

A Guide to Formerly Mined Public Parks in West Central Florida



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It might surprise you to know that some of your favorite Florida parks were utilized to help feed the world before they became home to activities like kayaking, biking and running. These sites were mined from the 1950s through 2004 and represent a mixture of unique landscapes from past mining and modern reclamation methods.

Since 1975, the state of Florida has required the phosphate industry to return every acre of land it mines back to productive uses through a process called reclamation.

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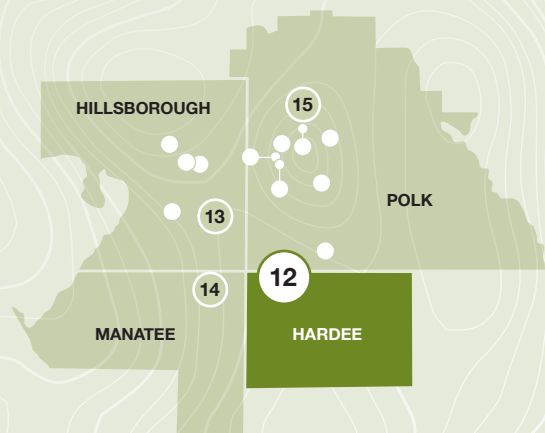




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Hardee Lakes Park

5502 Ollie Roberts Road, Bowling Green



Hardee Lakes Park is a 1,260-acre site that opened to the public in 2001 after being reclaimed and donated to Hardee County for public use. As part of a Fish Management Area, its four lakes are managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and are open for bank and boat fishing. Hardee Lakes Park is part of the Florida Fishing Trail, also in Hardee County.

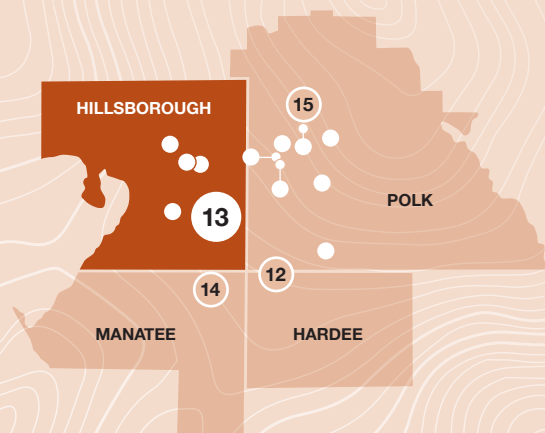
PARK FEATURES

- Bank and boat fishing
- Camping
- Hiking trails
- Picnic facilities
- Boardwalk
- Observation tower
- 2-miles conservation easement of reclaimed forested wetlands

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Alafia River State Park

14326 S. County Road 39, Lithia



Alafia River State Park was donated to the state of Florida in 1996 and opened to the public in 1998. The former mining land has unique topography complete with hardwood forests, pine flatwoods, rolling hills and a multitude of wildlife. At 6,260 acres, much of this land was mined before reclamation was necessary, leaving hills and valleys intact and providing a unique opportunity for some of the best dirt biking in the Tampa Bay region.

PARK FEATURES

- 20 miles of hiking and horseback riding trails
- 17 miles of bike trails
- Canoeing
- Camping
- Fishing
- Horseshoe pit and volleyball court
- Playground
- Picnic pavilion



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14 Bunker Hill Community Park

35600 St. Road 62, Duette

Draglines mined this land in 2004. Less than a decade later, this 75-acre park welcomes families from near and far. The land was reclaimed and built by The Mosaic Company and deeded to Manatee County in 2011. For access to the 19-acre lake, the park includes an ADA accessible canoe launch and a dock for fishing.

PARK FEATURES

- Baseball and soccer fields
- Open play field
- Canoeing and kayaking
- Fishing pier
- Picnic pavilion
- Hiking trail
- Playground

15 Tenoroc Fish Management Area

3829 Tenoroc Mine Road, Lakeland

The Tenoroc Fish Management Area is an 8,329-acre park forming a continuous linkage of lakes and marshes, open grasslands and wooded hills between the Green Swamp and the Peace River. Its habitats, managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, contribute clean water to the Peace River, creating an important refuge for the area's wildlife.

PARK FEATURES

- Birdwatching
- Horseback riding
- Hunting and fishing
- Boating
- Paddling
- 10+ miles of hiking trails
- Sports shooting center

Visit them all

1 Balm Boyette Scrub Preserve Mountain Bike Trail

13998 Balm-Boyette Rd., Lithia

2 Christina Park

625 W. CR 540-A, Lakeland

3 Curtis Peterson Park

3700 Cleveland Heights Blvd., Lakeland

4 Dover District Park

2920 N. Gallagher Rd., Dover

5 Edward Medard Park

5726 Panther Loop, Plant City

6 Hillsborough County Fairgrounds

217 Sydney Washer Rd., Dover

7 Loyce E. Harpe Park

500 W. Carter Rd. #1, Mulberry

8 Mary Holland Park

2815 Shumate Dr., Bartow

9 Mosaic Fish Management Area

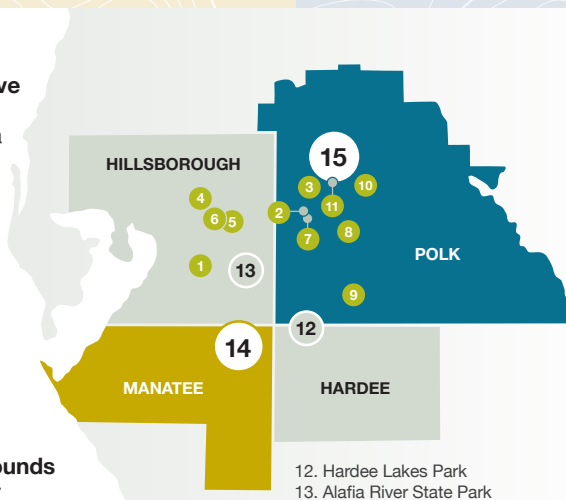
3900 Peebles Rd., Fort Meade

10 Saddle Creek Park

3716 Morgan Combee Rd., Lakeland

11 Sanlan Ranch Campground

3929 Highway 98 S., Lakeland



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