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Introduction

West-central Florida is a wonderful place to get outside. From the sandy beaches on the Gulf of Mexico to the wild beauty of the Green Swamp, there's something for everybody.

Many people enjoy visiting public conservation lands obtained by the Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) and its partners to protect Florida's water resources. The District offers passive recreational activities that allow you to get fit and appreciate the environment while protecting the natural resources that make them such great places to visit. The lands are open to the public for family activities such as hiking, bicycling, hunting, horseback riding, fishing, camping, nature appreciation, paddling and picnicking. Some District lands also have facilities that are accessible for the mobility impaired.

Each of the areas owned by the District offer something unique. Learning as much as possible about a property before you visit will prepare you for what you are likely to experience. The property descriptions in this guide provide basic information about each property, such as the address, general location and a website to visit for more details. This guide is organized into three sections. The first section provides information about the District's land management program and a list of guidelines to follow while on District lands. The second section provides a map of all properties for quick reference. The third section lists each property with location information.

We hope this guide will assist everyone seeking to get outside on District lands. For the most up-to-date information, visit **WaterMatters.org/Recreation**.

Online:	WaterMatters.org/Recreation
Email:	Recreation@WaterMatters.org
Telephone:	(352) 796-7211 or
	1-800-423-1476 (FL only)
U.S. Mail:	Land Resources
	Southwest Florida Water
	Management District
	2379 Broad Street
	Brooksville, FL 34604-6899



Why Does the District Buy Lands?

Why Does the District Buy Lands?

The District was created in 1961 by the Florida Legislature to protect the water resources of the region. The District includes roughly 10,000 square miles in all or part of 16 counties in west-central Florida that are home to nearly 6 million people. The boundaries of the District extend north into Levy County, south into Charlotte County and inland into Polk and Highlands counties.

The region's lands and waters are forever linked by Florida's natural water cycles. Therefore, one of the main ways the District carries out its mission of balancing water needs and protecting the environment is by obtaining conservation lands around lakes, rivers, wetlands and estuaries. These lands serve as a natural buffer that filters out pollution from runoff before it reaches the nearest body of water. The District also buys lands to preserve and restore native Florida ecosystems that provide water resources benefits and water storage during hurricanes and other major storm events. The District's acquisition program has primarily been funded through state programs such as Save Our Rivers, Preservation 2000, Florida Forever and the Land Acquisition Trust Fund.

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Land Management

The District manages its conservation lands to maintain and protect vital water functions and natural systems, which include Florida's unique plant and wildlife communities. There are four primary land management activities that occur on District lands, including the application of prescribed fire, invasive exotic species control, natural systems restoration and enhancement, and forest management. Of these management activities, the two primary tools used include mimicking the natural fire cycle that historically shaped Florida's landscape and restoring areas that have been altered by previous activities. At any time, the public may encounter District staff using methods such as prescribed fire, mechanical mowing of vegetation, harvesting timber, and seeding or planting vegetation. These



management techniques help to maintain healthy and abundant populations of game species, such as deer and turkey, and are important for most of Florida's threatened and endangered species.

Public Use and Recreation

While District lands vary in size and terrain, they all have at least one thing in common — they provide a variety of important benefits to the water and water-related resources within westcentral Florida. Nearly all these lands are available for public use and recreation. Nature-friendly activities offer an easy and fun experience while making sure the land is protected. In keeping with the purpose for which these lands were acquired, your experience will be close to nature. That means mostly unpaved roads, portable restrooms and nature's beauty all around you.





District Partners

Did you know that many state and local parks and state forest areas are owned by the District? The District, in partnership with state and local governments, protects water resources while our partners develop parks with facilities such as picnic pavilions, nature trails, environmental education centers, restrooms and camping areas. The District usually provides the land and its partners build the facilities and provide

the on-site staff to manage the parks on a daily basis. These areas are referred to as cooperatively managed properties.





Guidelines for Use of District Lands

To make sure that we, as well as future generations, can enjoy quality outdoor experiences, each one of us must share the responsibility of protecting our environment. The District supports the Leave No Trace program, which educates people who enjoy the outdoors about the nature of their recreational impacts as well as techniques to prevent and minimize such impacts.

Leave No Trace

The following seven principles of Leave No Trace are for the safety of visitors and



to protect our natural resources.

Plan Ahead and Prepare

- Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you will visit.
- Make sure you have reservations for activities or use areas, if required.
- Visit WaterMatters.org/Recreation to find out if an area is closed or access is limited due to weather conditions, management activities or hunting seasons.
- Check the weather forecast and plan for possible changes in weather.
- Carry a cell phone.



- Bring plenty of water, sunscreen, insect repellant, a hat and good pair of sneakers or walking shoes.
- Let a friend know where you are going and when you will return.
- Know where you are use of navigation devices are suggested.
 Georeferenced maps are provided on the District's website, which can be added to various applications to assist in this endeavor.

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

 Camping is only allowed in designated campgrounds.





Dispose of Waste Properly

• Please remember to carry out everything used during your stay. Help us keep the areas clean and natural.

Leave What You Find

- Preserve the past. Examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts.
- Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.
- Do not build structures, dig trenches or cut down trees or shrubs.

Minimize Campfire Impacts

- Use established fire rings or grills where fires are permitted.
- Keep fires small. Use only sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand.
- Do not cut down trees or bushes dead or alive for firewood.
- Put campfires out completely.

Respect Wildlife

- Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.
- Never feed animals. Feeding animals damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.



- Stay on designated trails to avoid trampling habitat.
- Avoid wildlife during sensitive times such as mating and nesting seasons.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.
- Be courteous, yield to other users.
 - Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices, music and noises.
 - Use proper trail etiquette.
 Follow the trail right-of-way rule: bikers yield to hikers, both bikers and hikers yield to horses.

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Activities Not Allowed

The District has set up the following rules to promote the proper use of its conservation lands. A complete listing of all rules that apply to public use of

District lands can be found in Chapter 40D-9 of the Florida Administrative Code.



The following are not allowed:

- Alcoholic beverages or other intoxicants.
- Any use of all-terrain, off-road or other motorized vehicles not licensed for Florida highway use.
- Motorized vehicles, horses or bicycles outside of areas specifically designated for these modes of transportation.
- Dogs not on a leash.

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- Dogs in areas not designated for dogs.
- Destruction, collection or release of plants and wildlife.
- Destruction or looting of an archaeological site or artifacts.
- Accessing District lands at points other than designated access points.
- Fireworks and explosives; igniting fires, except in designated areas.
- Damaging or removing any facilities or equipment owned or leased by the District, its designees, contractors or other public agencies.

- Commercial fishing or any activities not approved by the District.
- Littering and disposing of any waste products such as graywater, blackwater, petroleum products, toxic materials, batteries, etc.

Camping Guidelines

Reservations

Check the reservation requirements before you visit. Reservations are free and required for camping on Districtmanaged properties. Day use reservations are required for reserving a pavilion, horse-drawn buggy riding and equestrian trailer parking on some properties. Group camping activities or special events require a Special Use Authorization. Reservations can be made by creating an online account at *WaterMatters.org/ Recreation*. Please abide by the following general camping rules and see individual property descriptions for site-specific camping information.

General Rules

- Camping is allowed in designated campsites only and requires a free reservation.
- Reservations are based on availability and on a first-come, first-served basis.
- A new reservation is required for each camping trip.



- Reservations may be made up to 30 days prior to the requested camping date.
- Reservations may include gate combinations where vehicle access to the campground is allowed.
- Reservations must be displayed or available at campsite.
- Personal automobiles are permitted into equestrian and primitive campsites. Vehicles may be driven from gate to campsite **ONLY**.
- Dogs are permitted in designated campgrounds. They must be on a leash no more than six feet in length and be well-mannered at all times.
- Dog owners are required to pick up after their dogs; do not allow your dog to wander outside your campsite. No other pets are permitted on District lands.
- All trees, plants and wildlife are protected.
- Generators are permitted to run from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. and must be kept within your campsite. No generator is to be left unattended and running.
- Quiet time is from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m.
- Camping is limited to seven consecutive days and there must be a full day of vacancy between reservations on District-managed properties.
- Any additional rules and regulations will be provided on the reservation or posted at the campground kiosk.

Equestrian Camping

- Horses are not permitted in primitive sites.
- Tether stakes are not permitted on District property.
- Trees and their roots are to be protected at all times; do not tie or tether horses directly to trees.
- All manure is to be pulverized and spread out where your horse has been kept. Do not place manure in holes or pile around trees or plants.
- Fill in all holes and level out the site where your horse has been kept.
- All leftover hay should be removed from property.
- Horses are not permitted on hiking trails.
- Each rider must carry proof of horse's current negative Coggins test.

Equestrian Trailer Parking and Horse-Drawn Buggy Riding

- Horseback and buggy riding are allowed only on designated or marked trails.
- All horse-drawn buggy riding requires a free day-use reservation for buggy access behind locked gates.
- Day-use reservations are required to access the following equestrian parking areas: Conner Preserve; Cypress Creek Preserve — Parkway Boulevard; Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve — Washburn; and Upper Hillsborough Preserve.



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The District provides recreational opportunities for the mobility impaired. Some of the lands listed in this guide have accessible facilities such as paved trails, boardwalks, fishing piers, picnic areas or restrooms that meet the standards established by the ADA. The District also provides opportunities for mobility impaired fishing and hunting in some areas.

Notice of Statutory Limitation of Liability under Section 373.1395, Florida Statutes

By law, the District is not required to ensure that its parks or recreation lands are safe for use by members of the public or to warn the public of hazardous conditions, buildings or activities on District lands. Accordingly, the District makes no assurances as to the safety of any of its parks or recreation lands, including buildings, for any purpose or activity, and generally will not provide warnings of hazardous conditions. The District is not responsible for injury to persons or property caused by any act or omission of a person while at a District park or on District recreation lands. All visitors use District parks and lands at their own risk.



Volunteering on District Lands



To meet various water management needs, the District has

protected more than 459,000 acres of land in southwest Florida.

The Volunteer Program was designed to help the District accomplish its goals and to give volunteers an opportunity to participate in and learn about the management of conservation lands within the District. The Volunteer Program depends upon the combined efforts of many individuals for its successful operation.

Projects are typically done in wildernesstype areas. Volunteers may work on short-term projects or longer, multiday projects. Volunteers can participate as individuals or groups and will only need to provide appropriate clothing, time and transportation.

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering with the District's Land Resources Bureau is a great way to give back to your local community, make new friends, learn new skills and enjoy Florida's beautiful natural areas. Over the years, volunteers have contributed thousands of hours toward projects such as constructing and maintaining trails, establishing campsites, building picnic areas, cleaning up trash and debris, and many other important land improvement projects. So, whether you would like to volunteer to work on an individual project or group project or become part of a citizen support organization, the District has opportunities to fit the needs and abilities of everyone.

Volunteer Benefits

Volunteers receive the personal satisfaction of helping out and seeing a job well done. In addition, the District provides volunteers with:

- Workers' compensation
- Liability protection
- Recognition and awards

What It Takes to Become a Volunteer

You can become a volunteer if you have a desire to help and are adaptable to a variety of working conditions. Whether you are a skilled tradesman or just handy with hedge clippers, there is a project for you. If interested, email *Recreation@ WaterMatters.org* to request a volunteer application.

Property Location Map



Match the **Map Reference**

numbers on this District map to the table on the next page.

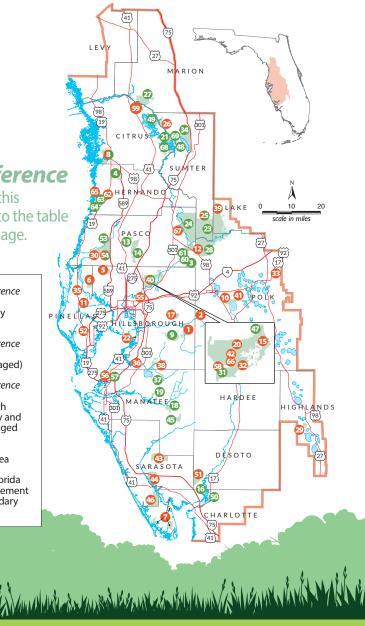
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Recreation area

Southwest Florida Water Management District boundary





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	0 43	Myakka River State Park — Myakka Prairie Tract
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	045	Myakka River — Flatford Swamp Preserve
	046	Myakka State Forest
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Alafia River Corridor North Location: 9256 S. County Road 39, Plant City, FL 33567 South Location: 12098 S. County Road 39, Lithia, FL 33547



Location Southeastern Hillsborough County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Alafia-River-Corridor



Alafia River Reserve 4872 Indian Oak Drive Mulberry, FL 33860

Location West-central Polk County



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Alafia-River-Reserve



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Alston Tract (This tract is part of the Upper Hillsborough Preserve.) 42144 Deems Road Zephyrhills, FL 33540

Location East of Zephyrhills

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Alston-Tract

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Annutteliga Hammock 11019 Centralia Road Weeki Wachee, FL 34614

Location Northwestern Hernando County



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Annutteliga-Hammock



Brooker Creek Headwaters Nature Preserve 18102 Ramblewood Road Odessa, FL 33556



Location Northwest Hillsborough County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Brooker-Creek-Headwaters-Nature-Preserve



Brooker Creek Preserve 3940 Keystone Road Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

Location Northeast Pinellas County



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Brooker-Creek-Preserve





Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park 12301 Burnt Store Road Punta Gorda, FL 33955



Location Western Charlotte County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Charlotte-Harbor-Preserve-State-Park

Chassahowitzka River and **Coastal Swamps**





7940 Burnt Bridge Road — Hiking Trails Homosassa, FL 34448

Location Southwestern Citrus County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Chassahowitzka-River-and-Coastal-Swamps



Chito Branch Reserve 11254 Browning Road Lithia, FL 33547

Location Southeastern Hillsborough County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Chito-Branch-Reserve



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Circle B Bar Reserve 4399 Winter Lake Road (SR 540) Lakeland, FL 33803

Location Northwestern Polk County



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Circle-B-Bar-Reserve



Cliff Stephens Park 600 Fairwood Avenue Clearwater, FL 33759

Location Central Pinellas County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Cliff-Stephens-Park





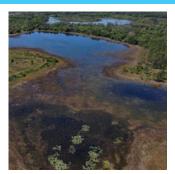
Colt Creek State Park (This tract is part of the Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve.) 16000 SR 471 Lakeland, FL 33809



Location North of Lakeland

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Colt-Creek-State-Park



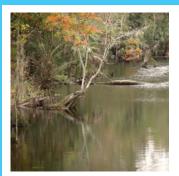


Conner Preserve 22500 SR 52 Land O' Lakes, FL 34637

Location Central Pasco County



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Conner-Preserve



Cypress Creek Preserve

8720 Pump Station Road 5550 Parkway Boulevard — *Campground* Land O' Lakes, FL 34639

Location Central Pasco County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Cypress-Creek-Preserve



Dead River Park (This tract is part of the Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve.) 15098 Dead River Road Thonotosassa, FL 33592



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Dead-River-Park

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Location Northeast of Tampa



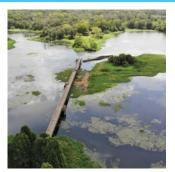


Deep Creek Preserve 10797 SW Peace River Street Arcadia, FL 34269

Location Southwestern DeSoto County



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Deep-Creek-Preserve



Edward Medard Park and Reservoir 6140 Turkey Creek Road Plant City, FL 33567



Location Eastern Hillsborough County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Edward-Medard-Park-and-Reservoir



Edward W. Chance Reserve — Coker Prairie Tract 34300 East SR 64 Myakka City, FL 34251



Eastern Manatee County

Location

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Edward-W-Chance-Reserve-Coker-Prairie-Tract





Edward W. Chance Reserve — Gilley Creek Tract 22310 CR 675 Parrish, FL 34219



Location Eastern Manatee County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Edward-W-Chance-Reserve-Gilley-Creek-Tract



Flatwoods Park (This tract is part of the Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve.) 14302 Morris Bridge Road Thonotosassa, FL 33592



Northeast of Tampa **For More Information** *WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Flatwoods-Park*



Flying Eagle Preserve 11080 East Moccasin Slough Road Inverness, FL 34450

Location Eastern Citrus County

Location

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Flying-Eagle-Preserve







Fred and Idah Schultz Preserve 5906 Kracker Avenue Gibsonton, FL 33534

Location Southern Hillsborough County



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Fred-and-Idah-Schultz-Preserve



Green Swamp East Tract (This tract is part of the Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve.) 28057 SR 471

Webster, FL 33597



Location Southwestern Lake, northern Polk and southeastern Sumter counties

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Green-Swamp-East-Tract



Green Swamp West Tract (This tract is part of the Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve.) 13347 Ranch Road Dade City, FL 33525



Location Eastern edge of Pasco County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Green-Swamp-West-Tract





Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve

Location Four-corner area of Lake, Pasco, Polk and Sumter counties



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Green-Swamp-Wilderness-Preserve



Half Moon-Gum Slough 8864 CR 247 Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538



Location Northwestern Sumter County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Half-Moon-Gum-Slough



Hálpata Tastanaki Preserve 15430 SW CR 484 Dunnellon, FL 34431

Location Southwest Marion County



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Halpata-Tastanaki-Preserve







Hampton Tract (This tract is part of the Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve.) 14980 Rock Ridge Road Lakeland, FL 33809



Location Northwestern Polk County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Hampton-Tract



Jack Creek 4501 Grand Concourse Road Sebring, FL 33875

Location Highlands County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Jack-Creek





Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park (This tract is part of the Starkey Wilderness Preserve.) 10500 Wilderness Park Boulevard New Port Richey, FL 34655



Location Western Pasco County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Jay-B-Starkey-Wilderness-Park

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Jefferson Equestrian Area (This tract is part of the Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve.) 11891 Jefferson Road Thonotosassa, FL 33592



Location Northeast of Tampa

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Jefferson-Equestrian-Area



John B. Sargeant Park (This tract is part of the Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve.) 12702 US 301 N. Thonotosassa, FL 33592

Location Northeast of Tampa

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/John-B-Sargeant-Park



Lake Marion Creek Horseshoe Scrub Tract North Gate: Horseshoe Creek Road, Davenport, FL 33837 South Gate: Baker Dairy Road, Haines City, FL 33844



Location Northeastern Polk County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Lake-Marion-Creek-Horseshoe-Scrub-Tract





Lake Panasoffkee 7519 NW 18th Way Wildwood, FL 34785

Location West-central Sumter County



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Lake-Panasoffkee



Lake Tarpon Outfall Canal 3120 Tampa Road Oldsmar, FL 34677



Northeastern Pinellas County

Location

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Lake-Tarpon-Outfall-Canal



Little Manatee River — Lower Tract River Access Only

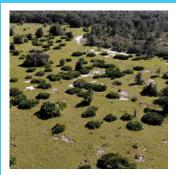
Location Southwestern Hillsborough County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Little-Manatee-River-Lower-Tract



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Little Manatee River — Southfork Tract 29400 SR 62 Duette, FL 33834

Location Northeastern Manatee County



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Little Manatee River — Upper Tract 2608 S. CR 579 Wimauma, FL 33598

Location



Southern Hillsborough County **For More Information** WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Little-Manatee-River-Upper-Tract

Little Withlacoochee Tract (This tract is part of the Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve.)

Location Southwestern Lake County



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Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve

Location Northeast of Tampa

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Marshall Hampton Reserve 3115 Thornhill Road Winter Haven, FL 33880

Location Northwest/Central Polk County



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Morris Bridge Park (This tract is part of the Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve.) 13630 Morris Bridge Road Thonotosassa, FL 33592

Location Northeast of Tampa

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Myakka River State Park — Myakka Prairie Tract 13208 SR 72 Sarasota, FL 34241

Location Central Sarasota County



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Myakka River — Deer Prairie Creek Preserve 7001 Forbes Trail Venice, FL 34292



Location South-central Sarasota County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Myakka-River-Deer-Prairie-Creek



Myakka River — Flatford Swamp Preserve 39450 Taylor Road Myakka City, FL 34251



Eastern Manatee County

Location

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Myakka State Forest 2555 South River Road Englewood, FL 34295

Location Southwestern Sarasota County



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Oak Ridge Equestrian Area (This tract is part of the Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve.)



Location Northeast of Tampa

15847 Morris Bridge Road Thonotosassa. FL 33592

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Panasoffkee Outlet 3100 CR 413 Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538

Location Northwest Sumter County



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Potts Preserve

2700 Dee River Road -Equestrian Camping

2988 North Hooty Point — River Hiking Trail and Campground Inverness, FL 34453



Location Northeastern Citrus County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Potts-Preserve



Prairie/Shell Creek 3081 Duncan Road Punta Gorda, FL 33982

Location Charlotte County



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RV Griffin Reserve 9067 CR 769 Arcadia, FL 34269

Location Southwest DeSoto County



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Sawgrass Lake Park 7400 25th Street N. St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Location Central Pinellas County



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Serenova Tract (This tract is part of the Starkey Wilderness Preserve.) 14900 SR 52 Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

Location Western Pasco County

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Starkey Wilderness Preserve

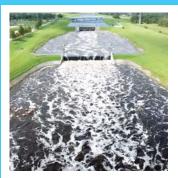
Location Western Pasco County

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Tampa Bypass Canal 7171 North US 301 Tampa, FL 33610

Location East Tampa



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Terra Ceia Preserve State Park 130 Terra Ceia Road Terra Ceia, FL 34250

Location Manatee County



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Terra Ceia Preserve — Frog Creek 2519 85th Street East Palmetto, FL 34221

Location Northeast Manatee County

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Trout Creek Conservation Park

(This tract is part of the Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve.) 12550 Morris Bridge Road Thonotosassa, FL 33592



Location Northeast of Tampa

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Trout-Creek-Conservation-Park



Two Mile Prairie (This tract is part of the Withlacoochee State Forest.) 7112 N. Lecanto Highway (C-491) Hernando, FL 34442



Location Northern Citrus County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Two-Mile-Prairie

Upper Hillsborough Preserve

Location East of Zephyrhills



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Upper Hillsborough Tract

(This tract is part of the Upper Hillsborough Preserve.) 41404 CR 54 Zephyrhills, FL 33540



Location East of Zephyrhills

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Weeki Wachee Springs State Park 6131 Commercial Way Weeki Wachee, FL 34606



Location Western Hernando County

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Weeki-Wachee-Springs-State-Park



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Weekiwachee Preserve 2345 Osowaw Boulevard Spring Hill, FL 34607

Location Western Hernando County



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Weekiwachee Preserve Aripeka Sandhills Preserve 18000 Aripeka Road Hudson, FL 34667

Location Northwest Pasco County



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Weekiwachee Preserve Bayport Park 4141 Cortez Boulevard Spring Hill, FL 34607



Location Western Hernando County For More Information

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Wilderness Park Off Road Trails System

(This tract is part of the Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve.) 12651 Morris Bridge Road Thonotosassa, FL 33592



Location Northeast of Tampa

For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Wilderness-Park-Road-Trails-System





Withlacoochee River Park 12449 Withlacoochee Boulevard Dade City, FL 33525

Location Eastern Pasco County



For More Information WaterMatters.org/Recreation/Withlacoochee-River-Park

Withlapopka Community Park

(This tract is part of the Flying Eagle Preserve.) 10390 E. Gobbler Drive Inverness, FL 34450





Location Eastern Citrus County

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Wysong Park 4790 NW 46th Road Lake Panasoffkee, FL 33538

Location Northwest Sumter County

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