

RESTORATION AREA

Sunnyhill

TRAIL GUIDE



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.

Many District lands are wildlife management areas where hunting occurs. Please check for hunting dates and areas before using trails.

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). Equestrian users, 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 pets on a leash.

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.

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

To inform the public of recreational and educational opportunities, the District erects entrance signs and informational kiosks. The District also publishes a free brochure with recreational information and publishes an online Recreation Guide to District Lands that includes property descriptions, maps and driving directions to each property. The online version of the guide is available at floridaswater.com/recreationguide.

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The majority of the land the District has purchased 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. A small portion of some properties may be closed due to ongoing construction or conservation projects.

Over the years, most of the funding for land purchases has come from Florida's Save Our Rivers and Preservation 2000 programs established by the Legislature. Beginning in 2000, land was purchased through the Florida Forever program, which had also funded environmental restoration and water resource development.

The District has selected land for purchase based on the potential for preserving, restoring, enhancing or developing water resources in its 18-county region. Potential land purchases have been prioritized and evaluated based on benefits for protecting floodplains, sensitive wetlands and groundwater recharge areas.

PUBLIC LAND

CAMPING

Campsites are first come, first served, up to four tent sites with no more than six per tent site unless designated as a group campsite (tent symbol with dots around it on the map). Group campsites are used by reservation only. Use the fire rings at the campsite; ground fires are prohibited at other locations. 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.)





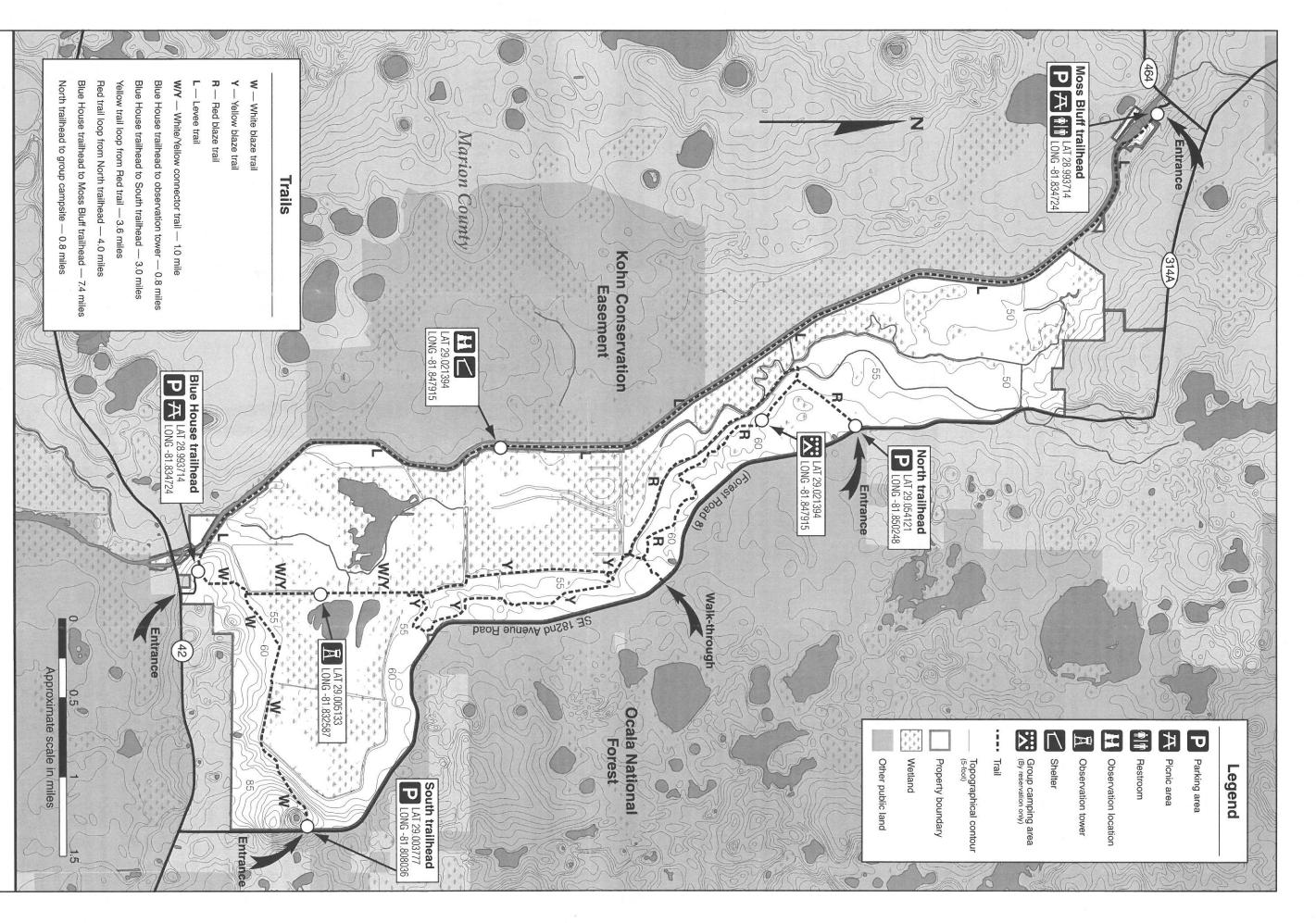
The majority of lands owned and/or managed by the St. Johns River Water Management District use existing roads or fire lines, maintained primarily for land management activities, as trails. Maintenance activities (e.g., harrowing fire lines) will temporarily cause the surface of these areas to be uneven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







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Trail Map