

Enjoy Your Visit

Tiger Creek Preserve is open to the public every day during daylight hours for wildlife study and hiking. Hiking trails are located on the southern end of the preserve. More detailed trail information is contained inside this brochure.

For more information, call The Nature Conservancy's Lake Wales Ridge program office at (863) 635-7506.

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Trail Guide



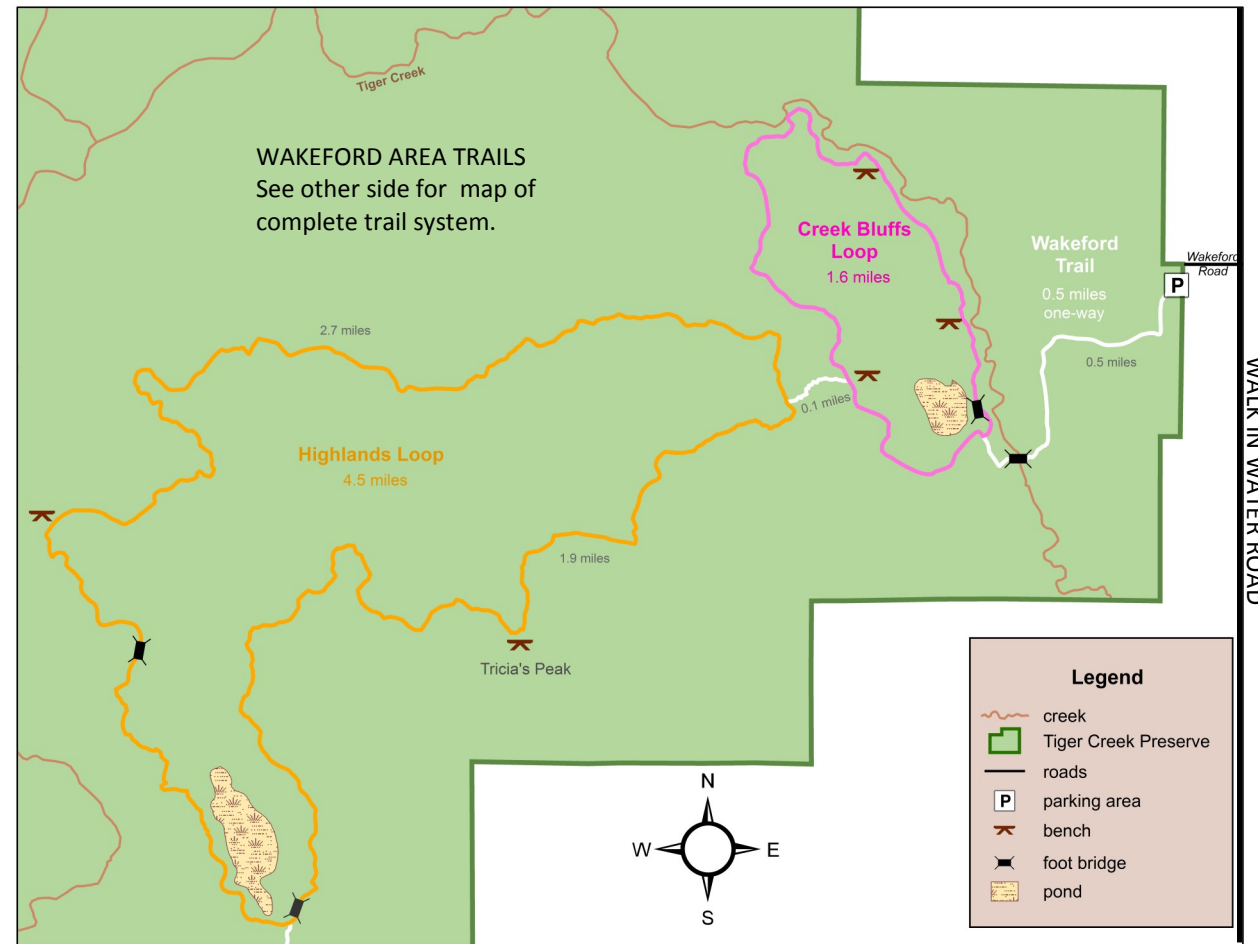
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Tiger Creek Preserve

Part of Florida's Ancient Islands

The Nature Conservancy is the world's leading private conservation organization. Since 1951 we've worked with communities, businesses and people like you to protect more than 119 million acres worldwide.

In 1971, The Nature Conservancy joined with the local community to protect Tiger Creek and its surrounding uplands. Today, The Nature Conservancy owns and manages the 5,000-acre Tiger Creek Preserve.



Natural Features

Tiger Creek is a high-quality blackwater seepage stream—so called because it drains wetlands, and the vegetation that falls into the creek colors the water. There are only two or three high-quality streams like it remaining on the Lake Wales Ridge. The preserve protects various Florida habitat—hardwood swamps and hammocks, scrubby—and pine—flatwoods and sandhills—and rare animals and plants including swallow-tail kites, bald eagles, gopher tortoises, Lewton's polygala and Carter's mustard.

Tips for Navigating Trails

- ◆ **Look** for blazes! Always look ahead for the next paint blaze. If you don't see a blaze soon, retrace your steps until you find the last one.
- ◆ Each **trail** is blazed with a different color paint. Refer to the color guide on the map.
- ◆ The trails may change directly abruptly. Notice **double blazes!** They indicate that the trail changes direction. Pay Attention!
- ◆ **Don't** try to navigate your way on the Preserve service roads. (They rarely go where you think they should.)
- ◆ If you get **lost**, call 863-443-0630 or 863-443-4716
- ◆ During the rainy season, parts of trails may be under water.

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Pfundstein Trail

This trail is the gateway to all the loop trails. As a short hike it provides a nice introduction to the preserve. This is a good hike for beginners.

Patrick Creek Loop Trail

Currently closed beyond the footbridge over Patrick Creek due to high water.

Heron Pond Loop Trail

The trail around Heron Pond provides wildlife watching opportunities and scenic views from ridge tops; 4.2 miles roundtrip from Pfundstein parking area.

Highlands Loop Trail

This scenic trail crosses hill and swale topography that creates a diversity of habitats to enjoy.

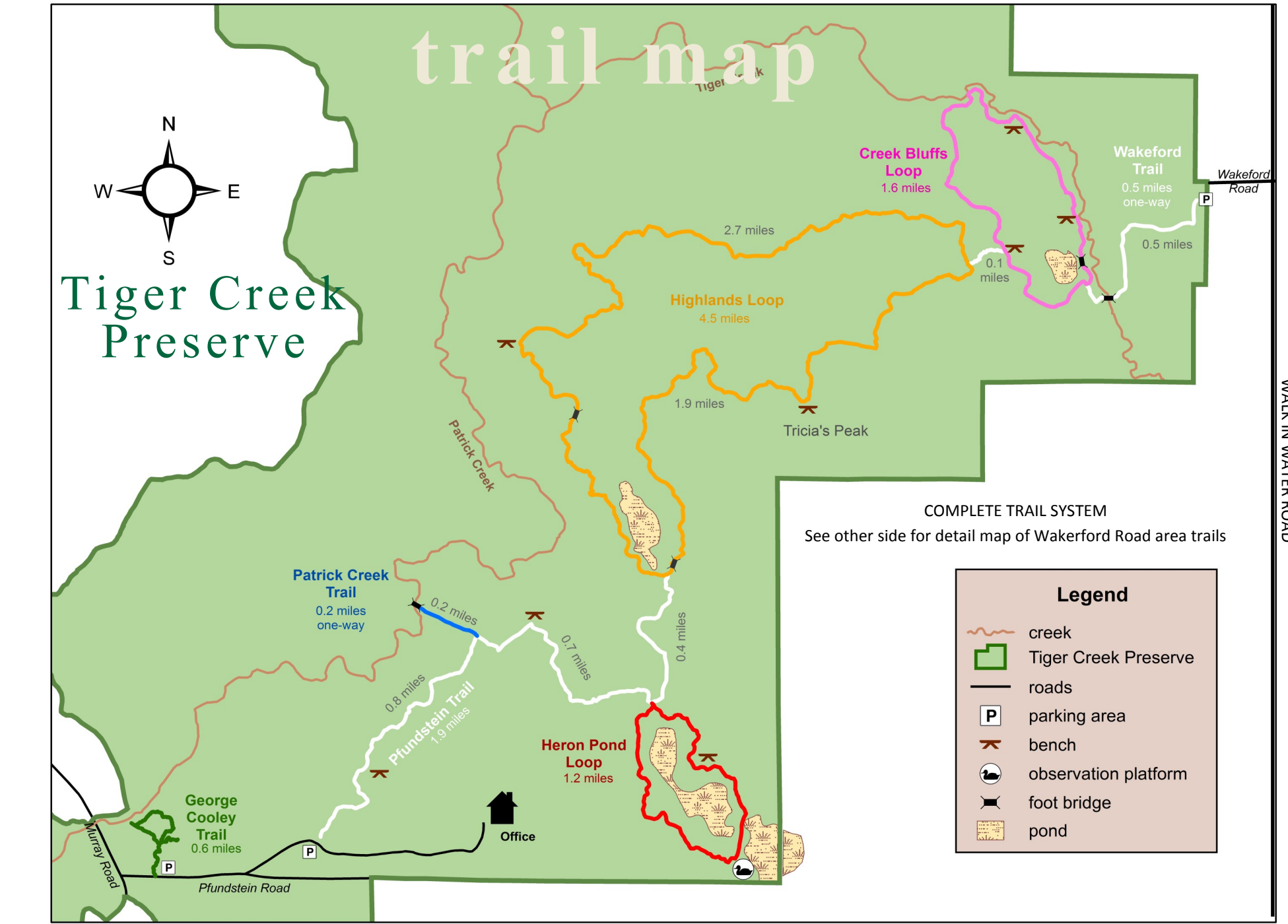
Creek Bluffs Loop Trail

This new loop follows high bluffs along Tiger Creek and also traverses the highest quality longleaf pine sandhill in the preserve; 2.6 miles round trip from Wakeford parking area.

George Cooley Trail

Access from Pfundstein Road

The well-marked half-mile trail is an easy 30—minute hike through a variety of natural habitats.



As a visitor to Tiger Creek Preserve, please observe the following guidelines:

- Remain on established trails
- Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance
- Please carry out what you carry in
- Preserve the peace, be considerate of others