

LAKE DAN & LAKE FRANCES NATURE PRESERVES

The Lake Dan and Lake Frances Nature Preserves, together, span nearly 3,000 acres, and contain natural habitats such as mesic flatwoods, wet prairie, hardwood hammock, basin swamps, freshwater marshes, and cypress domes.

The five and a half mile horse trail crosses both adjoining preserves. Since most of the trail is out in the open and not shaded, the best time to ride is when temperatures are 80 degrees or less. Watering points are limited and subject to seasonal changes. There are walk-through gates at Tyler Road, and Woodstock Road.

The Lake Dan and Lake Frances Nature Preserves are owned and managed by the Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department. The preserves were purchased with funding from Hillsborough County's

Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program (ELAPP) and joint funding from the Florida Communities Trust, in the case of Lake Dan.

Temporary Closures.

Most of the trail will be closed from July to September each year, due to flooding during the rainy season.

In addition, land management activities take place at the preserves such as prescribed fire, invasive plant control using herbicide and habitat restoration. During prescribed burns, wildfires, or any other situations that could pose a hazard to the public, all or part of the preserves will be temporarily closed.



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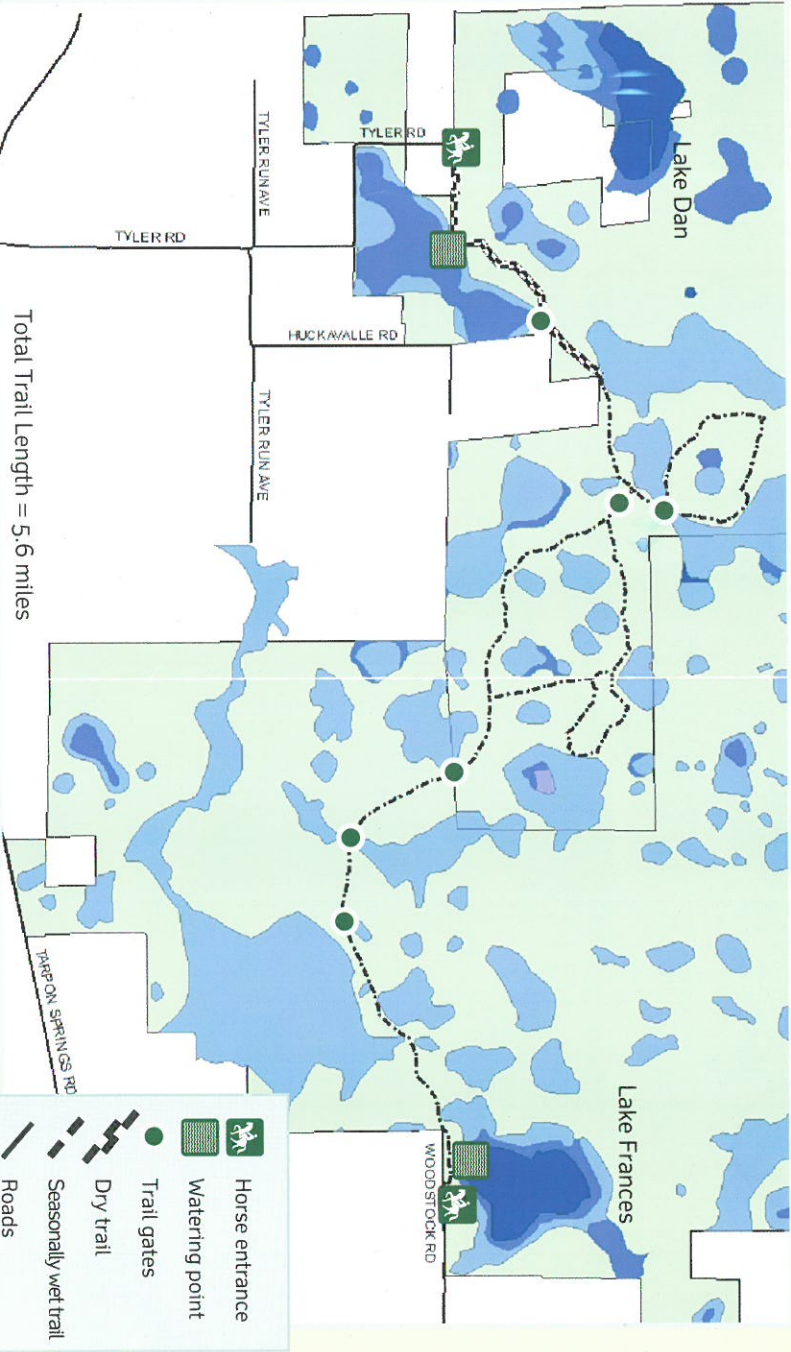


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HORSE TRAIL



PRESERVE RULES:

- Riders must stay on marked trails
- Garbage must be carried out
- Dogs must be on hand-held leashes
- Unauthorized vehicles and bikes are prohibited
- Swimming, hunting, digging, fires, or overnight camping is not allowed
- Horses must be thoroughly broken and properly restrained
- Horses must not be allowed to stray unattended
- All riders must carry proof of a negative Coggins test
- All plants and animals are protected
- Riders under age 16 must wear a helmet
- There is an active cattle lease on both preserves. Harassment of cattle is strictly prohibited. Cattle are excluded from most of the areas horses are allowed, but the trail does cross the cattle area. Where this occurs you will encounter gates which are kept closed but not locked. These gates must be closed after you pass through.

There are no restroom facilities on the preserve.

Hillsborough County Ordinance 08-17, as amended, is in effect.

SAFETY GUIDELINES:

- Bring a compass
- Drink plenty of water
- Wear insect repellent and sunscreen
- Much of the trail is not shaded, so take care not to let horses overheat. Watering points are limited and subject to seasonal changes.
- Leave a plan with family and friends letting them know where you will be and what time you expect to return.
- Hikers are permitted on all trails.



- Lake Dan entrance:
19136-B Tyler Road
Odessa, FL 33556
- Lake Frances entrance:
10339 Woodstock Road
Odessa, FL 33556

• Preserve hours: sunrise to sunset unless otherwise posted