

Tiger Creek Preserve



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Trail Entrance:
674 Pfundstein Road
Babson Park, FL

GPS Coordinates:
N 27° 48.478 W 081° 29.543

TREK TEN CACHE COORDINATES:
N 27° 48.445 W 081° 28.489



SCRAPBOOKERS:
Place your souvenir stamp in this circle!

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Bartow follow SR60 West to Lake Wales. Turn south on US27. Stay on US27 about 5 miles to Alturas Babson Park Cutoff/Co Road 640/Pine Crest Road and turn left (east). At the intersection of SR17 (Scenic Hwy) turn south and follow SR17 for about 4.3 miles. Turn left on N. Lake Moody Road, than turn left on Murray Road. Follow Murray Road about 2.1 miles to Pfundstein Road and turn left. Trailhead parking is about .7 on the left.



FIND THE CACHE WITHOUT GPS:

Look for the "Trail Starts Here" sign and follow the orange blazes until you reach the dirt two track road. Continue trekking the trail following the orange blazes until you see red blazes that will turn right off the two track and into the woods, the trail will come out on a two track that you will follow until just past the split in the two track. Continue north until you see two red blazes, turn right and head back in the woods. Follow the red blazes until you come back out on a two track, turn left and begin looking for the viewing platform sign and follow to the viewing platform. The geocache is behind the step at the viewing platform. (0.5 miles round trip)



THINGS TO SEE

Several trails provide access to the oak scrub, sandhill, pine flatwoods, longleaf pine/wiregrass and hardwood swamp habitats associated with Tiger Creek's watershed. Watch for gopher tortoises, sand skinks, woodpeckers and otters.

Tiger Creek Preserve

The 5,000-acre Tiger Creek Preserve is located on the edge of peninsular Florida's oldest and highest landmass, the Lake Wales Ridge. The Ridge shelters one of the highest concentrations of threatened and endangered plants and animals in the United States. Only 10 percent of the native habitat that once covered the Ridge remains. Tiger Creek is a high-quality blackwater seepage stream, so called because it drains wetlands, and the vegetation that falls into the creek colors the water. There are only two other high-quality streams like it left on the Lake Wales Ridge.

