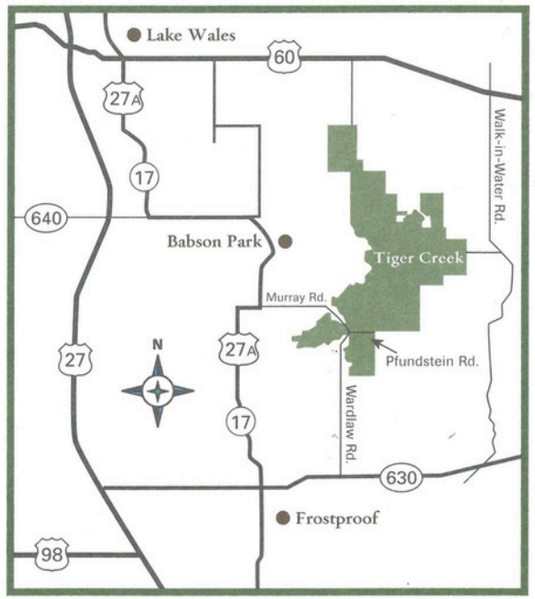


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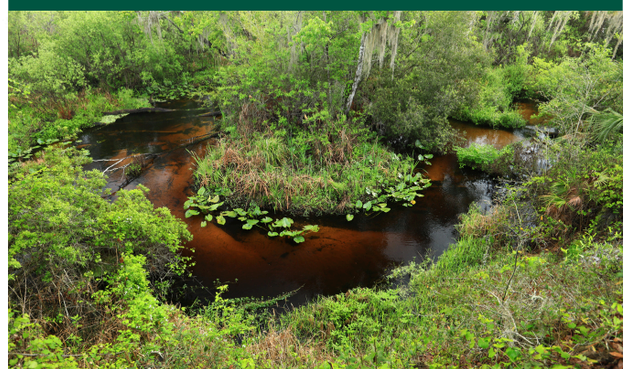
Know Before You Go:

All trailheads are remote and have crushed tile, sand or grass parking lots. There are no public restrooms, trash cans, or other amenities available.

Our Other Power-Driven Mobility Device Assessment is available on our website and at trailheads. Please contact the office using the information above for more information about accessibility or to schedule an appointment to use our all-terrain wheelchair (on certain trails), provided by *Removing the Barriers*.

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Tiger Creek Preserve



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Trail Guide

Welcome to Tiger Creek Preserve, a 4,980-acre ancient Florida sanctuary owned and operated by The Nature Conservancy.

The Nature Conservancy has been working since 1951 to protect the lands and waters on which all life depends.

Thanks to dedicated community members like you, The Nature Conservancy is protecting important habitats for our endangered, rare and endemic species on the Lake Wales Ridge and around the world.

Trail Descriptions

Wakeford Trailhead, Lake Wales, FL

Surface Type: Mostly sand with some narrow wooden bridge crossings.

Typical and Minimum Width: 3ft, 2ft

Obstacles: Uneven terrain, tree roots and long stretches of full sun. Animal activity may damage trails. Seasonal flooding may occur.

Palmetto Path & Sugar Sand Trail

Sugar Sand trail features deeper sand compared to easier Palmetto Path. Both trails end with a short but steep, railed descent to a bridge crossing Tiger Creek.
Length: 1-mile round trip (out & back)
Typical and Maximum Slope: 4.6%, 27.5%
and Cross Slope: 2%, 5.4%

Creek Bluffs Loop

Benches scattered on this trail invite you to pause and enjoy pristine sandhill and dramatic bluffs overlooking Tiger Creek.
Length: 1.6-mile loop
2.6 miles r*ound trip from trailhead*
Typical and Maximum Slope: 4.8%, 20.8%
and Cross Slope: 3.3%, 10.2%

Highlands Loop

This long scenic trail crosses rolling sandy ridges and low valleys. Enjoy a scenic break on a shaded platform.
Length: 4.5-mile loop
Round trip: 7.1 miles from Wakeford; 8.3 miles from Pfundstein trailhead
Typical and Maximum Slope: 4.4%, 15.5%
and Cross Slope: 3.3%, 16.3%

Trail Descriptions

Pfundstein Trailheads, Babson Park, FL

Surface Type: Mostly sand and some dirt and grassy sections.
Obstacles: Uneven terrain, tree roots and long stretches of full sun. Animal activity may damage trails. Seasonal flooding may occur.

George Cooley Trail

Park on the side of Pfundstein Road to explore this hidden gem. Enjoy short spur trails along the loop to discover diverse habitats and Patrick Creek.
Length: 0.6-mile loop
Typical and Minimum Width: 1.5ft, 0.5ft
Typical and Maximum Slope: 3.4%, 12.3%
and Cross Slope: 3.5%, 10%

Pfundstein Trail

Check out unique features like patches of cutthroat grass, a woodpecker motel and a shaded bayhead. Parking for trailhead found before the office gate on the right.
Length: 3.8-miles round trip (out & back)
Typical and Minimum Width: 4ft, 2ft
Typical and Maximum Slope: 4.1%, 13.3%
and Cross Slope: 2.8%, 16.3%

Heron Pond Loop

Traverse across sandhill and oak hammocks as you meander around a wetland. Discover a shaded platform, on a wetland edge, found off a short spur trail.
Length: 1.2-mile loop
5 miles round trip from trailhead
Typical and Minimum Width: 3ft, 2ft
Typical and Maximum Slope: 5.2%, 14.1%
and Cross Slope: 4.1%, 17.5%

About Us

Tiger Creek Preserve is a campus preserve for The Nature Conservancy's Center for Conservation Initiatives (CCI).

The mission of CCI is to advance conservation knowledge and action through focused education, outreach, science and stewardship and inspire the next generation of conservationists, communities, scientists and leaders.

Join us at one of our CCI Preserves in Florida



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1. Apalachicola Bluffs & Ravines Preserve
2. Disney Wilderness Preserve
3. Tiger Creek Preserve
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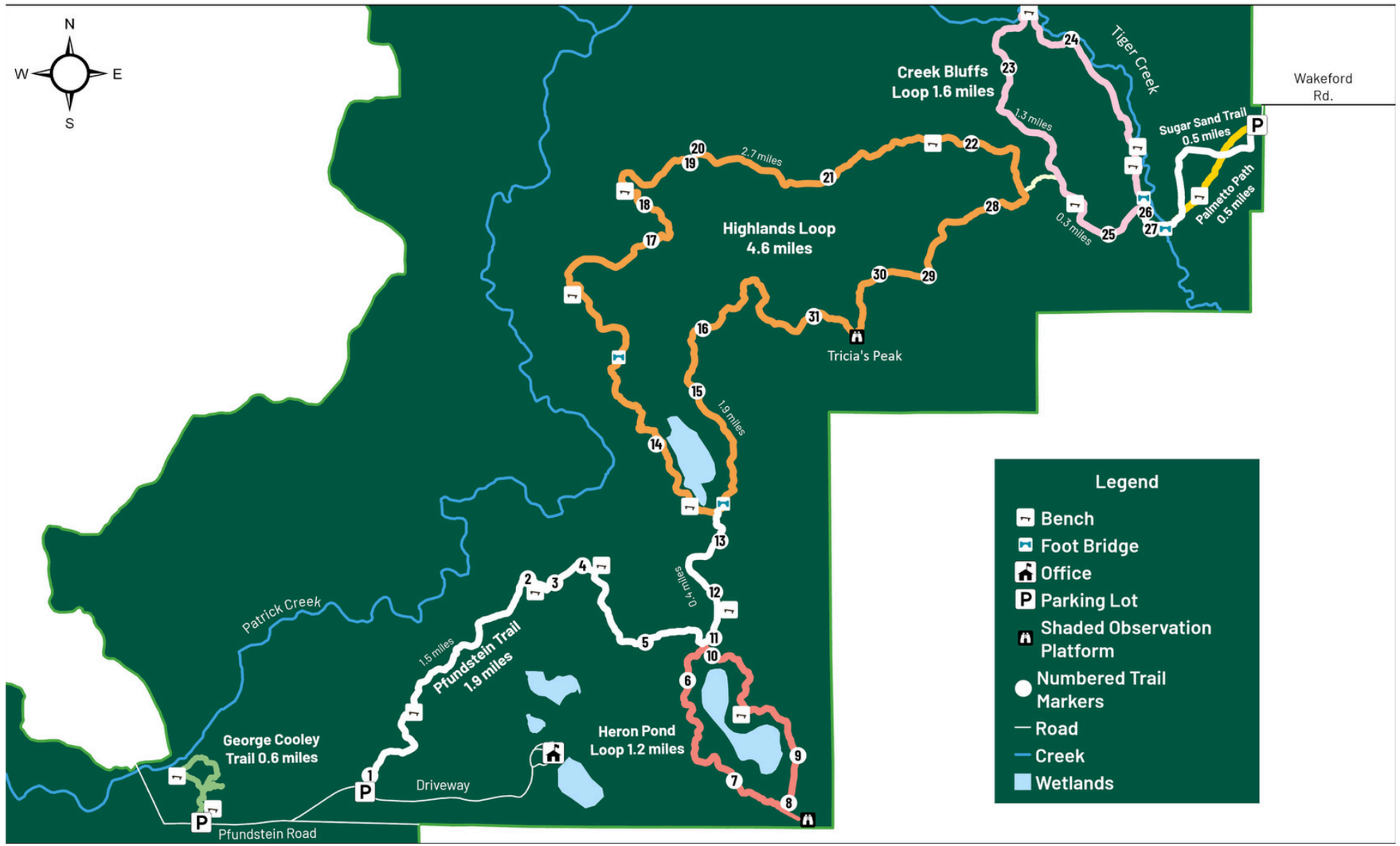
Get Involved

Join us for a guided program or to support our mission by visiting our website at www.nature.org/cci

In Case of an Emergency

In the case of an emergency please call 911. For non-emergencies please reach out to our office phone number 863-635-7506 for information.

Tiger Creek Preserve Trail Map



PRESERVE RULES

- **Follow trail blazes.** Stay on established trails. Do not attempt to navigate service roads or go off trail.
- **Hiking only.** No bikes, drones, fishing, hunting, swimming or pets (service animals welcome).
- **Preserve the peace.** Be considerate of all living things, including our guests, plants and animals.
- **Leave no trace.** Please carry out what you carry in. Leave all plants and animals untouched in nature.