

Lakeland Highlands Scrub



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Trail Entrance:

6998 Lakeland Highlands Road
Lakeland, FL 33813

GPS Coordinates:

N 27° 56.179 W 081° 55.423



SCRAPBOOKERS:

Place your souvenir stamp in this circle!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Polk Pkwy (SR 570) Exit 9, take Lakeland Highlands Blvd. (CR 37B) south. Reach CR 540A at 1.8 miles, and continue south another mile, crossing Crews Lake Rd.

Alternatively, take US 98 south from Lakeland or north from Bartow to 540A and head west. Turn left on Lakeland Highlands Rd. After crossing Crews Lake Road, Lakeland Highlands Blvd. becomes a dead-end road. Keep going to where the road ends at the trailhead.



FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

After entering the property through the walk through turn south and pass between two picnic pavilions and follow the Shady Oak Trail. The trail will exit the oak hammock, turn right and follow the old railroad bed. Look for the trail signs, the trail will head west into the woods. Follow the trail until you reach an opening in the woods, continue through the opening following the trail. When you see a trail sign that points north, turn south at the sign and walk 50 feet to an oak tree on your left, the geocache is at the base. (1 mile round trip)

TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:

N 27° 55.920 W 081° 55.464

THINGS TO SEE

Lakeland Highlands Scrub is home to at least five rare plant species, as well as gopher tortoises, eastern indigo snakes, Florida Scrub-jays and a number of wading bird species. The raccoon also calls the scrub community home and forages at night for food including crayfish, snails, frogs, turtles, insects, rodents, eggs, fruits and nuts.

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is 551 acres and features a 2.2 mile multi-use trail and a 0.6 mile walking trail. It contains one of the largest undeveloped scrub communities (140 acres) on the Lakeland Ridge. The natural communities in this ecosystem are very diverse and include sand live oak, scrub, dry prairie, pine flatwoods, depression marsh, basin marsh and basin swamp.

