

Preserve Rules

"Take nothing but pictures, leave nothing but footprints, kill nothing but time."

- ♦ Trails are open from sunrise to sunset 365 days a year.
- ♦ Pack out what you pack in.
- ♦ Trails are for cyclists, equestrians and hikers only.
- ♦ Trails are multi-use. Cyclists must yield to hikers and equestrians.
- ♦ Preserve visitors may not establish new trails.
- ♦ Help prevent erosion by staying on the trails.
- ♦ Collecting plants, animals, artifacts or fossils is prohibited.
- ♦ No taking, harassing, or killing of wildlife without written permission from Alachua County.
- ♦ Leashed dogs are allowed on trails provided owners pick up after them.

Advice for the Trails

- ♦ Natural areas and wildlife may be hazardous.
- ♦ Stay alert, stay on the established trails, and stay safe.
- ♦ Established trails are marked with blue blazes and signs; other roads and fire-breaks are unmarked.
- ♦ During wet weather trails may be under water.
- ♦ Be prepared for uneven terrain - some trails are maintained as fire-breaks.
- ♦ For your comfort and safety, wear sunscreen and a hat, use insect repellent and carry water.

If you have a disability and need an accommodation in order to participate in a County program, service or public meeting, please contact the Equal Opportunity Office at 352-374-5275 at least 2 business days prior to the event. TDD users, please call 711 (Florida Relay Service).

Partners in Acquisition

The preservation of Phifer Flatwoods Preserve was made possible by the dedication and quick action of Alachua Conservation Trust and its many friends and supporters. In 2005 the land was put up for auction and nearly purchased by a Louisiana developer. Aware of the critical timing in the pending sale, ACT quickly rallied the support of the local community, receiving loans from more than 50 individuals, foundations, and non-profit groups, and gifts from more than 250 households. This valiant group effort raised nearly \$3 million for the initial land purchase. Alachua County purchased Phifer Flatwoods from ACT using Alachua County Forever funds and a Florida Communities Trust Grant, protecting the land for future generations.



Alachua County Forever is a \$29 million dollar, citizen approved bond initiative to acquire, improve and manage environmentally significant lands that is housed within the Alachua County Office of Land Conservation.

Florida Communities Trust is a state land acquisition grant program that provides funding to local governments and eligible non-profit environmental organizations for acquisition of community-based parks, open space and greenways that further outdoor recreation and natural resource protection needs identified in local government comprehensive plans.



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Phifer Flatwoods Preserve

12243 SE County Road 2082
Hawthorne, FL

Trail Map



Slash pines (*Pinus elliottii*)

Trails are open to hikers, bicyclists and equestrians. All of the trails are earthen, with natural vegetation and occasional roots. Portions of the trails are fire breaks which have areas of uneven sand, mud or gravel. All of the trails cross wetlands (shown on map) which may be flooded.

Marsh Trail - 0.6-mile loop trail through pine flatwoods with an observation area on the edge of a marsh. The trail contains small steep hills, and patches of deep sand and gravel.

Overlook Trail - 0.5-mile loop trail through pine flatwoods and hardwood hammock with an elevated overlook in a magnificent cypress swamp. The trail contains mud patches during the rainy season.

Swamp Trail - 1-mile loop trail through pine flatwoods with an observation area on the edge of a swamp. The trail contains small steep hills, and patches of deep sand and gravel.

Turpentine Loop - 1.3-mile loop trail through dense pine plantation and pine flatwoods, dotted with small marshes. The trail contains several wet crossings and patches of deep sand and gravel.

