

RECREATION

The Two Mile Prairie Tract offers the following recreational opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast.

TRAILS

Over 13 miles of trails have been developed on Two Mile Prairie. Foot traffic only is allowed on the hiking trails.

The Johnson Pond Trail is approximately 2.6 miles of yellow 2"x6" blazed hiking trail and is included in the *Great Florida Birding Trail Program*.

The Oxbow Trail is a yellow 2"x6" blazed 0.76 mile hiking trail with direct access to/from the Withlacoochee River and to two primitive campsites.

Horseback riding is allowed on the designated trail. Bear Head Hammock Trail is approximately 10.04 miles and includes two wet-weather by-pass trails. Horses must stay on designated trail, marked in 6" blue painted bands around the trees.

HUNTING & FISHING

Hunting is not permitted on the Two Mile Prairie Tract.

Fishing is permitted on all waterways unless otherwise posted. A valid Florida fishing license is required. For additional information contact FWC.

DAY USE

Johnson Pond Trailhead provides picnicking, hiking, birding and fishing. No fee required.

Oxbow Trailhead provides primitive camping, picnicking, hiking and fishing. No fees, but reservation is required for camping.

Bear Head Hammock Trailhead provides equestrian access, restroom, picnicking, and primitive camping. Reservation and fee required for camping and \$2 per person Day Use Fee applies.

TRAILWALKER/TROTTER

Johnson Pond and *Oxbow* trails are part of the Withlacoochee State Forest nature/hiking trails included in the *Trailwalker* program.

Bear Head Hammock horse trail is part of the Withlacoochee State Forest equestrian trails included in the *Trailtrotter* program.

Contact the Visitor Center or visit our website for more information.

CAMPING

Primitive campsites are available at the Oxbow and Bear Head Trailheads.

The Oxbow campsite and Bear Head Hammock Primitive Equestrian Campsites requires a reservation and can be used for boaters and walk-ins. A reservation made either by calling 877-879-3859 or online at www.FloridaStateForests.ReserveAmerica.com

TWO MILE PRAIRIE TRACT

This 2,898 acre forest was purchased by the State of Florida's Conservation and Recreation Lands Program, and incorporated into the Withlacoochee State Forest.

The forest is managed using the multiple-use concept and offers many benefits to Florida's citizens and visitors. Management of the forest will promote recreation, wildlife, timber, endangered species, watersheds, environmental education and many other values. The goal of the Florida Forest Service is to protect and maintain the native biological diversity of the many ecosystems found on the state forest.

FOREST FEATURES

Two Mile Prairie is home to a diverse mixture of animal and plant species. Those animals and plants currently listed which have been sighted on the forest include: gopher tortoise, Sherman's fox squirrel, whooping crane, wood stork, American kestrel and several others.

There are various natural communities found on the forest. They include sandhills, xeric hammock, scrub, basin marsh and sandhill upland lake.

During the past 8 years, restoration efforts have been made and emphasis placed on forest and wildlife management along with environmental education.

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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.

Withlacoochee Visitor Center
15003 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34601
Phone: (352) 797-4140 Fax: (352) 797-4108
www.FDACS.gov

STATE FOREST RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Day use is from sunrise to sunset.
2. Please take all garbage with you when you leave. Containers are provided at the trailhead.
3. Motorcycles, ATV's and golf carts are prohibited on the forest. Only licensed street legal vehicles are allowed and are permitted only on designated open Forest Roads.
4. Pets must be under control and on a leash at all times.
5. Swimming is not allowed.
6. Possession of alcoholic beverages is PROHIBITED.
7. Florida Forest Service is not responsible for articles lost, damaged or stolen in parking areas.
8. All rules and regulations administered by the Florida Forest Service and FWC pertaining to firearms, dogs, game and non-game animals, fishing and other management regulations must be observed.

We hope you enjoy the Two Mile Prairie Tract. Please follow good camping and safety practices.

www.FDACS.gov/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Our-Forests/State-Forests/Withlacoochee-State-Forest

