

CAMPsites



Cabbage Palm Loop Campsite



Homestead Campsite



Windy Sawgrass Campsite

WELCOME CAMPERS

While exploring the reserve's 24,565 acres, visitors can enjoy the sounds and sights of nature by sitting still or exploring the trails. Observe the diverse natural communities, which include dry prairie, pine flatwoods, mesic hammocks and seasonal wetlands. The reserve also has diverse wildlife including wading birds, alligator, deer, bobcat, coyote and wild hogs, as well as a variety of wildflowers.

The reserve has more than 100 miles of hiking trails, including the shorter interpretive 1-mile Orange Trail, the 2-mile Green Trail, and the 3-mile Red Trail. The 12-mile long Myakka Island Wilderness Trail connects the reserve to Myakka River State Park. Most trail intersections are marked with blue numbered trail markers. Maps are available at the interpretive kiosk in the main parking area.

Reservations and camping permits are required for all campsites.

Fees: Adults are \$5 per person per night with a \$10 minimum. Organized youth groups and children 17 and under are \$2 per person per night with a \$12 minimum. Applicable taxes apply.

PLEASE REMEMBER

All plants and animals are protected. Leave only footprints and take only photos.

During the summer rainy season, many trails may be flooded.

Backcountry Camping Etiquette

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Dispose of waste properly.
3. Leave what you find.
4. Minimize campfire impacts.
5. Respect all wildlife.
6. Be considerate of other hikers and campers.



Leave no trace refers to a set of outdoor ethics promoting conservation.

DIRECTIONS TO PARK

1800 Mabry Carlton Parkway, Venice

Take I-75 to exit 193. Head north on Jacaranda Boulevard for 0.9 mile then head east on Border Road for 2.6 miles. Go north on Mabry Carlton Parkway for 0.4 mile.

HOURS

6 a.m. to sunset

In case of an emergency, please dial 911.

For more information or to make reservations, call 311 or 941-861-PARK (7275).

To find out more about T. Mabry Carlton, Jr. Memorial Reserve and other natural area parks and preserves, visit scgov.net/parks.

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The Cabbage Palm Loop Campsites

Visitors can enjoy primitive tent camping in a shady cabbage palm and oak hammock.

- Camp capacity: Four campsites, with a maximum of two tents and six people at each site.
- Reservations can be made for primitive tent camping. Site check-in is after 2 p.m. with site checkout no later than 1 p.m. on day of checkout.
- Amenities include picnic tables and barbeque grills. Parking, restrooms, Carlton Visitors Cabin, picnic pavilion and multi-use and primitive trails are located nearby.

The Homestead Campsite

Visitors can enjoy remote backcountry tent camping in pine, oak and cabbage palm mixed forest near the state designated Wild and Scenic Myakka River. The campsite is accessible by hiking

or bicycling approximately 4 miles into the camp, or by canoeing or kayaking on the Myakka River. The nearest public canoe/kayak launch is located off Border Road approximately 3.6 miles downstream of the Homestead Camp.

- Camp capacity: Six tents, 12 people.
- Reservations can be made for individual or group primitive tent camping. Check-in is available after 3 p.m. with site checkout no later than 1 p.m. on day of checkout.
- Amenities include picnic tables, benches and a fire ring. The site is approximately 4 miles from the park entrance.

The Windy Sawgrass Campsite

Visitors can enjoy the rustic bunkhouse, cook shack and horse stables that were part of an original cow camp that has existed since the 1930s.

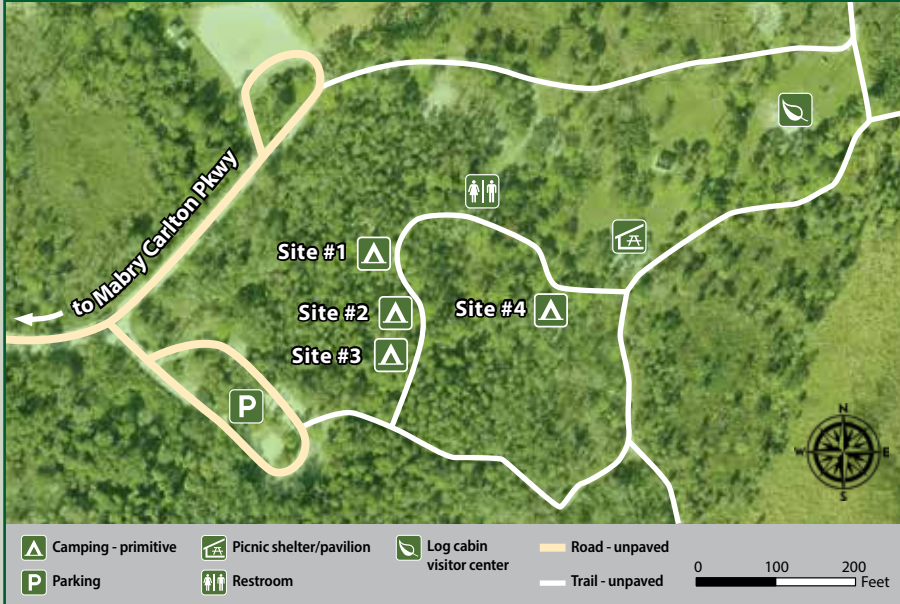
- Camp capacity: 12 tents, 12 people
- Reservations can be made for individual or group primitive tent camping. Site check-in is after 1 p.m. with site checkout no later than 1 p.m. on day of checkout.

- Amenities include picnic tables, benches and a fire ring. A rustic bunkhouse is available if you don't want to pitch a tent. There are also stables for horse campers and a windmill with a horse watering trough on-site. No potable water or restrooms are available at this site. The site is approximately 7 miles from the park entrance.

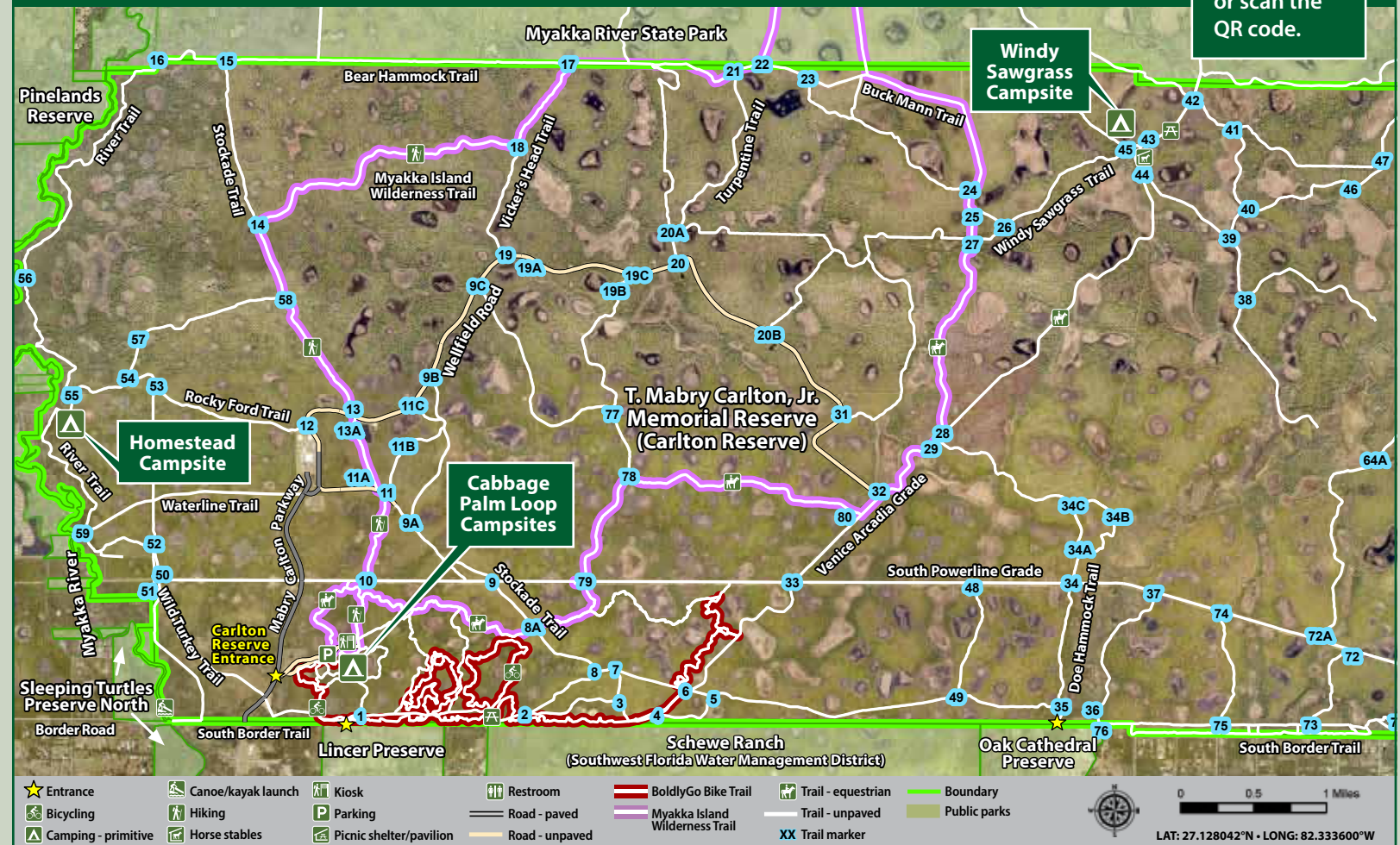


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