

# TIPS FOR ENJOYING THE RESERVE

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

- Lake May 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.
- 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](mailto:publiclands@lakecountyfl.gov) or log on to [www.lakecountyfl.gov/parks](http://www.lakecountyfl.gov/parks).

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LAKE MAY  
RESERVE

TRAIL MAP



Lake May Reserve totals approximately 136 acres. The native landscape of the Reserve consists of xeric oak hammock and a mix of upland scrub, pine and hardwood forested areas. The property also features Lake May, a twenty-acre lake, along with the associated wetlands. In addition, there currently is an actively managed citrus grove and an area of remnant citrus grove.

The remnant grove area is in the process of being restored to scrubby flatwoods. Routine controlled burns will be established for the fire-dependent communities, and exotic vegetation will be monitored and controlled. Future passive recreation opportunities will include picnic areas, a canoe launch, and catch and release fishing.

### PROPERTY MAP



## Wekiva Adopted Study Area

*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

## Reindeer Moss

(*Cladonia* spp)

### QUICK FACTS:

Reindeer moss is a slow-growing lichen (a combination of fungus and alga) that forms pillow-like colonies on the ground.

### TEXTURE:

Typically spongy and rubbery when moist, but in dry conditions, it becomes brittle.

### SIZE:

Rarely reaches more than 7" in height.

### ROOTS:

Lichens do not have roots, they obtain moisture and nutrients from the air.

### STEMS:

Stems are hollow and branch in pairs.

### HABITAT:

Generally found on sandy soils in extremely dry (xeric) habitats that have been long unburned.

