLIFE PRESERVE**
951 W Kelly Park Road, Apopka, FL 32712
- 6 HAL SCOTT REGIONAL PRESERVE AND PARK**
4500 Dallas Blvd., Orlando, FL 32833
- 7 HIDDEN POND PRESERVE**
20501 State Road 520, Orlando, FL 32833
- 8 ISLE OF PINE PRESERVE**
14032 Lacebark Pine Road, Orlando, FL 32832
14010 Lake Mary Jane Road, Orlando, FL 32832
- 9 JOHNS LAKE CONSERVATION AREA**
880 Avalon Road, Winter Garden, FL 34787
- 10 KEN BOSSERMAN ECONLOCKHATCHEE RIVER PRESERVE**
14801 Lake Pickett Road, Orlando, FL 32820
- 11 LAKE LUCIE CONSERVATION AREA**
43 Rainey Road, Sorrento, FL 32776
- 12 LONG BRANCH**
710 South County Road 13, Orlando, FL 32833
- 13 PINE LILY PRESERVE**
1401 South County Road 13, Orlando, FL 32833

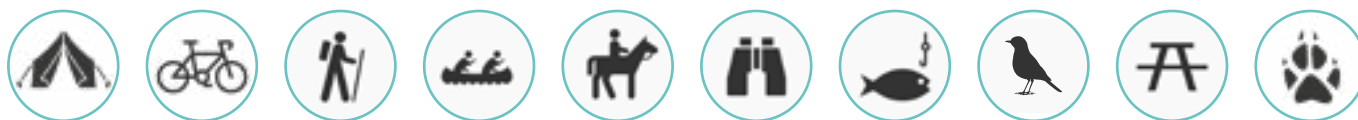
14 SANDHILL PRESERVE
5611 Plymouth Sorrento Road, Apopka, FL 32712

15 SAVAGE/CHRISTMAS CREEK PRESERVE
11046 NW Christmas Road, Christmas, FL 32709
22023 E Colonial Drive, Christmas, FL 32709

16 SPLIT OAK FOREST WILDLIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AREA
12175 Clapp Simms Duda Road, Orlando, FL 32832



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Charles H. Bronson State Forest

Named after Charles H. Bronson, a former Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, Charles H. Bronson State Forest encompasses over 11,000 acres of pristine Florida wetlands and uplands. Land that was once used for agriculture and turpentine farming has now been restored and preserved to its historic natural communities. Although near metropolitan Orlando, many hikers, birders, anglers and campers stop by Charles H. Bronson State Forest for a chance to experience natural plant and wildlife communities.

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address:

3563 Phillips Road, Christmas, FL 32709

3895 Curryville Road, Chuluota, FL 32766

Total Trail Mileage: 40 miles

Total Acreage Orange County: 4,700 acres

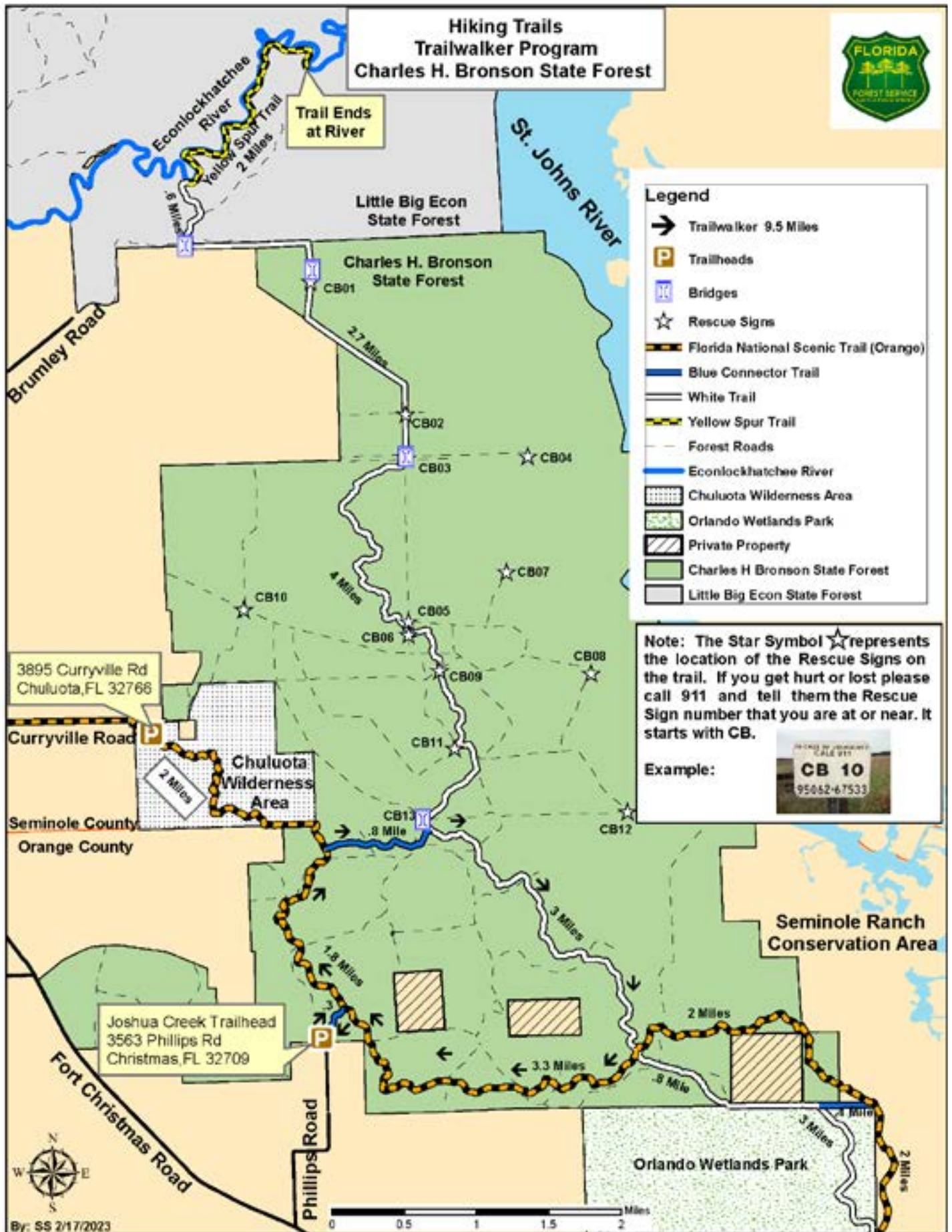
In Total: Seminole & Orange Counties 11,246 acres

The St. Johns River runs adjacent to the eastern boundary of Charles H. Bronson State Forest and is the longest river in Florida at over 300 miles. Often described as a "lazy" river, it flows north at 0.3 miles per hour and drops only a total of 27 feet in elevation from start to finish.



Blue jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*)







Crosby Island Marsh Preserve

Crosby Island Marsh Preserve, located in the south-central portion of the County, is host to a section of the Florida National Scenic Trail. Hikers can traverse through a mesic flatwoods habitat while skirting between different types of marshes. This preserve is home to many species, including the striped mud turtle (*Kinosternon baurii*), sandhill crane (*Grus canadensis*), wood stork (*Mycteria americana*) and white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*). Be sure to look up in the trees, where you may spot air plants among the branches.

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 13601 Moss Park Road,
Orlando, FL 32832

Total Trail Mileage: 1.1 miles

Total Acreage: 277 acres

Florida's iconic freshwater wetlands cover over 20 percent of the state's land area and are home to many species including the American alligator (*Alligator mississippiensis*), great blue heron (*Ardea herodias*) and snail kite (*Rostrhamus sociabilis*).

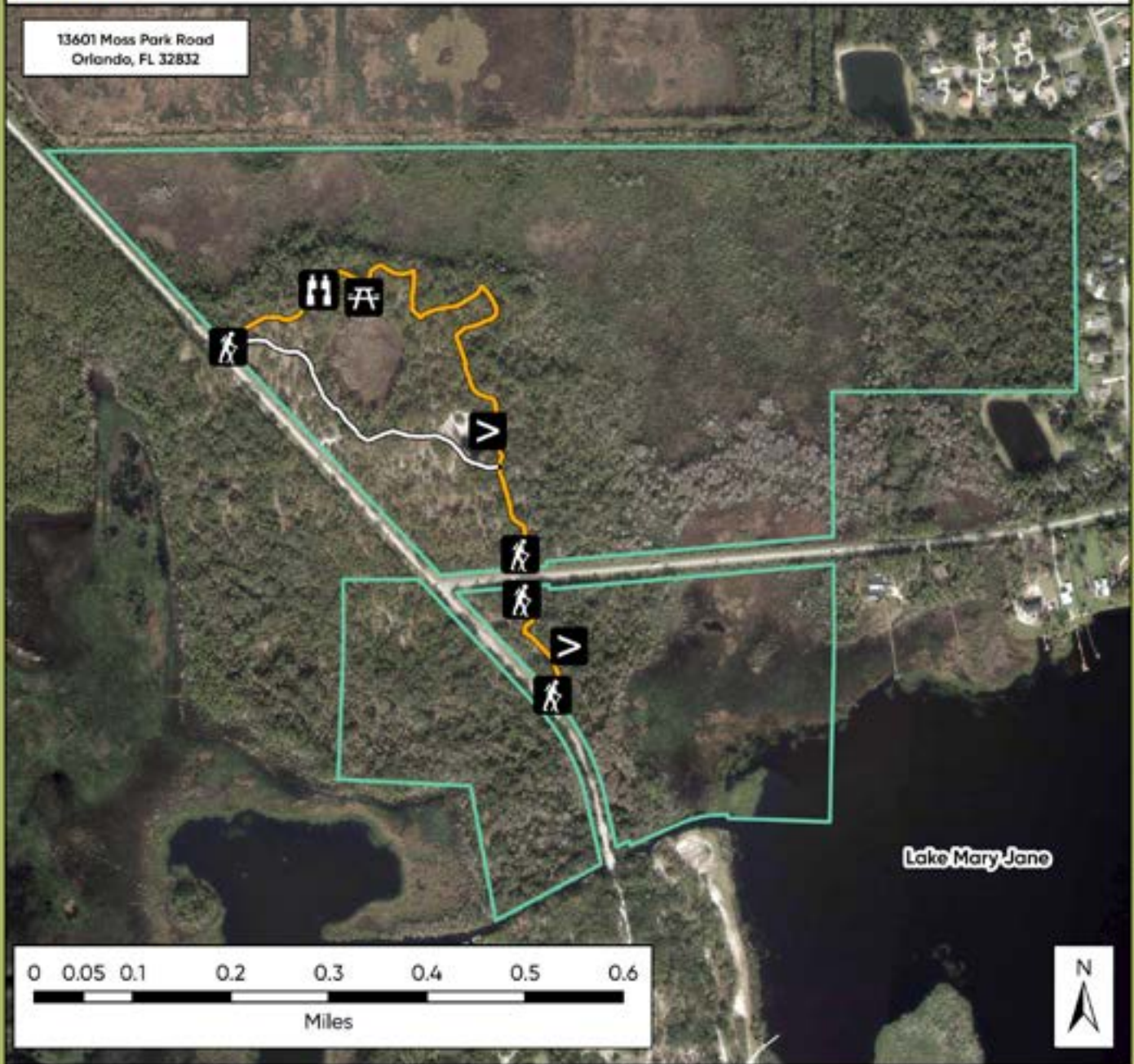


Bartram's airplant (*Tillandsia bartramii*)



Crosby Island Marsh Preserve Trail Map

13601 Moss Park Road
Orlando, FL 32832



Amenities

-  Trailhead
-  Bench
-  Picnic Area
-  Observation Pier

Trails

-  Hiking - 0.32 miles
-  Florida National Scenic Trail - 0.78 miles

 Boundary - 277 acres



Eagles Roost

Eagles Roost is located just south of Lake Hart in the south-central portion of the County. Visitors may catch a glimpse of the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) during their visit, as they nest nearby. Be sure to check out the green and blue trails. The green trail travels around a cypress dome and planted pines. Extending from the northern observation pier overlooking Lake Hart, the blue trail runs to the southern pasture, where visitors can find an interpretive pollinator trail.

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 10525 Clapp Simms Duda Road, Orlando, FL 32832

Total Trail Mileage: 2.51 miles

Total Acreage: 232 acres

Eagles Roost is home to Back to Nature Wildlife Refuge. The mission of Back to Nature Wildlife Refuge is to rescue, raise, rehabilitate and release injured or orphaned Florida native species. Animals who are unable to be released back into the wild are provided with a long-term home at Back to Nature Wildlife Refuge and become animal ambassadors for their species. Through this partnership, visitors to Eagles Roost and Back to Nature Wildlife Refuge will find a variety of opportunities to experience and learn more about Florida's native species.

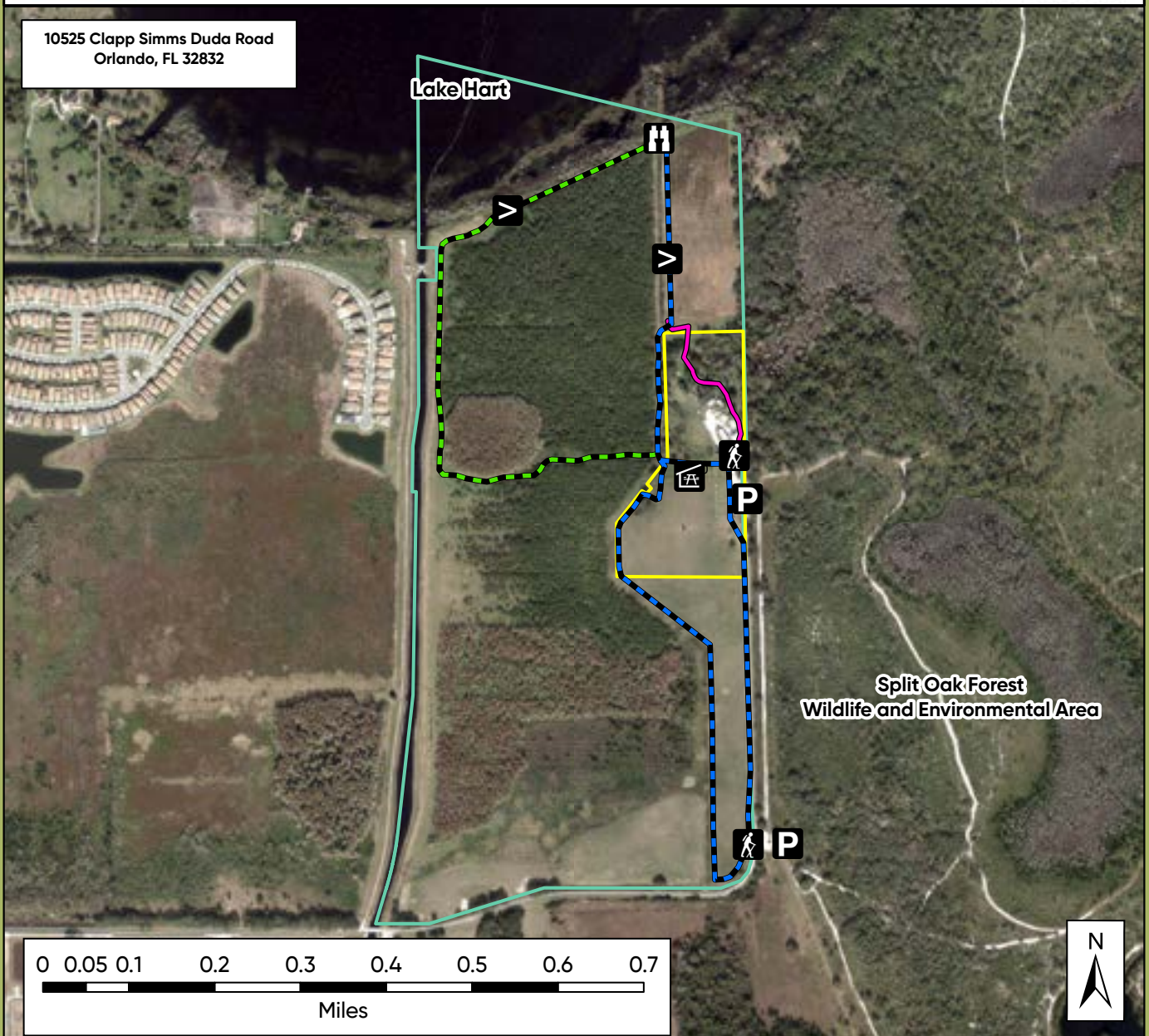


BACK TO NATURE
Wildlife Refuge
& EDUCATION CENTER



Eagles Roost Trail Map

10525 Clapp Simms Duda Road
Orlando, FL 32832



Amenities

- P** Parking
- Trailhead
- >** Bench
- Covered Picnic
- H** Observation Pier

Trails

- Back to Nature Wildlife Walk - 0.23 miles
- Hiking/Equestrian - 0.78 miles*
- Hiking/Equestrian - 1.50 miles
- Boundary - 232 acres
- Back to Nature Wildlife Refuge - 20 acres *Seasonally flooded



Econlockhatchee Sandhills Conservation Area

With more than 700 acres of preserved land in northeastern Orange County, Econlockhatchee Sandhills Conservation Area provides significant protection to 1.5 miles of the Econlockhatchee River and natural habitats such as sand pine scrub, pine flatwoods and oak hammocks. Managed by the St. Johns River Water Management District, the trails within the conservation area provide visitors with a unique opportunity to see many types of wading birds that frequent the river's shore.

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 15607 Lake Pickett Road,
Orlando, FL 32820

Total Trail Mileage: 3.00 miles

Total Acreage: 706 acres

Visit Econlockhatchee Sandhills Conservation Area during the summer months to see the St. John's wort (*Hypericum tetrapetalum*) bright yellow flowers bloom.



St. John's wort (*Hypericum tetrapetalum*)



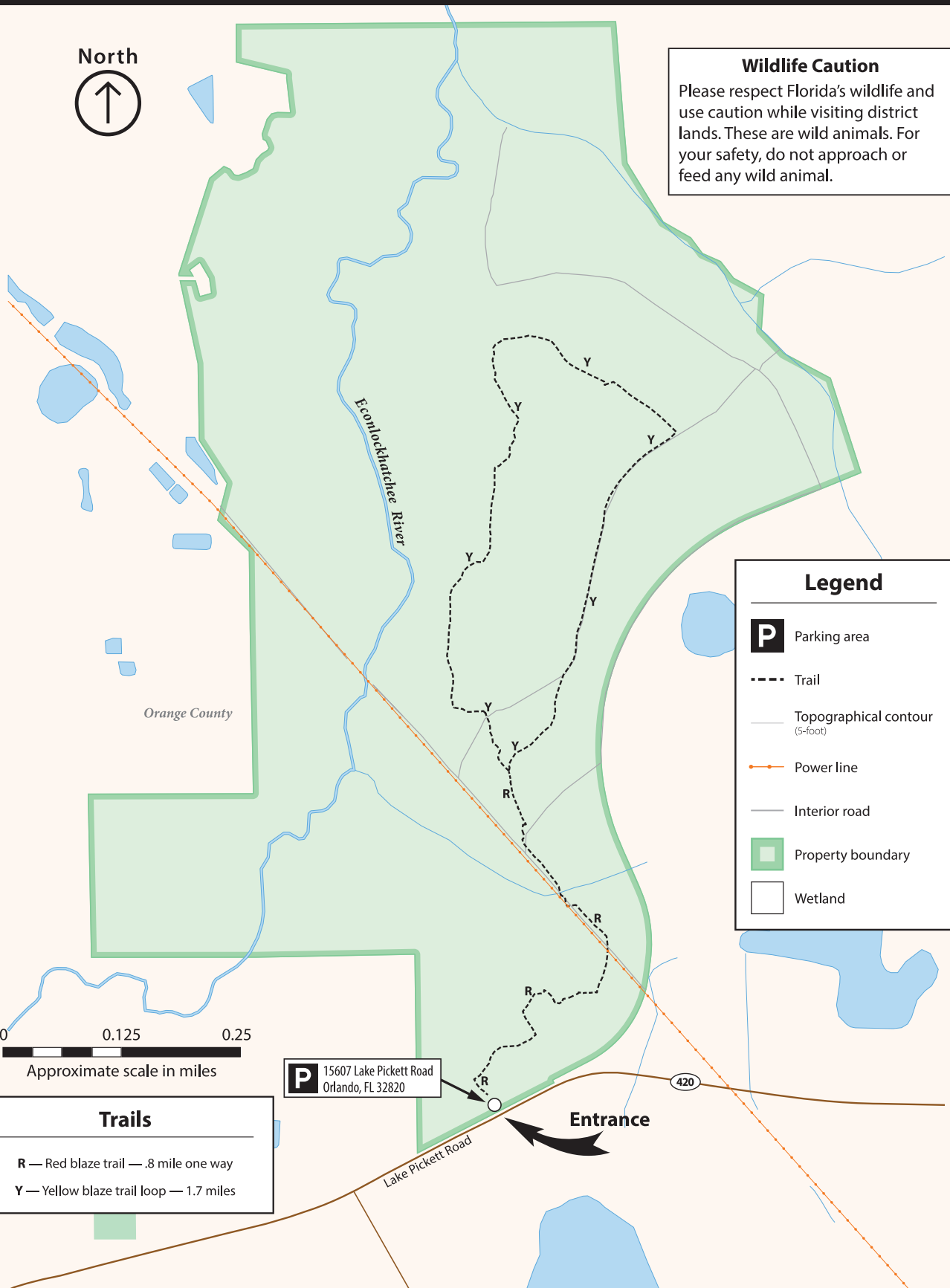


Econlockhatchee Sandhills Conservation Area



Wildlife Caution

Please respect Florida's wildlife and use caution while visiting district lands. These are wild animals. For your safety, do not approach or feed any wild animal.





Greeneyes Wildlife Preserve

Greeneyes Wildlife Preserve, located off Kelly Park Road in northwest Orange County, provides an opportunity for hikers to picnic and observe wildlife among trees. Be sure to check out the “What’s Underneath Your Feet Interpretive Trail” during your visit to learn more about the wildlife you could come across while exploring the yellow or green trails. While on the trail you may even spot a gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) or one of their burrows. The burrows created by this threatened species provide many other animals a home.

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 951 W Kelly Park Road,
Apopka, FL 32712

Total Trail Mileage: 0.81 miles

Total Acreage: 40 acres

Remember to keep your eyes on the forest floor as you may spot the Florida greeneyes plant (*Berlandiera subacaulis*), which the property is named after. If you get close enough, you may even smell notes of chocolate emanating from the greeneyes flower.

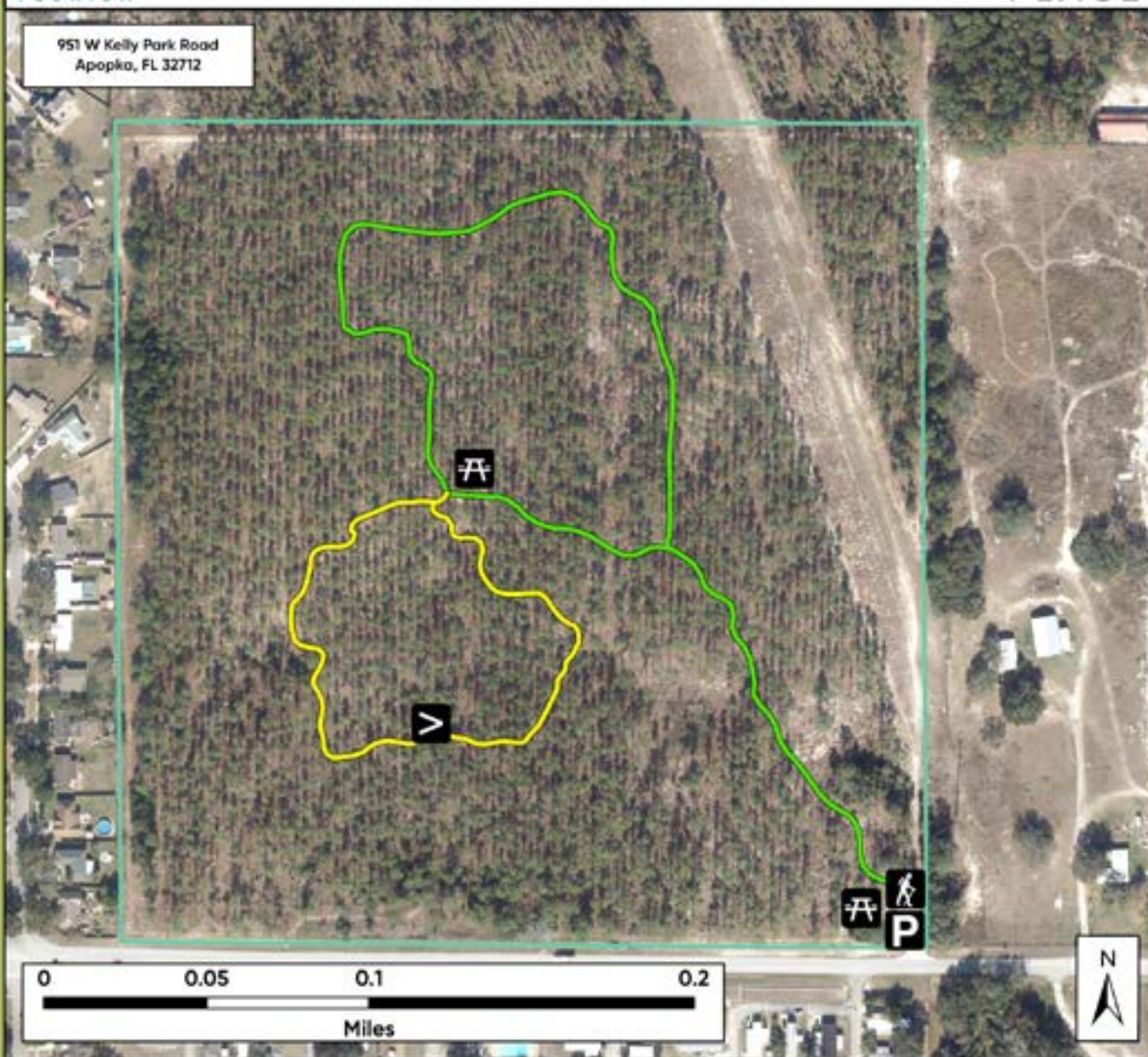


Florida greeneyes (*Berlandiera subacaulis*)



Greeneyes Wildlife Preserve Trail Map

951 W Kelly Park Road
Apopka, FL 32712



Amenities



Parking



Trailhead



Bench



Picnic Area

Trails



Hiking - 0.51 miles



Hiking - 0.30 miles



Boundary - 40 acres



Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park

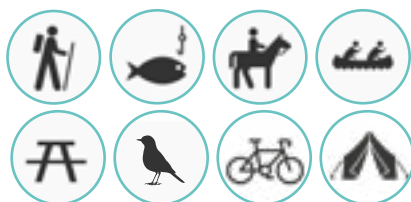
With over 9,500 acres of protected land and miles of the Econlockhatchee River, Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park has much to see and offer. Managed by the St. Johns River Water Management District, this preserve offers opportunities to hike, fish, horseback ride and camp. Be sure to bring your binoculars and look to the sky for a chance to see Florida's native wildlife. You may even catch a glimpse of the well-known red-cockaded woodpecker (*Dryobates borealis*).

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 4500 Dallas Blvd., Orlando, FL 32833

Total Trail Mileage: 16 miles

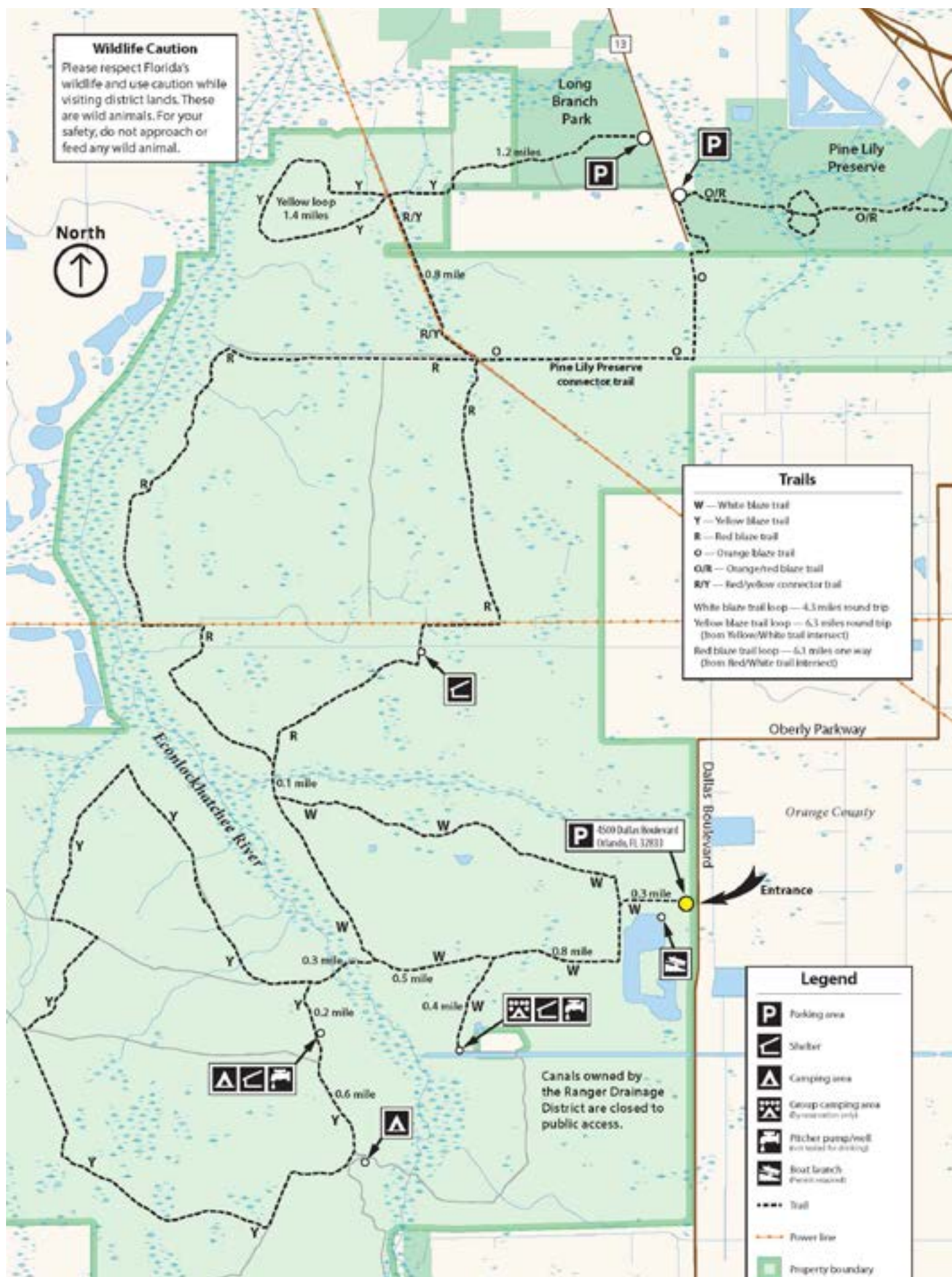
Total Acreage: 9,515 acres



Red-cockaded woodpeckers are cooperative breeders. These woodpeckers live within a family group consisting of a breeding pair and younger helper offspring. They are known to make their nests within cavities of living pine trees, and excavating a nest can take between one and three years.



Red-cockaded woodpecker (*Dryobates borealis*)





Hidden Pond Preserve

Hidden Pond Preserve, located off State Road 520 in eastern Orange County, has a variety of trails for hikers to experience. The red trail wraps around a pond hidden amongst trees and bushes, hence the name "Hidden Pond Preserve." Visitors can stop at the observation pier off the red trail and observe aquatic species more closely. The green trail ventures through a mesic flatwoods habitat where hikers who look closely may find the shiny blueberry plant (*Vaccinium myrsinites*) along the forest floor.

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 20501 State Road 520,
Orlando, FL 32833

Total Trail Mileage: 1.67 miles

Total Acreage: 111 acres

Hikers will find that the blue trail on Hidden Pond Preserve has the greatest elevation change of any hiking trail on Green PLACE properties. This blue trail was constructed from an elevated ridge left behind by the previous owner of the land. Volunteers came together to build this unique trail experience.



Shiny blueberry (*Vaccinium myrsinites*)

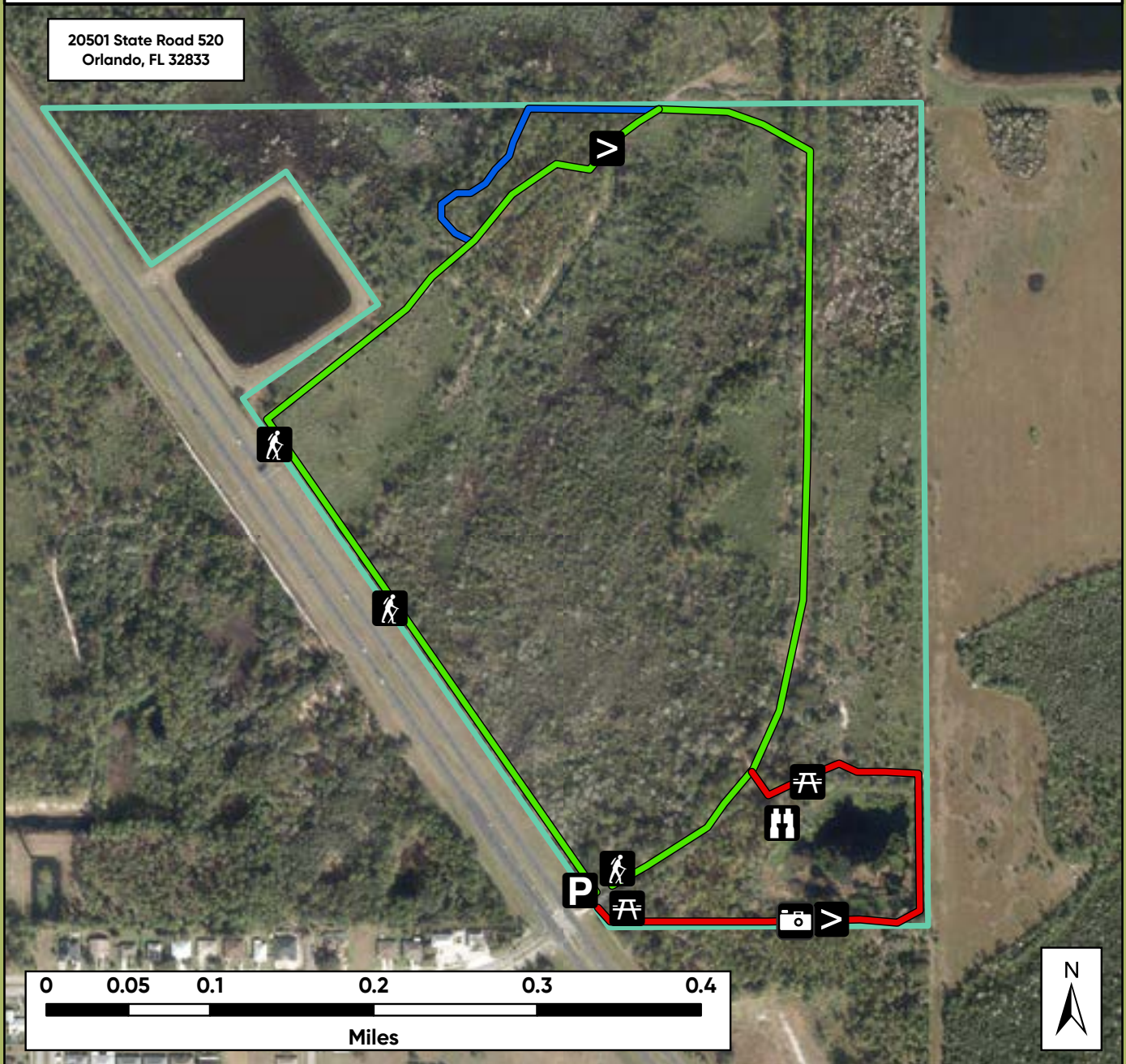




Hidden Pond Preserve Trail Map



20501 State Road 520
Orlando, FL 32833



Amenities



Parking



Picnic Area



Trailhead



Observation Pier



Bench



Selfie Station

Trails

 Hiking - 0.34 miles

 Hiking - 0.92 miles*

 Hiking - 0.41 miles



Boundary - 111 acres

*Seasonally flooded



Isle of Pine Preserve

Isle of Pine Preserve has two entrances, each with distinct natural communities and trail systems. The green trail on the west side of the property leads you through a mesic and wet flatwoods natural community. Along the green trail you will catch a glimpse of Lake Mary Jane and the adjacent basin marsh frequented by aquatic birds. There are a variety of trails on the east side of the property for adventurous hikers or those on horseback. Look to the sky for the swallow-tailed kite (*Elanoides forficatus*) and to the forest floor for native plants like the rose pogonia (*Pogonia ophioglossoides*).

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 14032 Lacebark Pine Road,
Orlando, FL 32832
14010 Lake Mary Jane Road,
Orlando FL 32832

Total Trail Mileage: 5.12 miles

Total Acreage: 531 acres



Did you know that swallow-tailed kites, with their large four-foot wingspan and their small, streamlined bodies, are adapted to glide long distances as they travel seasonally between Florida and South America?



Swallow-tailed kite (*Elanoides forficatus*)



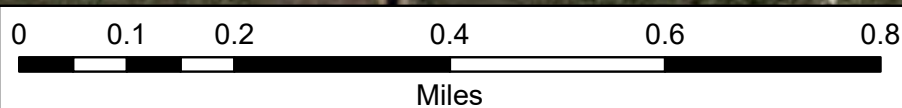
Isle of Pine Preserve Trail Map



14032 Lacebark Pine Road
Orlando, FL 32832

14010 Lake Mary Jane Road
Orlando, FL 32832

Lake Mary Jane



Amenities

- Parking
- Trailhead
- Bench
- Picnic Area

Trails

- Hiking - 1.4 miles*
- Hiking - 0.70 miles
- Hiking - 0.30 miles*
- Hiking/Equestrian - 1.60 miles*
- Hiking/Equestrian - 1.12 miles*

Boundary - 531 acres

*Seasonally flooded



Johns Lake Conservation Area

Johns Lake Conservation Area is a popular area in the central west portion of the County. It has inviting shady picnic areas, a covered picnic pavilion, and a short, seasonally wet hiking trail which leads you to the shoreline of Johns Lake. Johns Lake Conservation Area has a diverse assortment of wildlife and native plants to discover along the trail. A favorite property for birders, this conservation area is home to bird species such as the osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) and the tricolored heron (*Egretta tricolor*).

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 880 Avalon Road,
Winter Garden, FL 34787

Total Trail Mileage: 0.40 miles

Total Acreage: 138 acres

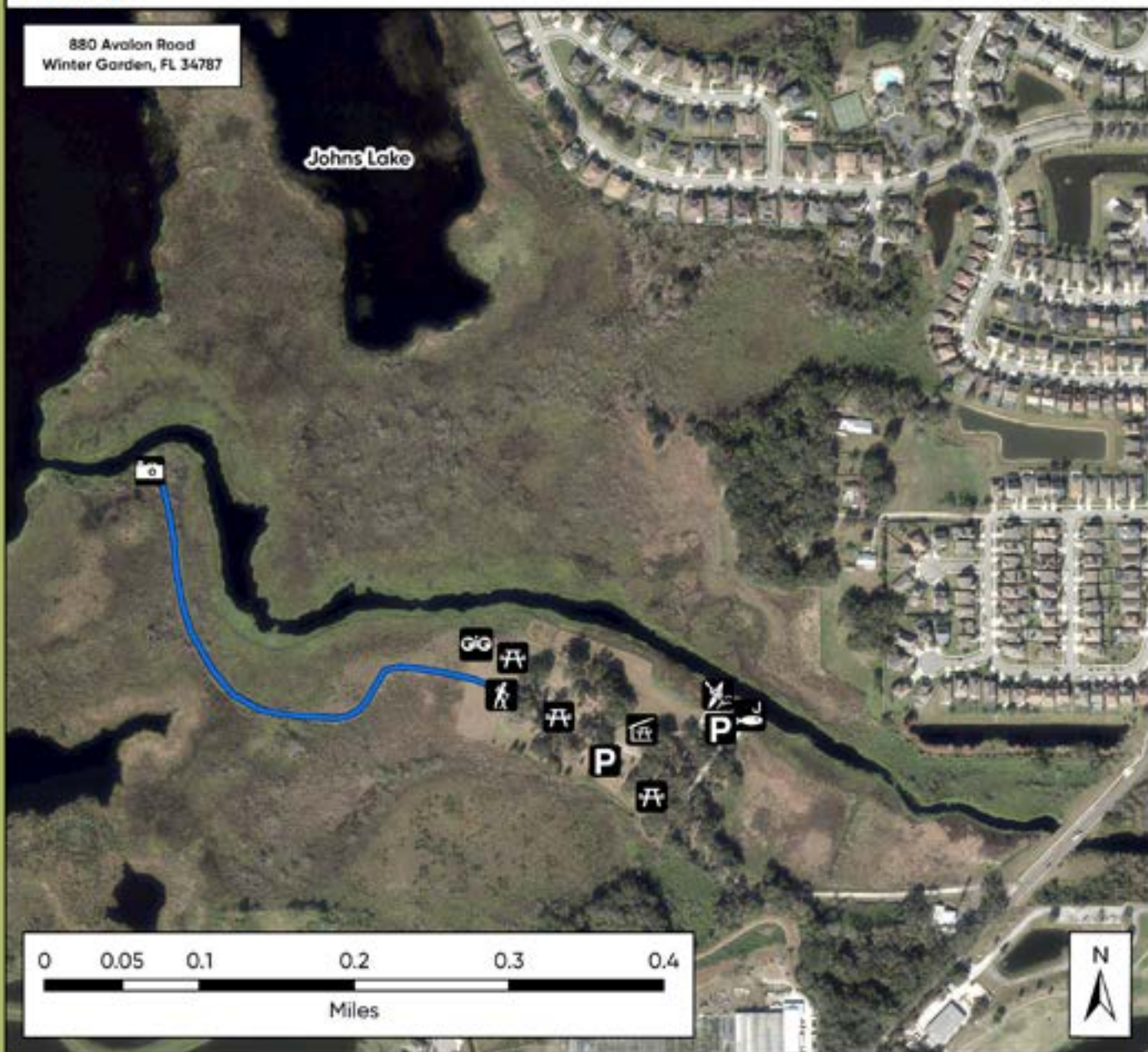
The limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*) was almost lost due to past overhunting. Now, conservation efforts have helped restore populations of the last known member of the family Aramidae. The limpkin is named for its distinctive walk, which often appears as if it's limping or hobbling.



Limpkin (*Aramus guarauna*)

Johns Lake Conservation Area Trail Map

880 Avalon Road
Winter Garden, FL 34787



Amenities

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| P Parking Area | Covered Picnic |
| Trailhead | Fishing Pier |
| Bench | Kayak/Canoe Launch |
| Picnic Area | Bird Blind |
| | Selfie Station |

Trail

- Hiking - 0.40 miles*
- Boundary - 138 acres

*Seasonally flooded



Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve

Located in northeastern Orange County, Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve is part of the Econlockhatchee River ecological corridor which extends northward and connects over 1,000 acres of protected conservation lands. Visitors can explore winding trails through a dense wetland hammock forest to the Econlockhatchee River. While hiking the trails, visitors will discover a variety of native plants. Gaze up at the trees and try to spot resurrection fern (*Pleopeltis polypodioides*) growing along the tree branches.

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 14801 Lake Pickett Road,
Orlando, FL 32820

Total Trail Mileage: 1.02 miles

Total Acreage: 241 acres

This preserve was named after Ken E. Bosserman (1948-2006). He was a passionate advocate for conservation and a leader in preserving Central Florida's pristine lands. Bosserman advocated for the preservation of natural spaces and supported their use for passive recreation, ensuring the public could connect with nature.



Aster (*Symphyotrichum* sp.)

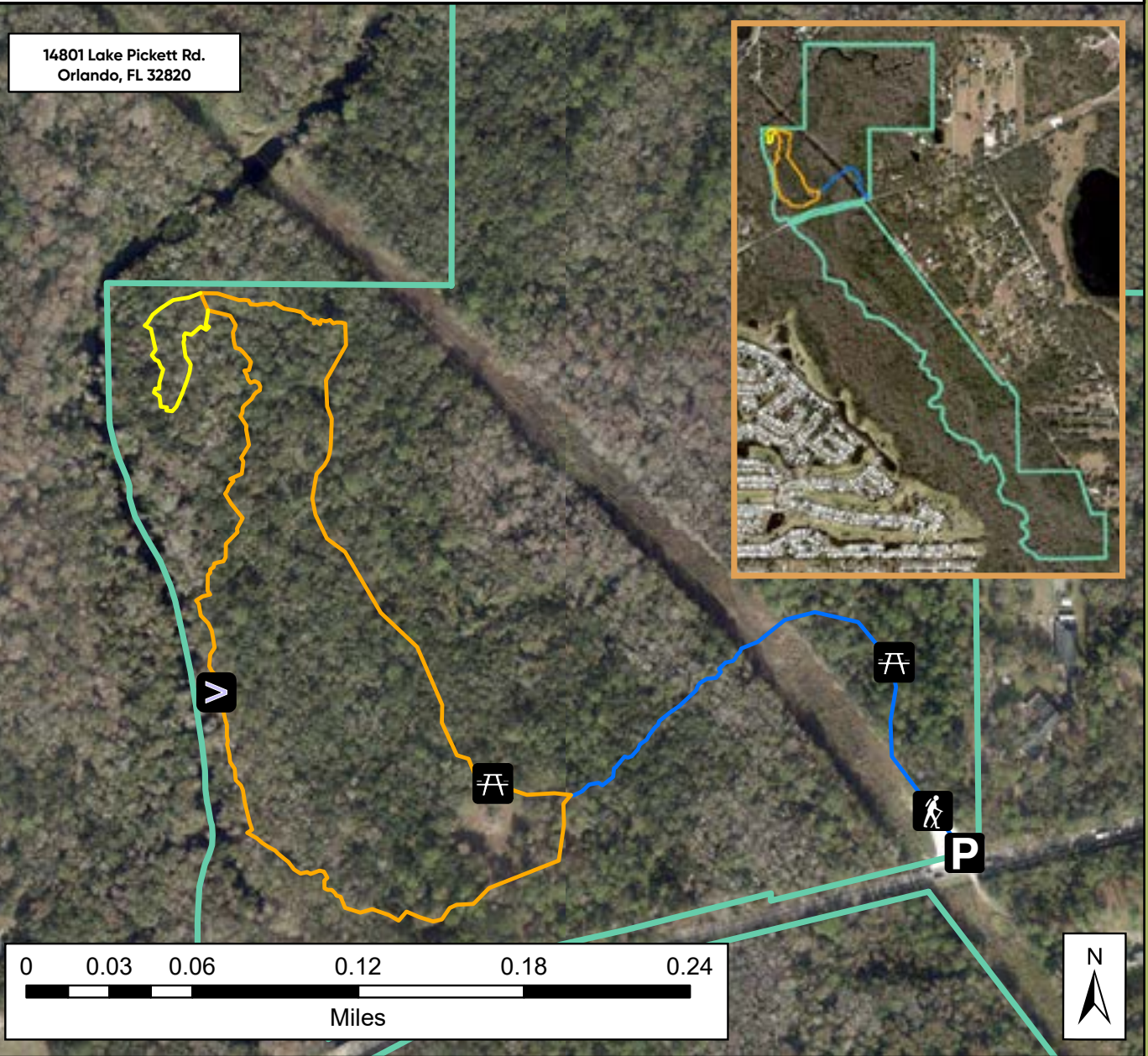




Ken Bosserman Econlockhatchee River Preserve Trail Map



14801 Lake Pickett Rd.
Orlando, FL 32820



Amenities

- Parking
- Trailhead
- Bench
- Picnic Table

Trails*

- Hiking - 0.23 miles
- Hiking - 0.67 miles
- Hiking - 0.13 miles

Boundary - 241 acres

*Seasonally flooded



Lake Lucie Conservation Area

Located in the northwest portion of the County, Lake Lucie Conservation Area is great for hikers looking to experience a stroll through the forest canopy. Be sure to check out the large live oak trees along the green trail. Benches and picnic tables are available along the green trail if you are interested in spending some time relaxing and enjoying the sights and sounds of the forest. The blue trail takes you for a hike along a small ridge adjacent to Lake Lucie, the property's namesake. This conservation area has hitching posts and a barn for horses so everyone can rest easy while visiting.

Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Address: 43 Rainey Road, Sorrento, FL 32776

Total Trail Mileage: 1.63 miles

Total Acreage: 199 acres

Did you know that live oak trees (*Quercus virginiana*) can reach up to 80 feet tall and the branches can spread out to over 120 feet? Often, a favorite spot to have a picnic at Lake Lucie Conservation Area is under one of the large live oak trees along the green trail.

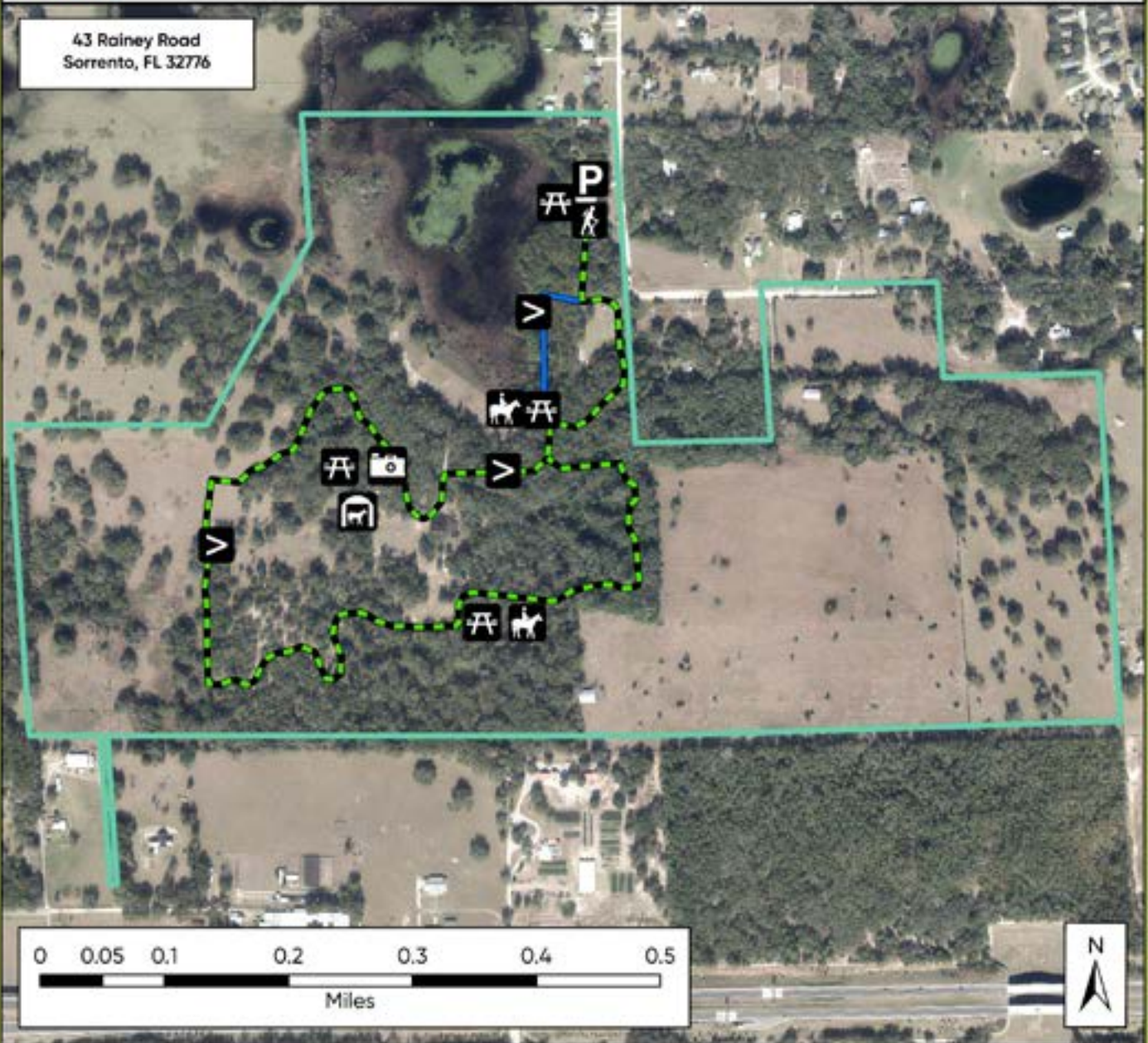


Chickasaw plum (*Prunus angustifolia*)



Lake Lucie Conservation Area Trail Map

43 Rainey Road
Sorrento, FL 32776



Amenities

- P** Parking
- Trailhead
- >** Bench
- Picnic Area

Trails

- Horse Tie-off
- Horse Barn
- Selfie Station
- Hiking - 0.13 miles
- Hiking/Equestrian - 1.50 miles
- Boundary - 199 acres



Long Branch

Long Branch is part of an ecological corridor in the eastern portion of the County that includes other environmentally sensitive lands such as Pine Lily Preserve and Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park. Ecological corridors like these enable the movement of wildlife through the area and provide important sources of food and cover for many species. For adventurous hikers who visit Long Branch, the yellow trail will lead through Long Branch and further into Hal Scott Regional Park and Preserve for a 2.5-mile round-trip hike. The green and blue trails wind through mesic flatwoods and hydric hammock habitats where visitors may see songbirds and white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*).

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 710 South County Road 13, Orlando, FL 32833

Total Trail Mileage: 5.65 miles

Total Acreage: 282 acres

For our bryologists (people who study bryophytes such as mosses, liverworts and hornworts) or lichenologists (people who study lichen), you will find deer moss (*Cladonia sp.*) along the green trail. Deer moss is a ground cover lichen without roots. Deer moss takes up to 30 years to grow four inches tall.



Deer moss (*Cladonia sp.*)

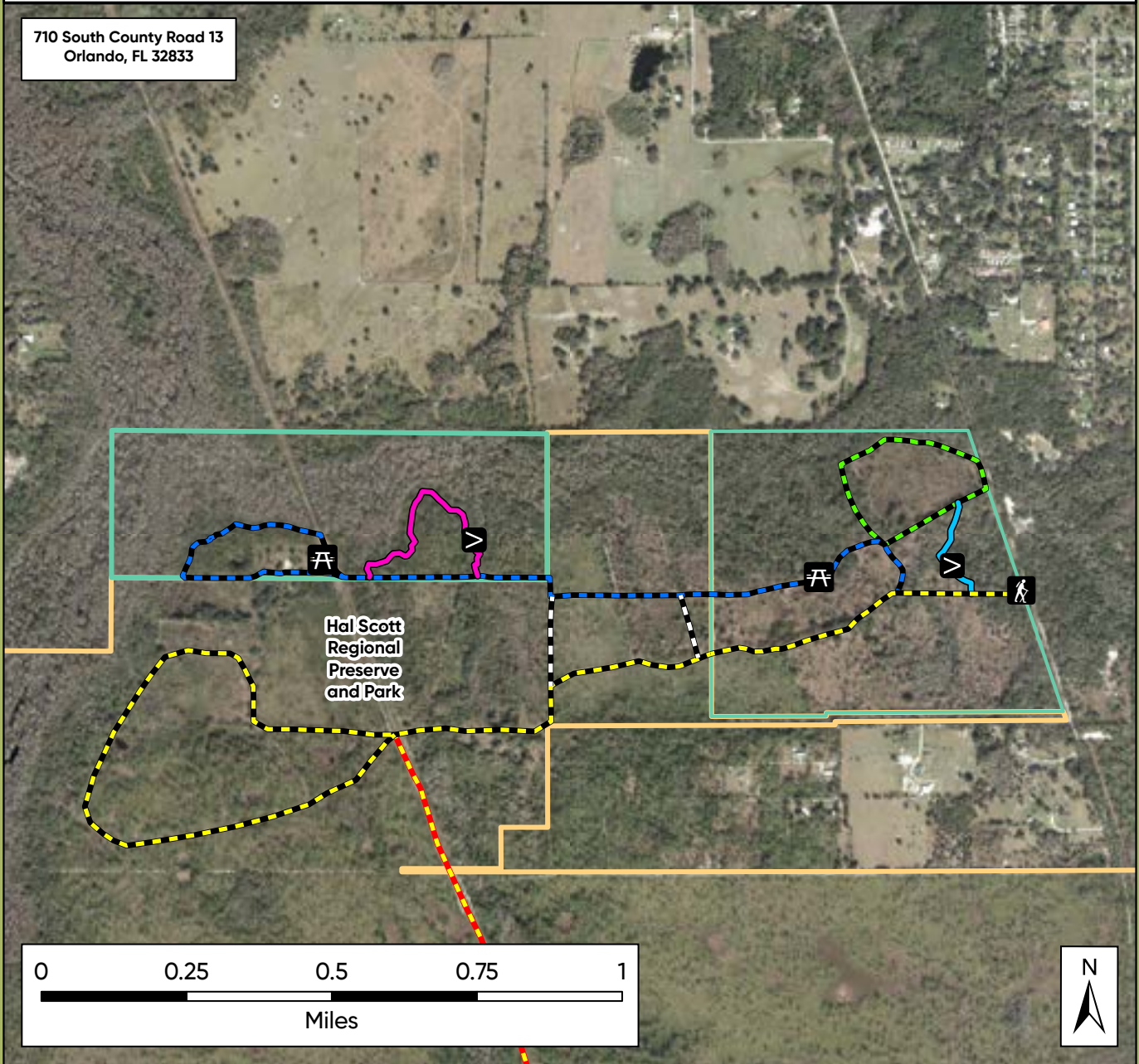




Long Branch Trail Map



710 South County Road 13
Orlando, FL 32833



Amenities



Trailhead



Bench



Picnic Table

Trails

Hiking/Equestrian - 0.67 miles

Hiking/Equestrian - 1.75 miles*

Hiking/Equestrian - 2.60 miles*

Hiking - 0.20 miles

Hiking - 0.43 miles

Hiking/Equestrian - Trail Connection

Hiking/Equestrian - Hal Scott Connection

Long Branch Boundary - 282 acres

Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park Boundary

* Seasonally flooded



Pine Lily Preserve

Pine Lily Preserve is part of a large ecological corridor that includes Long Branch and Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park. This corridor provides many species access to natural habitat in eastern Orange County. Pine Lily Preserve has been designated as part of the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail. Visitors will find that the trails at the preserve take you through mesic flatwoods where bird species are plentiful amongst the pine trees. The Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST), a federally designated trail that spans approximately 1,300 miles across Florida, also passes through Pine Lily Preserve. The FNST takes hikers through native ecosystems and provides a variety of beautiful landscapes for hikers to see and experience. If heading south on the FNST, hikers can continue the trail into the adjacent Hal Scott Regional Preserve and Park.

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 1401 South County Road 13, Orlando, FL 32833

Total Trail Mileage: 3.92 miles

Total Acreage: 510 acres

Pine Lily Preserve was named after the pine lily plant (*Lilium catesbaei*), a plant whose flower displays a half-foot array of bright pink petals with a yellow center. The pine lily plant is considered a long-lived perennial and is winter dormant. It is listed as threatened in the state of Florida.



Pine lily (*Lilium catesbaei*)

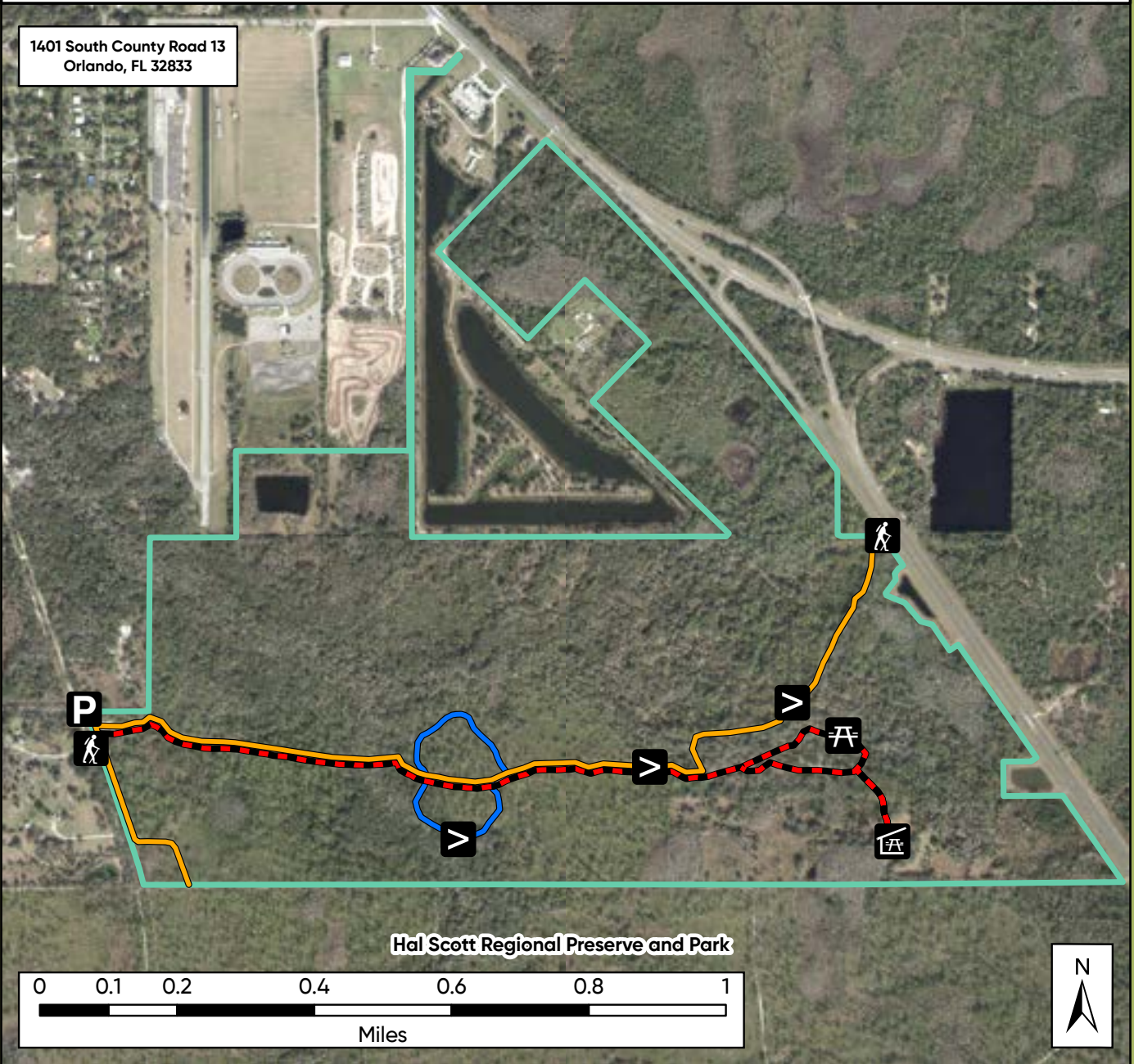




Pine Lily Preserve Trail Map



1401 South County Road 13
Orlando, FL 32833



Amenities

- Parking
- Trailhead
- Bench
- Picnic Area
- Covered Picnic

Trails

- Hiking - 0.50 miles
- Equestrian/Hiking - 1.62 miles*
- Florida National Scenic Trail - 1.80 miles*

Boundary - 510 acres

*Seasonally flooded



Sandhill Preserve

At Sandhill Preserve, enjoy an upland hike through a natural sandhill community where you may see a gopher tortoise or two. Located in the northwest portion of the County, Sandhill Preserve is the perfect place for the budding young entomologist as there are plenty of butterflies and grasshoppers to find during your hike. You may see zebra longwings (*Heliconius charithonia*), the official state butterfly of Florida, fluttering around the Beggarticks (*Bidens alba*). You may also observe gulf fritillaries (*Agraulis vanilla*) on bright purple passion flowers (*Passiflora incarnata*). Be sure to also look up above you and see if you can spot a golden silk orbweaver (*Nephila clavipes*) catching dinner from up high in the trees.

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 5611 Plymouth Sorrento Road, Apopka, FL 32712

Total Trail Mileage: 1.43 miles

Total Acreage: 142 acres

Sandhill Preserve is one of the few preserves in Orange County where you can see the pygmy fringe tree (*Chionanthus pygmaeus*), which is federally listed as endangered. It appears as a shrub or small tree, usually less than 10 feet tall. It is fragrant when blooming, with an ovular, dark purple fruit.

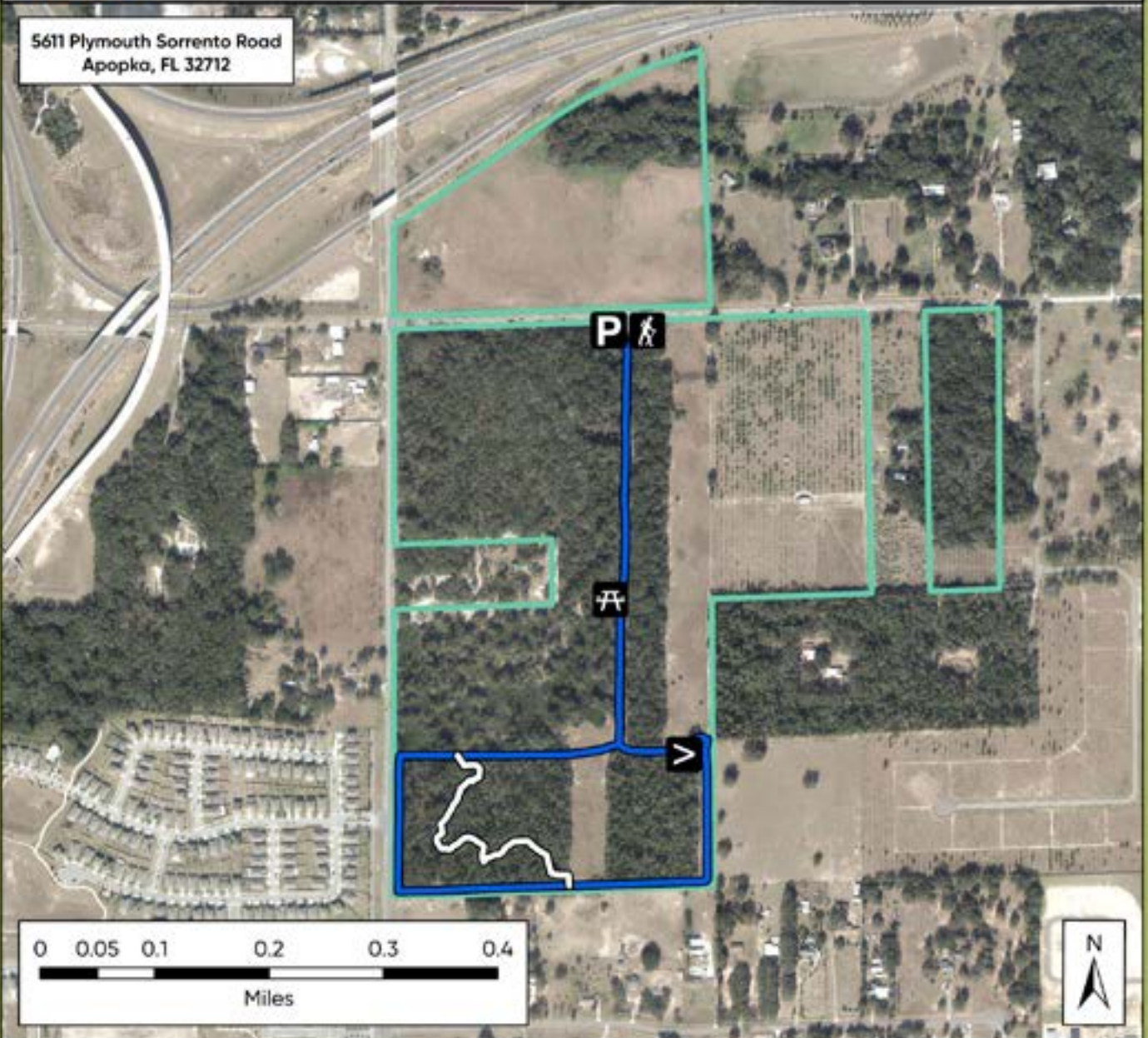


Pygmy fringe tree (*Chionanthus pygmaeus*)



Sandhill Preserve Trail Map

5611 Plymouth Sorrento Road
Apopka, FL 32712



Amenities

- P** Parking
- Trailhead
- Bench
- Picnic Area

Trails

- Hiking - 1.15 miles
- Hiking - 0.28 miles

Boundary - 142 acres



Savage/Christmas Creek Preserve

Savage/Christmas Creek Preserve has nearly 10 miles of trails for hikers of varying experience or for those on horseback. There are 14 natural communities ranging from mixed wetland hardwoods to scrubby flatwoods. The longest trail located on this preserve is the portion of the Florida National Scenic Trail that leads from the Savage/Christmas Creek Preserve parking area to East Orange District Park—located in the southwest portion of the property. Visitors can hike the white trail loop to learn about the area’s local history along the historical interpretive trail.

Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Address: 11046 NW Christmas Road, Christmas, FL 32709

Total Trail Mileage: 9.5 miles

Total Acreage: 1379 acres

Savage/Christmas Creek Preserve’s name originated from both the original American settlement of the area, Fort Christmas, and the local Savage family. Fort Christmas was completed on Christmas Day in 1837 and the name lives on in the area now for over a century. The Savage family was one of the pioneering families in the town of Christmas, Florida in 1845 and family members still reside in the Christmas area today.



Historical interpretive signs along white trail



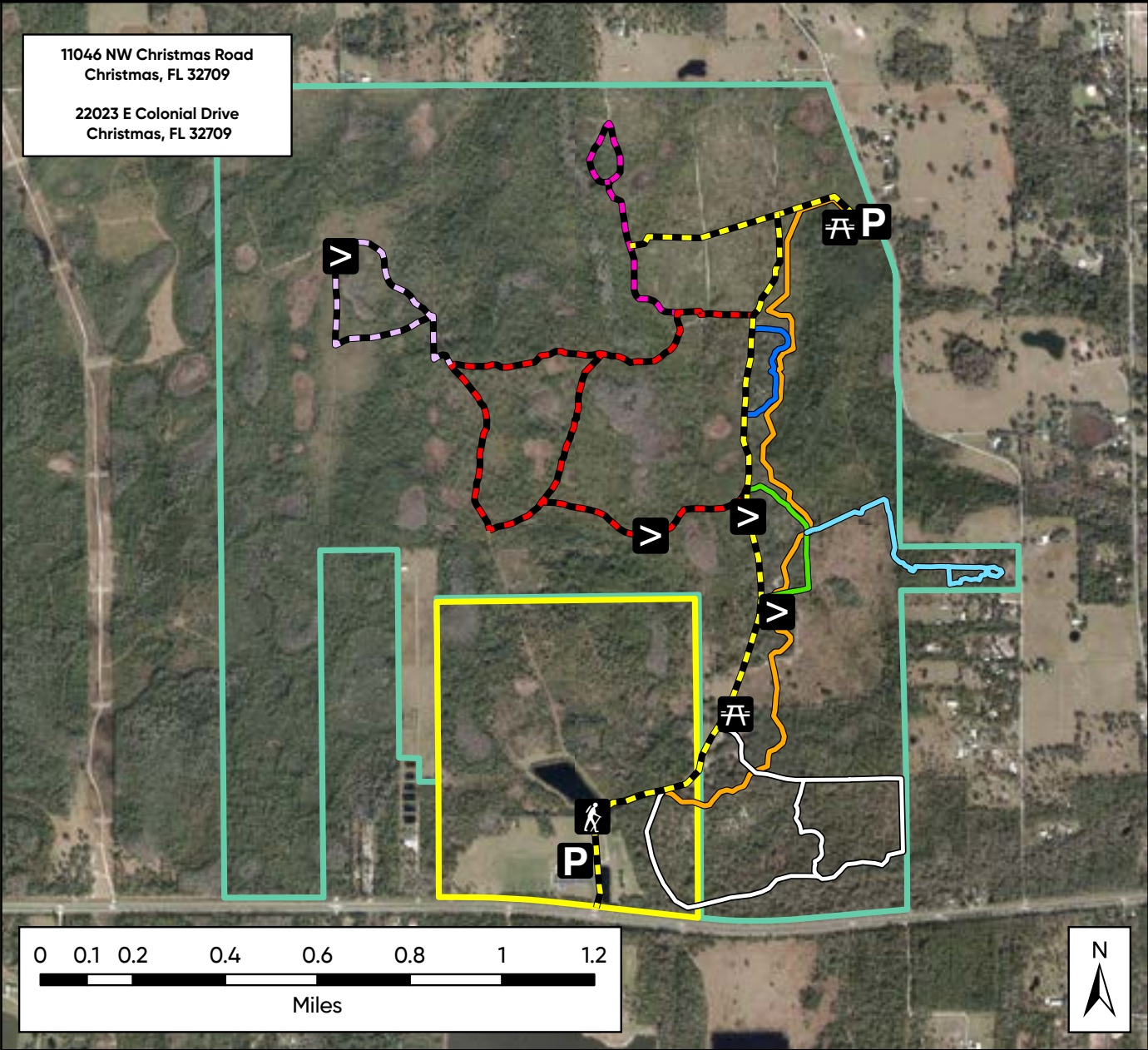


Savage/Christmas Creek Preserve Trail Map



11046 NW Christmas Road
Christmas, FL 32709

22023 E Colonial Drive
Christmas, FL 32709



Amenities		Trails	
	Parking		Hiking - 0.30 miles
	Trailhead		Hiking - 0.40 miles
	Bench		Hiking - 0.78 miles*
	Picnic Area		Hiking - 1.70 miles*
			Florida National Scenic Trail - 1.90 miles
			Equestrian/Hiking - 2.20 miles*
			Equestrian/Hiking - 1.70 miles*
			Equestrian/Hiking - 0.70 miles*
			Equestrian/Hiking - 0.87 miles*
			East Orange District Park - 243 acres
			Boundary - 1379 acres

*Seasonally flooded



Split Oak Forest Wildlife and Environmental Area

At over 1,660 acres of forested landscape, Split Oak Forest is one of the region's significant natural spaces. Split Oak Forest has been able to preserve native ecosystems as the result of a long cooperation and partnership between those who manage the property– the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Orange County and Osceola County. While visiting Split Oak Forest explore the Florida National Scenic Trail where you will be able to experience many native flora and fauna like the brown-headed nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*) and the native tarflower (*Bejaria racemosa*).

Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 12175 Clapp Simms Duda Road, Orlando, FL 32832

Total Trail Mileage: 9 miles

Total Acreage: 1689 acres

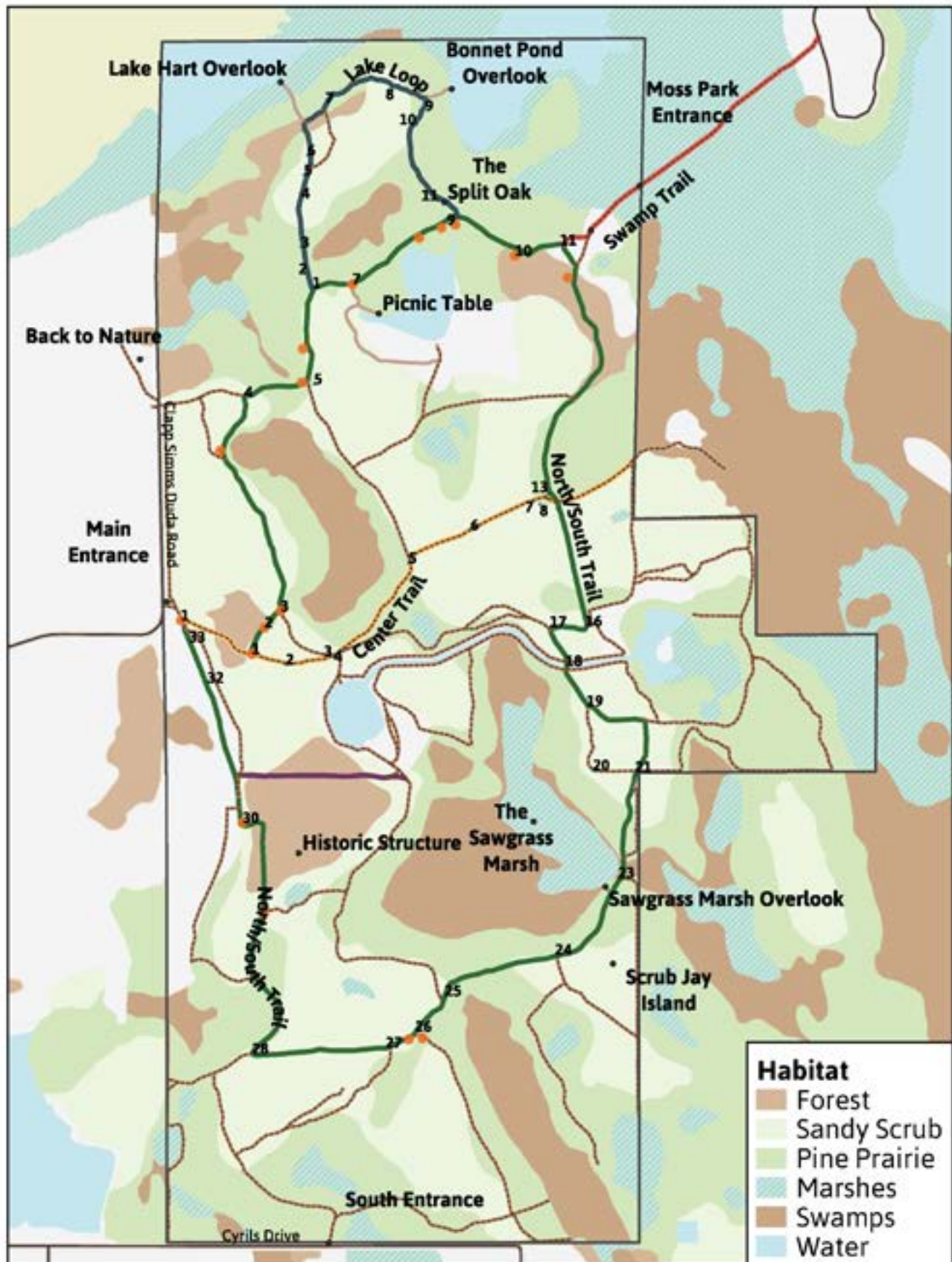
With its many habitats, Split Oak Forest is a well-known spot for birders. See if you can spot a brown-headed nuthatch among the trees. They can be quite a challenge to see due to their small size (approximately four inches) and camouflage coloration of light and dark brown. Listen closely, as their call is often described as sounding like a rubber duck toy.



Brown-headed Nuthatch (*Sitta pusilla*)



SPLIT OAK FOREST HIKING TRAILS MAP



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