

Price's Scrub State Park

Planning Region: North Florida Highlands

County: Marion

Lease/Management Agreement Number: 4425

Overview

Price's Scrub State Park has fourteen natural communities, including scrub, scrubby flatwoods, xeric hammock, upland mixed woodland, and sinkhole lake – all of which are vital elements of regional aquifer recharge. The park's scrub community is one of the northernmost occurrences in peninsular Florida.

Total Acreage: 962.31

Natural Communities	Acres
Baygall	83.85
Basin Marsh	11.41
Depression Marsh	14.98
Dome Swamp	7.77
Mesic Hammock	108.73
Mesic Flatwoods	162.19
Scrub	37.01
Scrubby Flatwoods	190.93
Sinkhole Lake	24.87
Seepage Stream	3.23
Upland Hardwood Forest	150.40
Upland Mixed Woodland	49.83
Wet Flatwoods	8.57
Xeric Hammock	1.21

Altered Land Cover	Acres
Borrow Area	12.85
Canal/Ditch	0.28
Developed	1.45
Successional Hardwood Forest	92.76

Acquisition: Price's Scrub State Park was initially acquired on November 23, 2002, with funds from the Greenways and Trails Florida Forever Program.

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Resource Management Component Objectives

Hydrology

- Assess the park's hydrological restoration needs.
- Restore natural hydrological conditions and functions to approximately 15 acres of baygall, depression marsh, mesic flatwoods, and scrubby flatwoods natural communities.

Natural Communities

- Complete a comprehensive floral and faunal survey and update the park's baseline plant and animal list.
- Within 10 years, have 450 acres of the park maintained within the optimum fire return interval.
- Conduct natural community/habitat restoration activities on 50 acres of upland mixed woodland natural community.
- Conduct natural community/habitat improvement activities on 75 acres of mesic flatwood and scrubby flatwoods natural communities.

Imperiled Species

- Update baseline imperiled species occurrence list.
- Monitor and document three selected imperiled animal species in the park.
- Monitor and document four selected imperiled plant species in the park.

Invasive and Nuisance Species

- Annually treat 42 gross acres of invasive plants.
- Develop and implement measures to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive plants into the park.
- Implement control measures on 1 nuisance and invasive animal species in the park.

Cultural Resources

- Assess and evaluate all recorded cultural resources in the park.
- Compile reliable documentation for all recorded historic and archaeological resources.
- Bring 3 of 22 recorded cultural resources into good condition.

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Land Use Component Objectives

Conceptual Land Use

Entrance/Southside Trailhead

- Construct two new picnic pavilions
- Replace existing portable restroom
- Redesign the parking area

Trail Improvements

- Design a network of trails parkwide
- Include interpretive information at the trailhead and designated points along proposed trails
- Install upgraded wayfinding markers and interpretive signage along nine miles of existing shared-use trail

Optimum Boundary

The optimum boundary includes the Florida Forever Carr Farm project to the northwest. Additional Carr Family parcels have been included to the west of the park. Acquisition of these properties will protect additional natural and cultural resources, provide additional recreation opportunities, provide connectivity for wildlife, and improve park operations and management.