

LAKE KISSIMMEE STATE PARK

14248 Camp Mack Road, Lake Wales, Florida 33853

Parking Area GPS Coordinates: N 27° 56.632 W 081° 21.256

TREK TEN TRAILS 2010



Lake Kissimmee State Park is named for Lake Kissimmee, the third largest lake in the state. The 5893.13 acres of Lake Kissimmee State Park are teeming with plant and animal life. The park offers outstanding fishing, bird watching, picnicking, camping, boating and hiking on 13 miles of beautiful trails. For nature lovers and photographers few parks offer the variety of plant and animal life that Lake Kissimmee State Park has to offer. An observation tower is located in the picnic area and provides views of Lake Kissimmee and its marsh lands.

Florida's Cowboy Heritage

After finding the cache, take some time and visit the Cow Camp. Florida's cowboy heritage comes alive with living history demonstrations of the early Florida "cow hunters" in an 1876-era cow camp. As you meander down the trail to the cow camp, you will travel back in time to 1876. At the end of the trail you will find a Florida cow hunter in a frontier camp along the route of a cattle drive. He will be cooking, brewing coffee (not bad), tending to the cattle or just resting up until the next roundup or cattle drive. The cow camp is open 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., holidays and every Saturday and Sunday from October 1 to May 1.

DAY USE ENTRANCE FEE: \$4.00 per vehicle for 2 to 8 people; \$3.00 single occupant vehicle; \$1.00 per pedestrian, bicyclist or passenger in vehicle with holders of annual entrance permits.

2010 TREK TEN TRAILS CACHE COORDINATES: N 27° 56.471 W 081° 21.711

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS: Use the first parking lot on the right after entering the State Park. Keep going, it's further than you think. The trailhead is at the north end of the parking lot. Follow the blue blazes until you reach the paved road. Turn left and cross bridge. Following the white blazes until you reach a kiosk. Turn right (west) and continue following the white blazes. When you reach the "Primitive Campsite" sign, follow the trail that will take 3.4 miles to reach the campsite. When you reach the 6 mile post; the number is on the back side. Look to your right (north) for a triple trunked oak tree. Just past the oak you will see two pines growing close together. The geocache is at the base of the two pines. (1.5 mile linear hike roundtrip)

