

Hilochee Wildlife Management Area



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Trail Entrance:
RT Osprey Trail 1.5 Miles
GPS Coordinates:
N 28° 09.951 W 081° 43.282



SCRAPBOOKERS:
Place your souvenir stamp in this circle!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From US-98 N and the Polk Parkway turn toward Orlando. At the end of the Polk Parkway merge onto I-4 E toward Orlando. Take exit 48 toward Lake Alfred/Winter Haven and turn left on CR557. Turn left onto Haines City Rd/Old Polk City Rd (1.4 mi). Turn left into the parking area for Hilochee - Osprey Unit South. (.6 mile)



THE OSPREY UNIT:

has no Daily-Use Fee. Website for hunt dates:
<http://myfwc.com/viewing/recreation/wmas/lead/hilochee/when-to-visit>

THINGS TO SEE

Hilochee has good habitat for butterflies whose numbers peak in the fall. The best time to observe butterflies is between around 10:30 in the morning and 3:00 in the afternoon.

TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 28° 10.540 W 081° 43.280

FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

The walk through is on the right of the gate. Walk north along the two track until the two track ends in a T at another two track. Turn left and walk about 200 feet and look for the two pine trees growing out of one base on the north side of the two track. The geocache is at the base. (2 mile round trip)

Hilochee WMA – Osprey Unit

The Osprey Unit straddles I-4 between C.R. 557 and U.S. 27. Hilochee is within the Green Swamp, a critical hydrologic resource, encompassing the headwaters of the Withlacoochee, Little Withlacoochee, Ocklawaha, Hillsborough and Peace rivers and serving as a major recharge area for the Floridan aquifer. This 6,093 -acre property is open for wildlife viewing, hiking, bicycling, horseback riding and hunting. Hiking, biking and horseback riding is best on non-hunting days in the fall.

