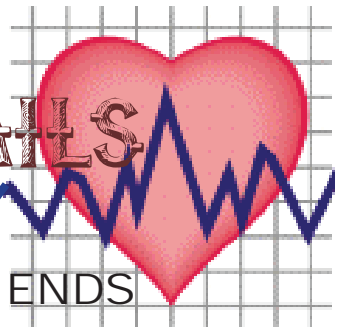


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Hickory Lake Scrub

Parking Area GPS Coordinates: N 27° 41.830 W 081° 32.194

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From 1-4 and US 27 (Haines City) take US 27 south 40 miles to SR 17, turn left and follow SR 17 north 2 miles to Hickory Lake on left.

From Polk Parkway and US 98 (Lakeland) take US 98 south 8 miles to SR 60, turn left and follow SR 60 east 15 miles to US 27, turn right and follow US 27 south 16 1/2 miles to SR 17, turn left on SR 17 and follow SR 17 north 2 miles to Hickory Lake on left.



Hickory Lake Scrub At only 57 acres, Hickory Lake Scrub shelters an amazing diversity of plants, animals and natural communities, including ancient scrub, lakeshore and small stream, cutthroat seep and oak hammock. This site is part of a chain of ancient islands that comprise the Lake Wales Ridge Ecosystem containing numerous threatened and endangered plant species. Discover nature's secrets as you explore these Central Florida plant communities.



ATTRIBUTES



Things to See

Tracks left in the sand reveal the presence of animals which have since disappeared into the woods. Scrub lizard tracks are a great find, but actually seeing a scrub lizard run over sand in its fire-maintained scrub and sandhill habitat is quite memorable. It will document for the lucky observer how keenly scrub animals are adapted to their unique way of life in the sand.

SCRAPBOOKERS: Place your souvenir stamp in this circle!



TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES: N 27° 41.880 W 081° 32.237



FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS: Park at the Hickory Lake trailhead. Follow the trail signs just inside the walk-thru. The trail will head west then turn north towards the lake. After the lake the trail will turn to the south. At the "Life in a Central Florida Lake" sign, turn to the west. You should see two pine trees growing side by side, about 25 feet from the sign.

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