

LOCATION

Little River Trails are located in the Richloam Tract of the Withlacoochee State Forest. The trailhead may be accessed from State Road 50 by heading north on either McKinney Sink Road or Porter Gap Road for approximately 3.5 miles..

DESCRIPTION

The hiking trails are dry-to-damp, all-weather trails that wind through central Florida's longleaf pine and scrub oak hills, live oak thickets and hardwood hammocks, past creek bottoms and cypress ponds. Wildlife found in the area includes deer, quail, grey squirrels and bobcats.

The four trails located here are the Hammock, Lake, Magnolia and Oak Trail. The Hammock Trail is 3.7 miles long, the Lake Trail is 0.5 miles, the Magnolia Trail is 0.5 miles long and the Oak Trail is 1.2 miles long.

TIPS

- Tie out horses away from trees to prevent damage to this forest resource.
- 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 planning on a lengthy trail, be sure to take along sunscreen, insect repellent and a container of water.
- Wear good shoes to fit your activity. If you have to break them in, do it before your trip.
- Pace yourself. If you aren't experienced, don't take on a long trail your first time out. We have a number of shorter trails to get you started.
- Take your time; there is plenty to observe out on the trails.
- Pedestrians should step to the side of the path so bicyclists and equestrians may pass.
- When stepping aside for equestrians to pass, stand quietly downhill and listen for special instructions from the rider.
- Pets must be kept confined, leashed or otherwise under the physical control of a person at all times (excluding voice control). Maximum length of leashes is 10 feet.

WATER

There is no water available at the trailhead. You may wish to bring a supplemental water supply for your activity.

TRAILTROTTER PROGRAM

The Little River Ranch is part of the Florida State Forest's Trailtrotter Program. The 8 mile trail is one of 27 trails in 18 State Forests that make up the program. For more information or to sign up, please visit:

<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/Recreation/Horse-Trails>.



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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

- Parking for vehicles is provided at the trail-heads. Florida Forest Service is not responsible for articles lost, damaged or stolen.
- Unlicensed off-road motorcycles and ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) are not allowed on the Withlacoochee State Forest, with the exception of the Croom Motorcycle Area. All other vehicles must be licensed and travel only upon open, designated vehicle roads.
- As per State Statute, all horses entering the Withlacoochee State Forest or any other managed lands must produce proof of a negative Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia.
- All groups of 6 or more persons using the Withlacoochee State Forest are required to obtain a Special Use Permit from the Visitor Center.

Much of the Withlacoochee State Forest is divided into Wildlife Management Areas administered by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission. However this area is not included and does not permit hunting.

We hope you enjoy the Little River Trails. Please follow good safety practices. Additional maps and information may be obtained from the Visitor Center.

