

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 pedestrians only.
- ◆ Help prevent erosion by staying on the trails.
- ◆ Leashed dogs are allowed on trails provided owners pick up after them.
- ◆ Collecting plants, animals, artifacts or fossils is prohibited. No taking, harassing, or killing of wildlife without written permission from Alachua County

ADVICE FOR THE TRAILS

- ◆ During wet weather trails may be under water.
- ◆ Be prepared for rough or soft trails – some roadways are utilized for fire breaks and are periodically harrowed.
- ◆ For your comfort and safety, wear sunscreen or 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)

ABOUT ALACHUA COUNTY FOREVER AND FLORIDA COMMUNITIES TRUST

The 1,230 acre Mill Creek Preserve was purchased in 2002 by Alachua County with funding from the Alachua County Forever Bond and a Florida Communities Trust Grant. The preserve was acquired to protect, preserve and enhance the unique natural and cultural resources found on the property and to provide an enjoyable and educational passive recreational experience. Mill Creek Preserve was the first property acquired under Alachua County Forever.



Alachua County Forever

is a land conservation program that protects environmentally significant lands. Acquisition of Mill Creek Preserve was funded through a \$29 million, citizen approved bond initiative. Alachua County Forever funding has since continued through the Wild Spaces and Public Places sales tax initiatives passed by voters in 2008, and again in 2016. The program is housed within the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department, 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.



ALACHUA COUNTY

Environmental Protection Department Office of Land Conservation

408 W. University Avenue, Suite 106
Gainesville, FL 32601

Phone: 352-264-6868

E-mail: landconservation@alachuacounty.us

Web: <http://www.alachuacountyforever.us>



MILL CREEK PRESERVE

14505 NW COUNTY RD. 236
ALACHUA, FL 32615

TRAIL MAP



Mill Creek Preserve



Marsh Trail – Rating: Easy. This 0.6 mile trail features views of pine plantation that will be restored to pine flatwoods and a seasonally flooded grassy marsh. Allow 30 minutes for a relaxed walk.

Shortcut Trail –

Utilizing the shortcut trail removes one half mile from West Trail/Hammock Trail, and still allows the walker to experience many of the same natural communities.

Rating: Easy to Moderate. Along this 1.4 mile trail you walk along a portion of Old Providence Road/Fort Call Road, an historic road that early residents of the county used. You will see Townsend Branch Creek, pinelands, swamp and hardwood forests with American beech trees. The trail narrows to a single track as you approach the creek. Allow 1 hour at a relaxed pace.

West Trail/Hammock Trail - Rating: Moderate. This 3.0 mile trail takes the walker through many of the preserve habitats, including pineland, and hammock. The Hammock portion of the trail crosses tributaries of Townsend Branch and in this section you can see American beech trees and many other species. Allow several hours.

Unmarked Service Roads and Firebreaks— You are welcome to walk on service roads and firebreaks. Please note: roads and firebreaks have no directional signs.



Key to Features



Trail Head



American Beech



Wildlife Observation

Marked Trails

Marsh Trail

Hammock Trail

Shortcut

Old Providence Trail

West Trail

Unmarked Roads & Firebreaks

Seasonally Flooded Wetlands

Mill Creek Preserve