

# Crooked Lake Prairie



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### GPS Coordinates:

N 27° 48.385 W 081° 33.548



### SCRAPBOOKERS:

Place your souvenir stamp in this circle!

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From 1-4 and US 27 (Haines City) take US 27 south 28 miles to CR 640 (Alturas Babson Park Cutoff), turn left and follow CR 640 east 1 mile to SR 17 south 5.3 miles to Cody Villa Road, turn right and follow Cody Villa Road west 1 mile to Crooked Lake on the left.



### THINGS TO SEE

Wildlife that may be observed include bald eagles, deer, gopher tortoise, Florida scrub jays and an array of wading and migratory birds. As you venture through the scrub and scubby flatwoods, watch for evidence of wildlife including scat and tracks. Determining small differences in tracks will help you identify the animal that left the. For example, the absence of claw marks in the sand help distinguish a bobcat track from that of a dog or fox.

### FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Follow the Lake View trail from the trailhead. Continue following Lake View trail until you see the signs for the boardwalk, follow the board walk trail and cross the board walk. After crossing the board walk you will enter a small scrub oak area, after crossing a small open area you will enter a second small scrub oak area. The geocache is at the base of the last oak on the left before you leave the scrub oak area. Follow the trail signs to return to the parking area. (1.5 mile round trip)

### TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 27° 48.569 W 081° 33.930

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Protects more than two miles of shore line on Polk County's second largest lake, designated as an Outstanding Florida Water. Purchased by Polk County in 1997, much of the 525 acres is open with little shade. Prickly pear cactus is abundant on the property and care must be taken when hiking. The Prairie contains a variety of habitats, including wet and dry prairie, pine flatwoods, marsh, lakeshore and oak scrub.

