

INTRODUCTION

Located just west of Tallahassee, Lake Talquin State Forest offers primitive camping experiences in a variety of natural settings.

Primitive campsites are located in four recreation areas in Lake Talquin State Forest:

- High Bluff Recreation Area has 19 primitive campsites.
- Bear Creek Educational Forest and W.D. Lines Trails each have one primitive group campsite.
- Fort Braden Trails has two primitive campsites and one primitive group campsite.



Facilities

Lake Talquin State Forest offers primitive camping with no water or electric. Restrooms or vault toilets are available on site at High Bluff Recreation Area and at nearby trailheads at Bear Creek Educational Forest, W.D. Lines Trails and Fort Braden Trails.

Reservations

All campsites are available by reservation only. To book a campsite, visit: FloridaStateForests.ReserveAmerica.com or call (877) 879-3859.

HIGHLIGHTS

High Bluff Recreation Area

Although all campsites are suitable for most outdoor activities, High Bluff Recreation Area, with its beautiful lakefront setting and available facilities, is perfect for gatherings. The campground features vault toilets, a fishing pier, and a nearby boat ramp for easy access to Lake Talquin. All campsites are tent and RV accessible.

Bear Creek Educational Forest and W.D. Lines Trails

Two primitive group campsites at Bear Creek Educational Forest and W.D. Lines Trails are well suited for youth camping adventures. Along the extensive trail systems, campers can explore the diverse forest ecosystems. The campsite at Bear Creek Educational Forest is hike-in only (about one mile). W.D. Lines Trails campsite is accessible by biking, hiking or drive-in (two miles). Both sites are tent only.

Fort Braden Trails

Two lakefront primitive campsites along the Fort Braden Trails are accessible by foot or by boat from Lake Talquin. The hike in is approximately one mile for each campsite. The closet boat launch on Lake Talquin is Coe Landing Road. The west loop campsite can also be accessed by horseback from the west loop of the equestrian trail.

Fort Braden also offers one primitive group campsite accessible by foot, horseback or vehicle. The group site is approximately 2/3 of a mile from the trailhead and has three small paddocks. It may also accommodate small to mid-sized horse trailers for overnight camping.

BE SAFE AND ENJOY

- Plan your route ahead of time and leave your itinerary with someone at home.
- Bring ample water, food and other supplies.
- Be prepared for weather changes.
- Camp and set campfires ONLY in designated areas.
- **LEAVE NO TRACE:**
 - ◇ Take a bag for your trash and to help pick up after others.
 - ◇ Toilet pits should be dug at least 200 feet from water, trailheads, trails or your camp.
 - ◇ Consider using portable toilets with biodegradable, disposable bags.
- **USE CAUTION:**
 - ◇ Areas of matted vegetation along stream banks are often basking locations for alligators.
 - ◇ These large, cold-blooded reptiles mate, nest and protect their young from May to October.
- **REMEMBER:** It is against law to feed alligators.

CONTACT

In case of emergency, call 911 or the Florida Forest Service Tallahassee Forestry Center Dispatch Office at (850) 681-5950.

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