A Guide to Formerly Mined

PUBLIC PARKS

in West Central Florida

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Balm Boyette Scrub Preserve
Mountain Bike Trail
13998 Balm-Boyette Rd., Lithia

Christina Park
625 W. CR 540-A, Lakeland

Curtis Peterson Park
3700 Cleveland Heights Blvd., Lakeland

Dover District Park
2920 N. Gallagher Rd., Dover

Edward Medard Park
5726 Panther Loop, Plant City

Hillsborough County Fairgrounds
217 Sydney Washer Rd., Dover

Loyce E. Harpe Park
500 W. Carter Rd. # 1, Mulberry

Mary Holland Park
2815 Shumate Dr., Bartow

Mosaic Fish Management Area
3900 Peeples Rd., Fort Meade

Mosaic Peace River Park
SR 640 E., Homeland

Saddle Creek Park
3716 Morgan Combee Rd, Lakeland

Sanlan Ranch Campground
3929 Highway 98 S, Lakeland

What was ours for a while is now yours for generations.

Florida’s Bone Valley region is home to phosphate, a precious natural resource that is mined and processed into crop nutrients for farmers in America and throughout the world. While Florida’s phosphate industry has been working with farmers for more than a century, their employees are working here at home to create a legacy for future generations.

Explore these outstanding local and state parks on formerly mined land in Polk, Hillsborough, Hardee and Manatee Counties. For decades, phosphate companies have been partnering with local and state governments to create unique public assets and amenities in these communities. Local residents can fish, camp, bike, jog and play while observing the abundant wildlife that make these areas their home. We invite you to enjoy the natural surroundings and make some memories of your own!
Alafia River State Park
14326 South County Road 39, Lithia
The unique topography of this property, much of which was mined before reclamation was mandatory, offers dramatic elevation changes and some of Florida’s most challenging off-road bicycling trails. The Alafia River State Park, opened to the public in 1998, is home to 17 miles of bike trails and 20 miles of hiking and horseriding trails. Explore mixed hardwood forests, pine flatwoods, rolling hills, and wildlife along the trails. The south prong of the Alafia River and the lakes scattered throughout the park provide abundant opportunities for canoing and fishing. The 6,260-acre park also offers camping, picnic pavilions, a playground, horseshoe pit and volleyball court.

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 by The Mosaic Company and donated to Hardee County for public use. Its four lakes are managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and are open for land- and boat fishing. Picnic facilities, camping, trails and a boardwalk with an observation tower are also available. Mosaic also donated a two-mile conservation easement of reclaimed forestsed wetlands that is part of a regional wildlife corridor and parallels the Payne Creek floodplain.

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, constitute clean water to the Peace River, create an important refuge for wildlife, and serve as a top-notch destination for anglers, birdwatchers, hikers, and horseriders. Tenoroc is one of the gateways to the Great Florida Birding Trail, has hiking trails, fishing platforms, boat-launching facilities, a picnic pavilion, a sports shooting center and more than 10 miles of hiking trails.

Bunker Hill Community Park
35600 St. Rd. 62, Duette
This 75-acre park was mined in 2004, reclaimed and built by The Mosaic Company and deeded to Manatee County in 2011. Bunker Hill Community Park features a baseball field, soccer field, playground, 48-seat picnic pavilion, and a one-mile shell hiking trail. For access to the 19-acre lake, the park includes an ADA accessible canoe launch and a dock for fishing.
Since 1975, Florida law has required that every acre of land mined for phosphate be reclaimed for productive uses. These sites were mined from the 1950's through 2004, and represent a mixture of unique landscapes from past mining and modern reclamation methods.

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