

LOCATION

The two starting points and parking areas for all four loops of the trail system are located at the Holder Mine and Mutual Mine Recreation Area Trailheads. Holder Mine Recreation Area is located 2.5 miles south of Inverness off County Road 581. Turn west onto Trail 10 and travel 2 miles to the trailhead. Mutual Mine Recreation Area is located five miles south of Inverness off County Road 581. Turn west onto Trail 16 and travel 1/10 mile to the trailhead.

DESCRIPTION

The hiking trails are dry, all-weather trails that wind through a variety of plant communities, including sandhill scrub, oak thickets and longleaf pine timber stands. The more attractive areas pass through rocky hammocks. Low areas may be wet, especially during the summer rainy season. Wildlife found in the area includes red cockaded woodpeckers, deer, quail, turkey, fox squirrels, gopher tortoises and armadillo. Snakes may also be present.

DESIGNATION

The main hiking trails are blazed in yellow; cross trails and side trails are blazed in blue; and any portions of our trails that are part of the Florida National Scenic Trail are blazed in orange. Blazes are about one inch wide and six inches long and marked within sight distance of each other at eye-level. Metal signs showing the international symbol for hikers supplement blazes where needed.

WATER

Drinking (potable) water is available at the Holder Mine and Mutual Mine Trailheads, as well as at the Tillis Hill Recreation Area. For longer hikes, hot weather or overnight hiking trips you may wish to cache supplemental water at forest road crossings prior to hiking.

FLORIDA NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

The Florida National Scenic Trail (FNST) meanders 1,300 miles across Florida, leading hikers through many of Florida's natural wonders. In 1983 the US Congress designated the Florida Trail as part of the National Trails System, making it one of only eight National Scenic Trails. It is the only National Scenic Trail where hikers can enjoy both subtropical and temperate ecosystems. Contact the Visitor Center for hiking trails included in the Florida National Scenic Trail system.

TRAILWALKERS

Loop A of the Citrus Hiking Trails is one of the Withlacoochee State Forest nature/hiking trails included in the *Trailwalker* program. This program offers recognition awards for hiking 10 to 30 trails in state forests all across Florida. Contact the Visitor Center for more information.

www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Our-Forests/State-Forests/Withlacoochee-State-Forest

CAMPING

Overnight primitive camping is permitted only within the camp zones designated by yellow-banded trees. These three zones are located on *Loop B*, *Loop C* and *Loop D*. Primitive camp zones are first come, first serve. Campgrounds with bathhouses are located at the Holder Mine, Mutual Mine and Tillis Hill Recreation Areas, which require reservations that can be made through Reserve America by calling (877) 879-3859 or you can make reservations online at www.FloridaStateForests.ReserveAmerica.com. Alcohol is prohibited within the Mutual Mine campground.

TIPS

- Tread lightly. Stick to the path and avoid trampling the sensitive vegetation around you.
- Keep a bandanna on hand when hiking. It has many uses: sponge, napkin, bandage, etc.
- If you are hiking a lengthy trail, be sure to take along sunscreen, insect repellent and a container of water.
- Wear good hiking shoes or hiking boots. If you have to break them in, do it before the hike.
- Pace yourself. If you aren't an experienced hiker, don't take on a 10-mile trail your first time out. We have a number of shorter hiking/nature trails (averaging two+ miles each) to get you started.
- Take your time; there is plenty to observe out on the trails.

CITRUS HIKING TRAILS

Withlacoochee State Forest



Florida Forest Service management plans include prescribed burning most months of the year. For personal safety reasons, area users should contact the FFS for information and location of burn areas, (352) 797-4100.

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RULES OF THE TRAIL

- Only cooking fires are allowed in the primitive camping zones. Bonfires are not permitted. Fires may be prohibited during times of high wildfire potential.
- Parking for vehicles is provided at the trailheads. Florida Forest Service is not responsible for articles lost, damaged or stolen.
- Dig a six-inch-deep hole for human waste, well away from the camp zone. Be sure to cover it completely.
- Please help keep the camp zone in its natural state. All litter must be packed out. Do not bury or burn it. Report any irregularities to the Visitor Center.

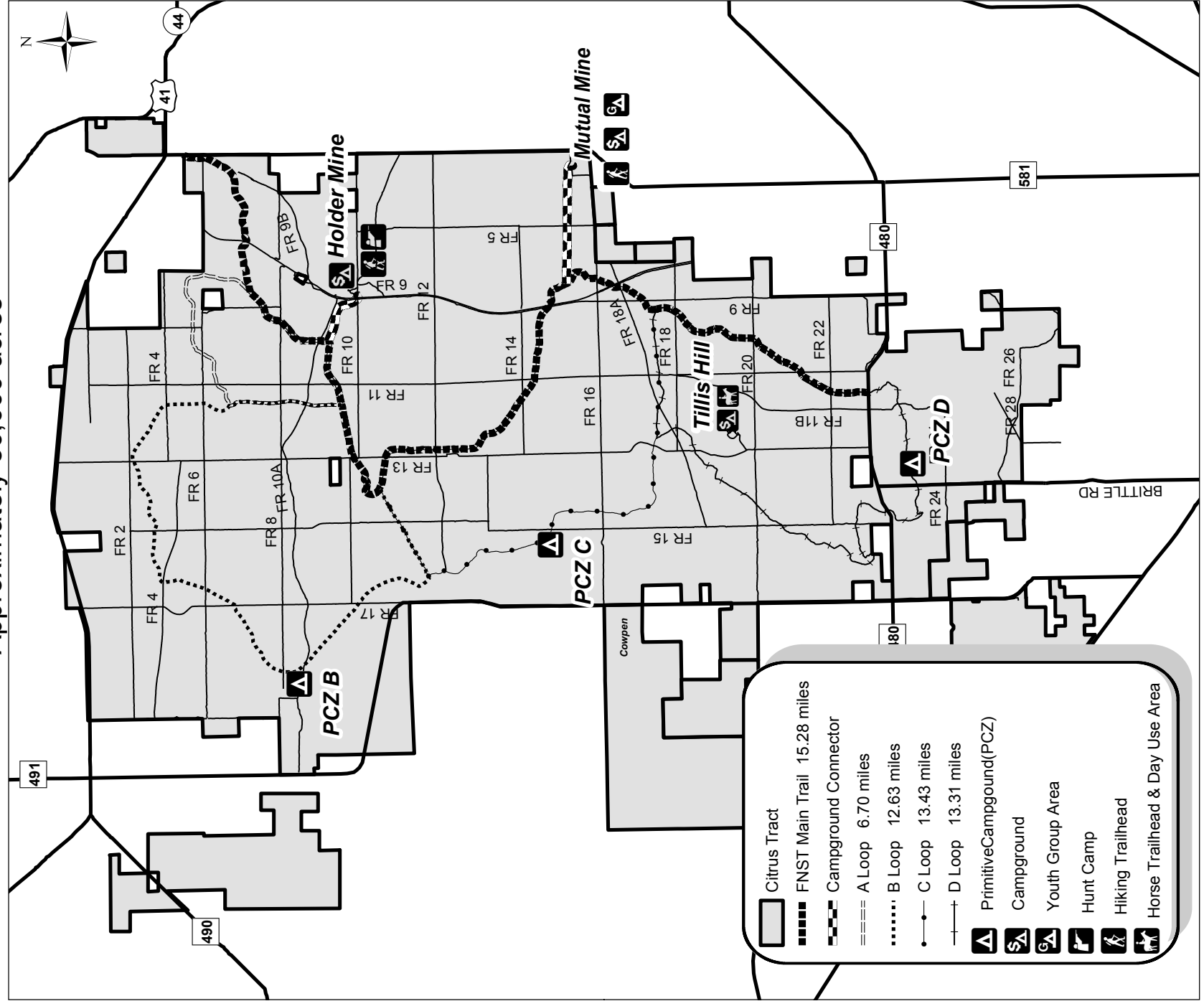
The Citrus Hiking Trails were established by the Florida Forest Service in cooperation with the Florida Trail Association for the enjoyment of hikers and nature lovers.

Much of the Withlacoochee State Forest is divided into Wildlife Management Areas administered by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission. All rules and regulations pertaining to firearms, dogs, game and non-game animals and other wildlife management area regulations must be followed. The Citrus Wildlife Management Area is legally open to hunting during specified seasons from September through April. Check in advance for open hunt season dates and restrictions related to open hunts. Bright colored clothing is recommended when hunt seasons are open. Hunting rules and regulations for the Wildlife Management Areas are available at www.myfwc.com or the Withlacoochee Visitor Center.

We hope you enjoy the Citrus Hiking Trails. Please follow good hiking and safety practices. Maps and information may be obtained from the Visitor Center.

Citrus Tract Hiking Trails

Approximately 50,000 acres



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