

TREASURE COAST DISTRICT



CAMPING INFORMATION

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Fellow Scouters;

I have attempted to put together a list of camping locations that are within approximately three and a half (3 1/2) hour's drive from our Treasure Coast District. I narrowed down the information to hiking, camping, and canoeing. This does not mean that other outdoor recreational opportunities don't exist at these locations. Other activities that may be available include bicycling, fishing, horseback riding, hunting, and wildlife viewing.

I hope this information will be useful to you when you do your yearly planning. My goal was to show that there are many more places to camp than we originally thought and to give the Scouts a variety of environments to experience in Florida.

All of the sources that I used to compile this information I obtained from the Internet and personal knowledge. The websites I used I have listed at the end of this brochure.

If you have any suggestions or camping areas that you know of that I didn't list please let me know. I am sure I did not capture all of the camping opportunities.

Rick Conover
Treasure Coast District Committee
Camping Chairman

1. **South Florida Water Management District Camping – Camping requires the users to obtain a Special Use License, which are free, and available on line at:**
 - A. **Dupuis WEA – Martin County**
 - A. **Family Campground, no Special Use License required**
 - B. **Group Camp Site**
 - B. **Allapattah Flats WMA – Martin County**
 - C. **Lake Marion Creek WMA – Polk County (1 campsite)**
 - D. **Kissimmee Chain of Lakes - All areas accessible by boat only (see brochure or website)**
 - E. **Kissimmee River Public Use Area**
 - a. **KICCO Wildlife Management Area – Polk County**
 - b. **Blanket Bay Slough – Osceola County (Accessible by boat only)**
 - c. **Boney Marsh – Okeechobee County**
 - d. **Hickory Hammock Wildlife Management Area – Highlands County**
 - e. **Starvation Slough – Okeechobee County**
 - f. **MICCO Landing – Okeechobee County**
 - g. **Yates Marsh – Okeechobee and Highlands Counties**
 - h. **Cornwell Marsh East – Okeechobee County**
 - F. **CREW WMA – Lee & Collier Counties**

2. **St Johns River Water Management District – (386) 329-4404**
 - A. **Ft Drum Marsh Conservation Area – Indian River County**
 - B. **Blue Cypress Conservation Area – Indian River County**
 - C. **Three Forks Conservation Area – Brevard County**
 - D. **River Lakes Conservation Area – Brevard/Osceola County**
 - E. **Hal Scott Regional Preserve & Park – Orange County**
 - F. **Buck Lake Conservation Area – Volusia County**
 - G. **Seminole Ranch Conservation Area – Orange/Volusia/Brevard Counties**
 - H. **Bull Creek WMA – Osceola County**

3. **Southwest Florida Water Management District**
 - A. **Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve – Polk/Lake/Sumter Counties**
 - B. **Upper Hillsborough Preserve – Polk/Pasco County**

CAMPING FEE REQUIRED

1. **Florida State Parks – parks listed have group camp area, call park for reservation 60 days in advance**

- A. Bill Baggs State Park – Miami Dade County
 - B. Collier – Seminole State Park – Collier County
 - C. Highlands Hammock State Park – Highlands County
 - D. John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park – Monroe County
 - E. Oscar Scherer State Park – Sarasota County
 - F. St. Sebastian Preserve State Park – Indian River County
 - G. Wekiwa Springs State Park – Orange County
 - H. Colt Creek State Park – Polk County
 - I. Fort Pierce Inlet State Park – St Lucie County
 - J. Hugh Taylor Birch State Park – Ft Lauderdale
 - K. Jonathan Dickenson State Park – Martin County
 - L. Myakka River State Park – Sarasota County
 - M. Tomoka State Park – Brevard County
 - N. Anastasia State Park – Brevard County
 - O. Lake Kissimmee State Park – Polk County
 - P. Wekiva Springs State Park – Volusia County
 - Q. Blue Spring State Park – Volusia County
 - R. Hontoon Island State Park – Volusia County
 - S. Oleta River State Park – Miami-Dade County
 - T. Paynes Creek Historic State Park – Highlands County
 - U. Kissimmee Prairie Preserve State Park – Okeechobee County
2. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Sites
- A. Corbett WMA – Palm Beach County (561) 624-6989
 - B. Prairie Lakes Unit of 3 Lakes WMA – Osceola County (352) 732-1225 (Call for Camping Permit)
 - C. Dinner Island Ranch – Hendry County (863) 902-3349
 - D. Hungryland WEA – Martin/Palm Beach Counties (561) 625-5122
3. Boy Scout Camps
- A. Tanah Keeta – Martin County – Gulfstream Council
 - B. Oklawaha – Indian River County – Gulfstream Council
 - C. Dark Hammock – St Lucie County – Gulfstream Council
 - D. Flaming Arrow – Polk County – Gulf Ridge Council
4. County Parks
- A. St Lucie County (772) 464 – 7855
 - i. Savannas Recreation Area
 - B. Martin County (772) 288-5690
 - i. Halpatiokee Regional Park
 - ii. Phillips Park Campground
 - C. Broward County
 - i. C.B. Smith Park (954) 357- 5170
 - ii. Easterlin Park (954) 357 - 5190
 - iii. Markham Park (954) 357 – 8868
 - iv. Quiet Waters Park (954) 357 - 5100
 - v. Topeekeegee Yugnee Park (954) 357 – 8811
 - D. Lee County (239) 694-0398

- i. Caloosahatchee Campground
 - E. Polk County (863) 534-4340
 - i. Lake Arbuckle Park and Campground
 - ii. Saddle Creek Park and Campground
 - iii. Lake Rosalie Park and Campground
 - F. Brevard County
 - i. Manatee Hammock (321) 264-5083
 - ii. Long Point Park/Scout Island (321) 952-4532
 - iii. Wickham Park Campground (321) 255-4307
 - G. Volusia County (386) 740-5261
 - i. Wiregrass Prairie Preserve
5. State Forests
- A. Tiger Bay State Forest – Volusia County (386) 226 - 0250
 - B. Seminole State Forest – Orange County (352) 360 – 6675
 - C. Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest – Henry County (863) 612 – 0776
 - D. Little Big Econ State Forest – Seminole County (407) 971 – 3500
 - E. Lake Wales Ridge State Forest – Polk County (863) 635 – 8589
 - F. Myakka State Forest – Sarasota County (941) 460 – 1333
6. Private Parks
- A. Abalufa – St Lucie County
 - B. KOA – sites around Florida
 - C. Many private parks are designed for RV's, some have group camp areas

WEBSITES FOR INFORMATION

1. South Florida Water Management District <http://www.sfwmd.gov>
 Special Use License Application http://my.sfwmd.gov/portal/page/portal/pg_grp_sul/pg_sul_main

2. Florida State Parks
State Park Information <http://www.floridastateparks.org/>
Camping Reservations & Payment <http://www.reserveamerica.com/>
3. St Johns River Water Management District <http://www.sjrwmd.com/>
4. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission <http://myfwc.com/>
5. Boy Scout Camps
Gulfstream Council - <http://www.gulfstreamcouncil.org/>
Gulf Ridge Council - <http://boyscouting.com/>
6. Florida State Forestry <http://www.fl-dof.com/>
7. County Sites
St Lucie - <http://www.stlucieco.gov/>
Martin - http://www.martin.fl.us/portal/page?_pageid=213,1&_dad=portal&_schema=PORTAL
Broward - <http://www.broward.org/Pages/Welcome.aspx>
Volusia - <http://www.volusia.org/>
Lee - <http://www.lee-county.com/Pages/default.aspx>
Polk - <http://www.polk-county.net/>
8. Southwest Florida Water Management District <http://www.swfwmd.state.fl.us/>