

TIPS FOR ENJOYING THE RESERVE

The following information and tips can help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience while at the property:

- Ellis Acres Reserve is open daily from dawn to dusk.
- Feel free to bring a camera, binoculars and field guides for observation of wildlife.
- Swimming is prohibited on the property.
- The trails located on the property might include uneven or unstable terrain, so wear appropriate footwear.
- Do not remove or disturb any of the landscape on the property.
- Hunting is prohibited on the property.
- Fishing from the shoreline is prohibited.
- Refrain from approaching or feeding any wildlife.
- Bring with you plenty of water to drink, but ensure that any litter is properly disposed of.
- Bring with you a hat, sunscreen and sunglasses, and wear appropriate clothing for the current weather conditions.
- Pets are not allowed on the property.



PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

On November 2, 2004, Lake County voters approved a public-lands referendum by more than 70 percent of the vote. The referendum called for up to an additional one-third millage to allow the County to issue \$36 million in bonds for the acquisition and improvement of land to protect drinking water, improve water quality of rivers and lakes, protect open space and provide passive recreation areas.

To date, more than 2,000 acres have been acquired through the Public Lands Management Program, which was established in September 2005. Three of the properties, Ellis Acres Reserve, The Pasture Reserve and Lake May Reserve, have been opened to the public. The opened properties include passive trails and scenic views of a wide variety of wildlife and Florida native plants.



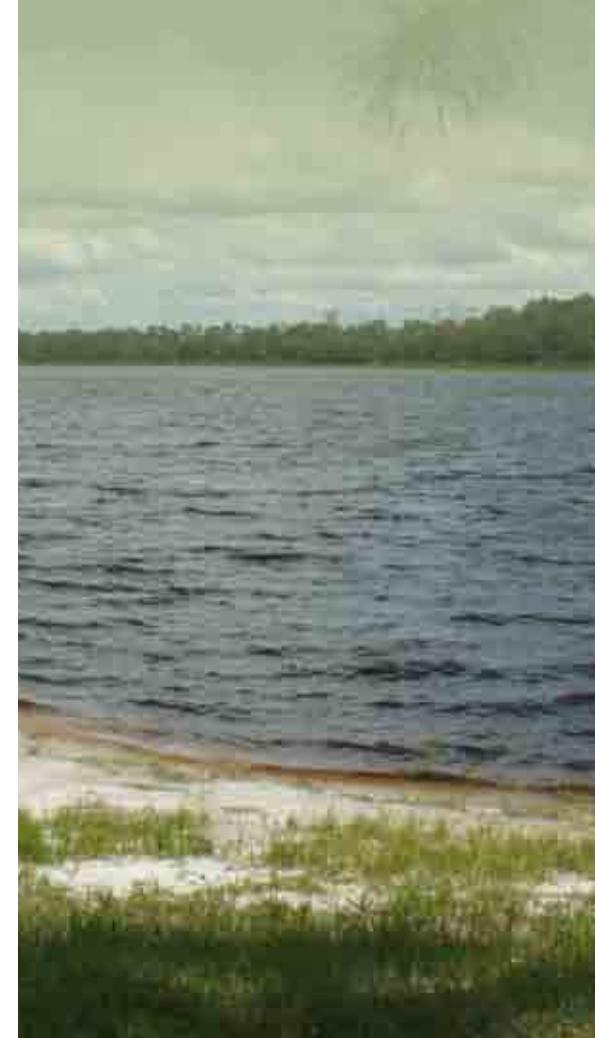
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For more information about the Public Lands Management Program, contact the Lake County Parks & Trails Division at (352) 253-4950, email publiclands@lakecountyfl.gov or log on to www.lakecountyfl.gov/parks.

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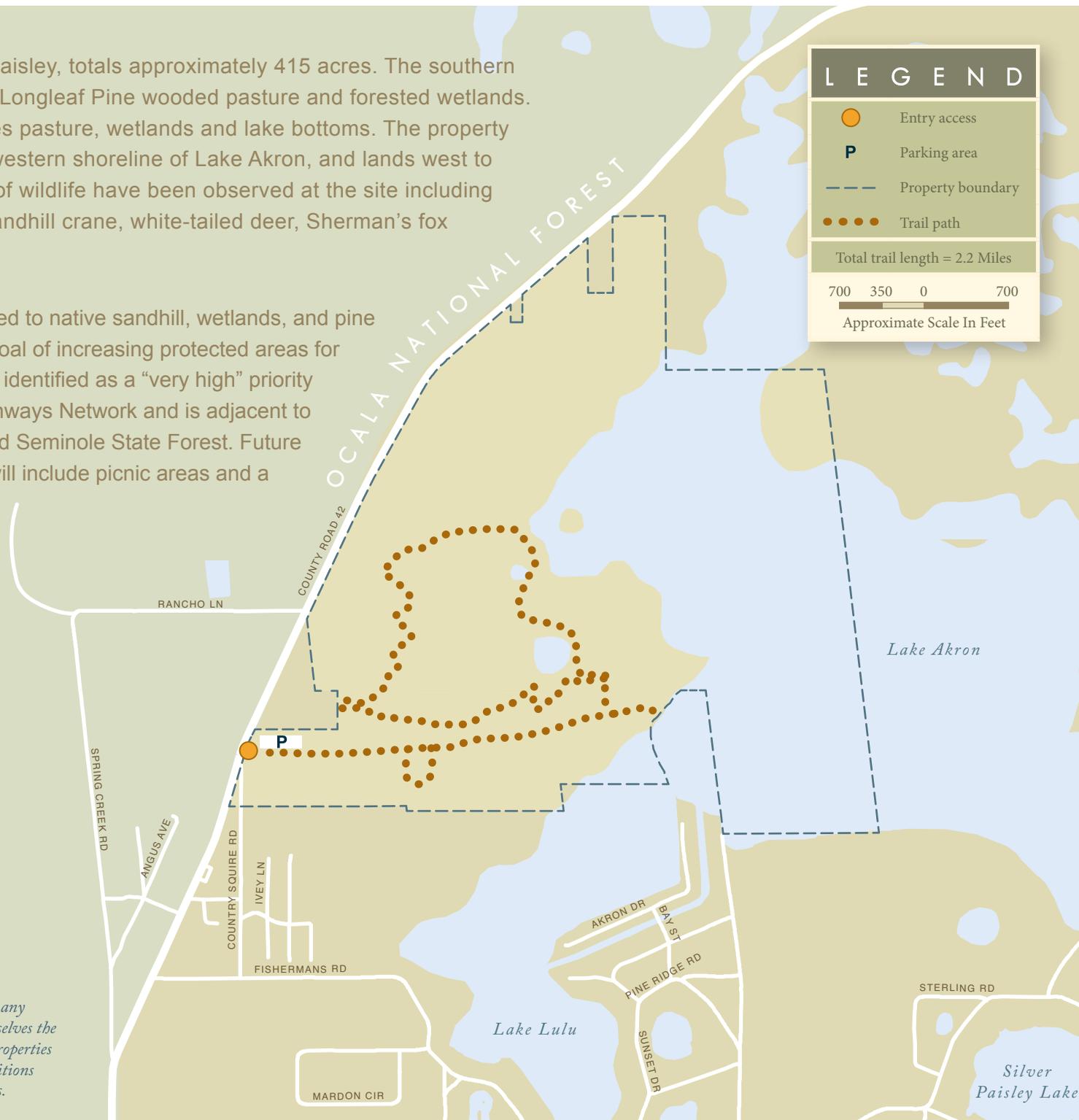
TRAIL MAP



Ellis Acres Reserve, located in Paisley, totals approximately 415 acres. The southern 96 acres of the property contain Longleaf Pine wooded pasture and forested wetlands. The remaining 323 acres includes pasture, wetlands and lake bottoms. The property encompasses nearly the entire western shoreline of Lake Akron, and lands west to County Road 42. Many species of wildlife have been observed at the site including the Florida black bear, Florida sandhill crane, white-tailed deer, Sherman's fox squirrel, and wild turkey.

Ellis Acres will gradually be restored to native sandhill, wetlands, and pine flatwoods communities, with the goal of increasing protected areas for wildlife. The property is in an area identified as a "very high" priority of the state-wide Ecological Greenways Network and is adjacent to both the Ocala National Forest and Seminole State Forest. Future passive recreation opportunities will include picnic areas and a canoe launch.

PROPERTY MAP



No assurance is extended that this land is safe for any purpose. Users of the public lands take upon themselves the risks inherent in accessing undeveloped natural properties and the resulting and proximate events and conditions arising from the use of these wild and scenic lands.

FEATURED WILDLIFE

Florida Black Bear
(Ursus americanus floridanus)

QUICK FACTS:

Black bears are the only species of bear found in Florida, and are the largest native land mammal in the state.

SIZE:

Between 5 to 6 feet long and about 3 feet high at the shoulder.

WEIGHT:

Adults can weigh between 150-400 lbs.

DIET:

Plants, fruits, nuts, and berries. May also include insects and small animals.

