

Enjoy Your Visit

Tiger Creek Preserve is open to the public every day during daylight hours for wildlife study and hiking. Hiking trail heads are located on Pfundstein road and Wakeford road. More detailed trail information is contained inside this brochure.

For more information call the Nature Conservancy's Tiger Creek Preserve office at (863) 635-7506.

674 Pfundstein Road
Babson Park FL 33827

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Our mission is to conserve the lands and waters on which all life depends.

Trail Guide



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Tiger Creek Preserve

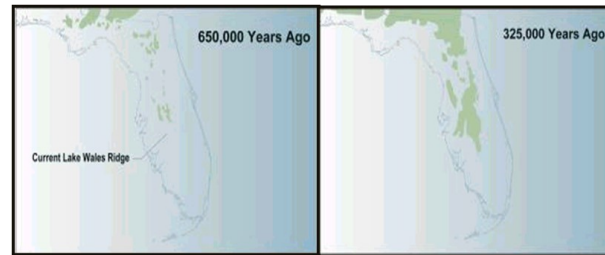
Part of Florida's Ancient Islands

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.

The Ancient Islands of Florida

Tiger Creek Preserve is part of the Lake Wales Ridge, also known as the oldest and highest landmasses in Florida. Because of this, there are 15 rare plants and animals found nowhere else in the world!



Why do we burn?

Since 1987, our team has conducted prescribed burns to improve native habitat. Controlled fire helps maintain a healthy ecosystem by recycling nutrients, opening the canopy, and preventing major wildfires.



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.



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

The Center for Conservation Initiatives mission 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.

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CCI Campus Preserves

1. Apalachicola Bluffs & Ravines Preserve
2. Disney Wilderness Preserve
3. Tiger Creek Preserve
4. Blowing Rocks Preserve

VOLUNTEER WITH US

Volunteers in Florida play a key role in the Center for Conservation Initiatives as educators, researchers, and stewards. Volunteers act to increase capacity by: becoming preserve ambassadors, monitoring rare species, controlling invasive species, helping with trail maintenance, and much more!

Check out: nature.org/tigercreek to learn more about volunteering

Trail Guide

Wakeford Trail

This 0.5 mile trail is the quickest way to see our blackwater seepage stream Tiger Creek. Keep going to hike Creek Bluffs Loop or Highlands Loop. Enter at 8339 Wakeford Rd

Creek Bluffs Loop Trail

This 2.6 mile loop follows high bluffs along Tiger Creek and also traverses the highest quality longleaf pine sandhill habitat. Enter from the Wakeford trail head.

Highlands Loop Trail

This long scenic trail crosses hill and swale topography that creates a diversity of habitats to enjoy. Enter from Pfundstein or Wakeford. This trail is for experienced hikers.

Pfundstein Trail

This 2 mile trail is the gateway to the Heron Pond Loop and Creek Bluffs Loop. Enter from Pfundstein parking area.

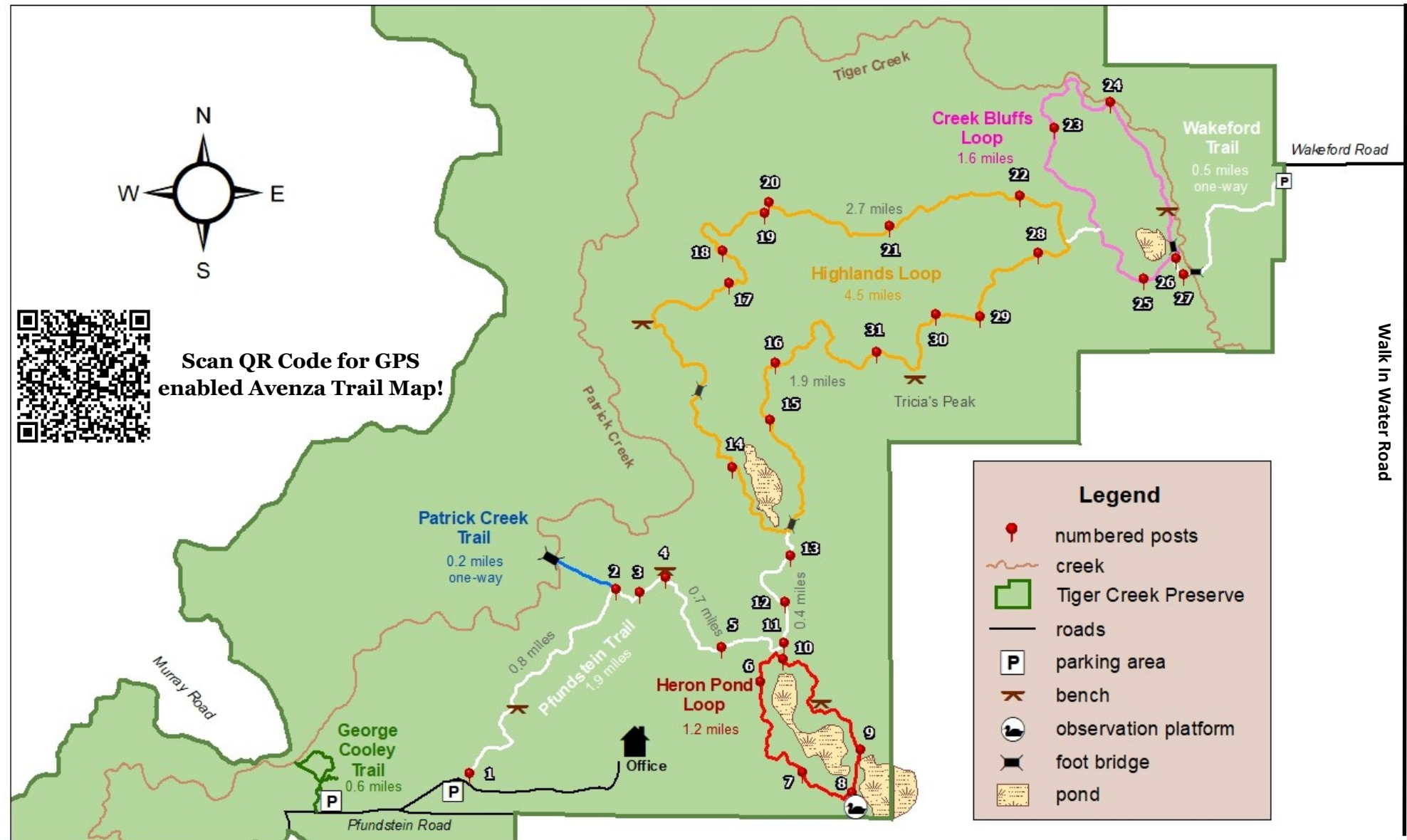
Heron Pond Loop Trail

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

George Cooley Trail

The well-marked half-mile trail is an easy 30-minute hike through a variety of natural habitats, Parking found on Pfundstein Rd, separate from other trail parking.

Tiger Creek Preserve Trail Map



PRESERVE RULES:

- Remain on established trails
- Enjoy wildlife from a safe distance
- Please carry out what you carry in
- Preserve the peace, be considerate of others
- Hiking only: no pets, bikes, drones.
- Look out for trail blazes
- Stay off of service roads
- Do not navigate flooded trails
- **IF LOST CALL: 863-443-0630**
- **HAVE FUN!**