About The Wilderness Parks

Hillsborough County's Wilderness Parks are the conservation parks within the Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve. Wilderness Parks are managed in cooperation with the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The Lower Hillsborough Wilderness Preserve encompasses 16,000 acres of preserved land, over 60 miles of trails, and 13 miles of the Hillsborough River. While the area is beloved for recreation and its natural beauty, its primary purpose is to store and supply water that could otherwise flood surrounding areas.

The Wilderness Parks include Dead River Conservation Park, Flatwoods Conservation Park, John B. Sargeant Conservation Park, Morris Bridge Conservation Park, Morris Bridge Biking Area, and Trout Creek Conservation Park. These sites consist of pine flatwoods, wetlands, and riverine forests that are home to wood stork, gopher tortoise, and eastern bluebirds. Each conservation park has its own unique recreation opportunities such as hiking, fishing, biking, horseback riding, and more.

These parks are popular with cyclists of all abilities, offering miles of single- and double-track trails of varying difficulty and the Wilderness Trail, which runs through multiple parks for several miles of continuous riding.

Maps and Information

For more information about recreation opportunities and detailed maps of each site, scan the QR code.

Hours

Please check the website of each location for its hours of operation.

Fees

$2 per vehicle, up to eight people.

$5 boat launch fee at applicable sites.

$25 Canoe/Kayak rental fee at applicable sites.

Rules

- Swimming is not permitted
- Dogs must be on a 6-foot hand-held leash
- Alcohol / intoxicated people are not permitted in the parks
- Florida law requires bicyclists under the age of 16 to wear helmets

Visit HCFL.gov/Parks for a complete list of amenities, rules, regulations, and more.

Parking and Trail Access

Dead River Conservation Park
15098 Dead River Rd.
Thonotosassa, FL 33592

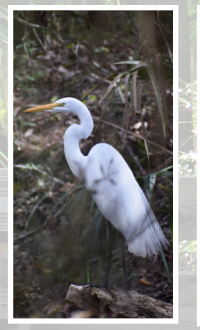
Flatwoods Conservation Park
14302 Morris Bridge Rd.
Thonotosassa, FL 33592

John B. Sargeant Conservation Park
12702 U.S. Hwy. 301 N.
Thonotosassa, FL 33592

Morris Bridge Conservation Park
13630 Morris Bridge Rd.
Thonotosassa, FL 33592

Morris Bridge Biking Area
12651 Morris Bridge Rd.
Thonotosassa, FL 33592

Trout Creek Conservation Park
12550 Morris Bridge Rd.
Thonotosassa, FL 33592





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Dead River
Flatwoods
John B. Sargeant Sr.
Trout Creek
Morris Bridge

Trail Map

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Wilderness Parks Biking Trails
Bruce B. Downs Blvd.
Morris Bridge Rd.
Hillsborough River
Trout Creek
Fletcher Ave.
75
N
0.5 Miles
Legend
Park Entrance
Parking
Restroom
Water Stop
Park Boundary
Paved Trail
Flatwoods Loop
Trail to Loop
Off-Road Trails
Enchanted
Eubanks Parkway
Gator Bait
Grandpa
Hog Wild
Indian
Levee
Main
Misery
Palmetto
Panther
Piglet
Sinkhole
Sqiggy
Techno Pig
Trout Creek Trail
Two-Track
Washboard