

## PURCHASING LAND

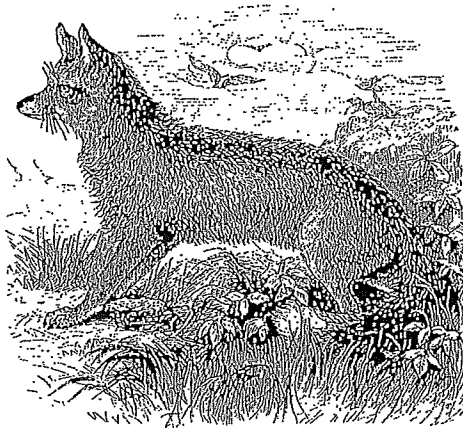
When the St. Johns River Water Management District buys land, the benefits are far-reaching for the public. The District's main goal of buying land is to protect the water resources within, adjoining or beneath the land's boundaries.

Beyond meeting that goal, District land purchases preserve part of "natural" Florida for the state's future generations.

In addition, putting land into public ownership protects wildlife and plant habitat, opens the land for recreation and provides a place for environmental education.

Ninety-eight percent of the land the District buys is open to the public for activities that are compatible with conservation. Some of the popular uses include hiking, biking, wildlife viewing, horseback riding, canoeing, camping, hunting, fishing and picnicking. Just 2 percent of the District's lands are closed, due to ongoing construction or conservation projects.

To inform the public of recreational and educational opportunities, the District erects entrance signs and informational kiosks. The District also publishes its *Recreation Guide to District Lands*, a free guide to the public properties which includes maps and information about each property. The guide is available by calling (800) RALLY-22; an online version is available at [www.sjrwmd.com](http://www.sjrwmd.com).



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## TRAIL GUIDE

# Lake Norris

### CONSERVATION AREA

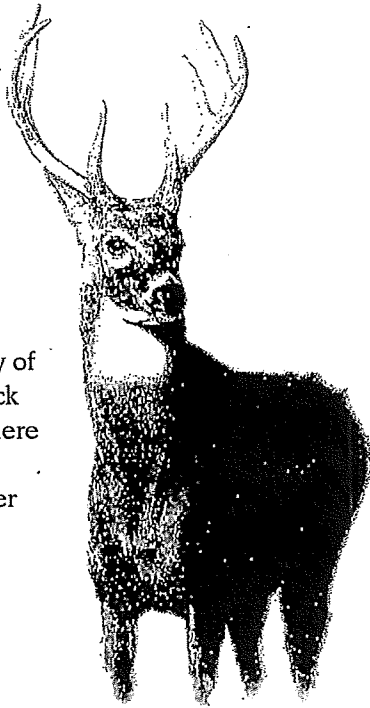


## TRAIL USE

The majority of lands owned and/or managed by the St. Johns River Water Management District use existing roads or fire lines, maintained primarily for land management activities, as trails. Maintenance activities (e.g., harrowing fire lines) will temporarily cause the surface of these areas to be uneven or to have unstable soils.

All trails are designated "multiple use" for hiking, bicycling and horseback riding unless otherwise noted. Multiuse trails will be marked with a 4-inch diamond, with double diamonds indicating a change in direction. These are your trails, for your pleasure and enjoyment. Please be courteous to other trail users and use trail etiquette.

Plan ahead. Many of the trails are "back country trails" where you may not encounter another trail user or find shelter from the weather. Plan accordingly for your safety!



## COMFORT AND SAFETY

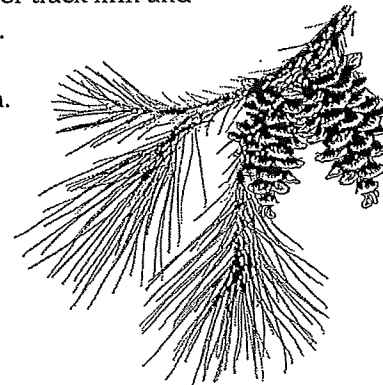
- Many trails offer no shade or shelter, so be prepared for sun, excessive heat or sudden thunderstorms. Make sure you have plenty of water, snacks, sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Although most District lands do not permit motorized vehicular access, you may occasionally encounter staff vehicles and equipment.

## TRAIL ETIQUETTE

Hikers yield to equestrians, and bicyclists yield to both.

Let a horse and rider know of your presence (to avoid spooking horse or rider). Horseback riders, please ride single file in one track (in both directions) on two-track trails to leave the other track firm and stable for other users.

Keep dogs on a leash.



## CAMPING

Camping at designated campsites only! Group campsites are used by reservation only. Use the fire rings at the campsites; ground fires at any other location are prohibited. No campfires allowed during burn bans.

Water — Some campsites have a well with a pitcher pump, but the water is not tested for drinking. It is recommended that overnight campers carry four quarts of water per person for drinking.

Human field sanitation — Dig a hole a minimum of 6–8 inches deep, away from the campsite and water source, and cover with soil after use.

Animal and plant life are protected. Do not kill, trap or molest any mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian. Do not pick, cut, carve, break off limbs from, or mutilate any plant life. (Deadfall may be used for a campfire, but no construction of structures is allowed with deadfall.)

Pack it in, pack it out. Leave only the minimum trace of your travels on the trail and take only memories.

**The District hopes you have an enjoyable trail experience.**

## Trails

- - - Future Florida National Scenic Trail
- - - White blaze trail — 5.6 miles round trip
- ..... Yellow blaze trail — 1.8 miles round trip
- ..... Red connector trail — 1.8 miles one way

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Approximate scale in miles

Ocala National Forest

Boy Scouts  
of America

Black Water Swamp

Lake  
Norris

8 mile

2.4 miles

2.8 miles

No Trespassing  
Mitigation/Construction zone

Lake Co.

Water  
Creek

Lake Norris Road

Hart Ranch Road



Lake Norris  
Conservation Area

Trail Map

## Legend

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Conservation area boundary   | Road                 |
| Mitigation/construction zone | Water body           |
| Parking/trailhead            | Marsh or wetland     |
| Observation point            | Stream               |
| Canoe launch site            | topo 5 foot contours |
| Group camping site           |                      |