

What is a Mitigation Park?

Environmental mitigation is an attempt to offset the detrimental impacts of development on a certain species or a type of native plant community. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

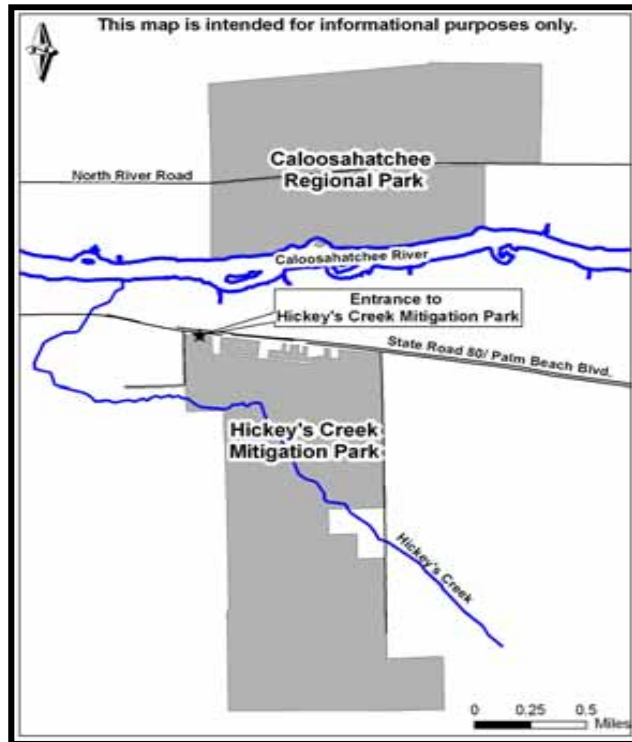
Commission (FWC) implemented the Mitigation Park Program as an alternative to developers mitigating the impacts of their developments on their own lands. Mitigation Parks are an effective way to protect native plant communities and the plants and animals that rely on them. Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park was originally established by the FWC and Lee County to mitigate for gopher tortoise (*Gopherus polyphemus*) habitat destroyed by development in southwest Florida.

About Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park (HCMP):

The acquisition of lands to form HCMP started in 1994. Adding to 10 acres of land already preserved, Lee County's Environmentally Sensitive Lands Program and Florida Communities Trust purchased 770 acres. Five parcels, totaling 82 acres, were acquired through the Conservation 20/20. HCMP was opened to the public on April 20, 2002, making this a natural area for all to enjoy. HCMP encompasses 862 acres of land consisting of pine flatwoods, scrubby flatwoods, freshwater marshes, cypress swamps, hardwood hammocks and oak-palm forests. The Tourist Development Council of Lee County assisted in the funding of waterfront facilities at Hickey's Creek. The creek flows through HCMP for over 1 mile and discharges into the Caloosahatchee River. The terrestrial and aquatic communities within HCMP support a variety of wildlife including gopher tortoises, Florida scrub-jays, Florida panthers, bobcats, eastern indigo snakes, American alligators, river otters and a variety of birds. For more information about HCMP, visit www.leeparks.org. Hickey's Creek is part of The Great Calusa Blueway Paddling Trail (for more information, visit www.calusablueway.com).

Open Daily from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM
Parking fees per vehicle: \$1/hour or \$5/day.
Park Information: 239-694-0398
Parks and Recreation: 239-533-7275

ADA accessibility is available from the parking area to the amphitheater and continues to the fishing pier and creek overlook. The remainder of the trails are primitive and not accessible to strollers. All canoes/ kayaks must be portaged approx. 0.4 mile from the parking area to the launch site.



Lee County Parks: Rules and Regulations

The following are prohibited: alcohol, pets, bicycles, camping and the collection of ANY natural or cultural resources.

This includes (but is not limited to) any plants, animals, shells or artifacts. Fishing is allowed from the fishing pier with the proper license. Lee County Ordinance 06-26 as amended will be strictly enforced.

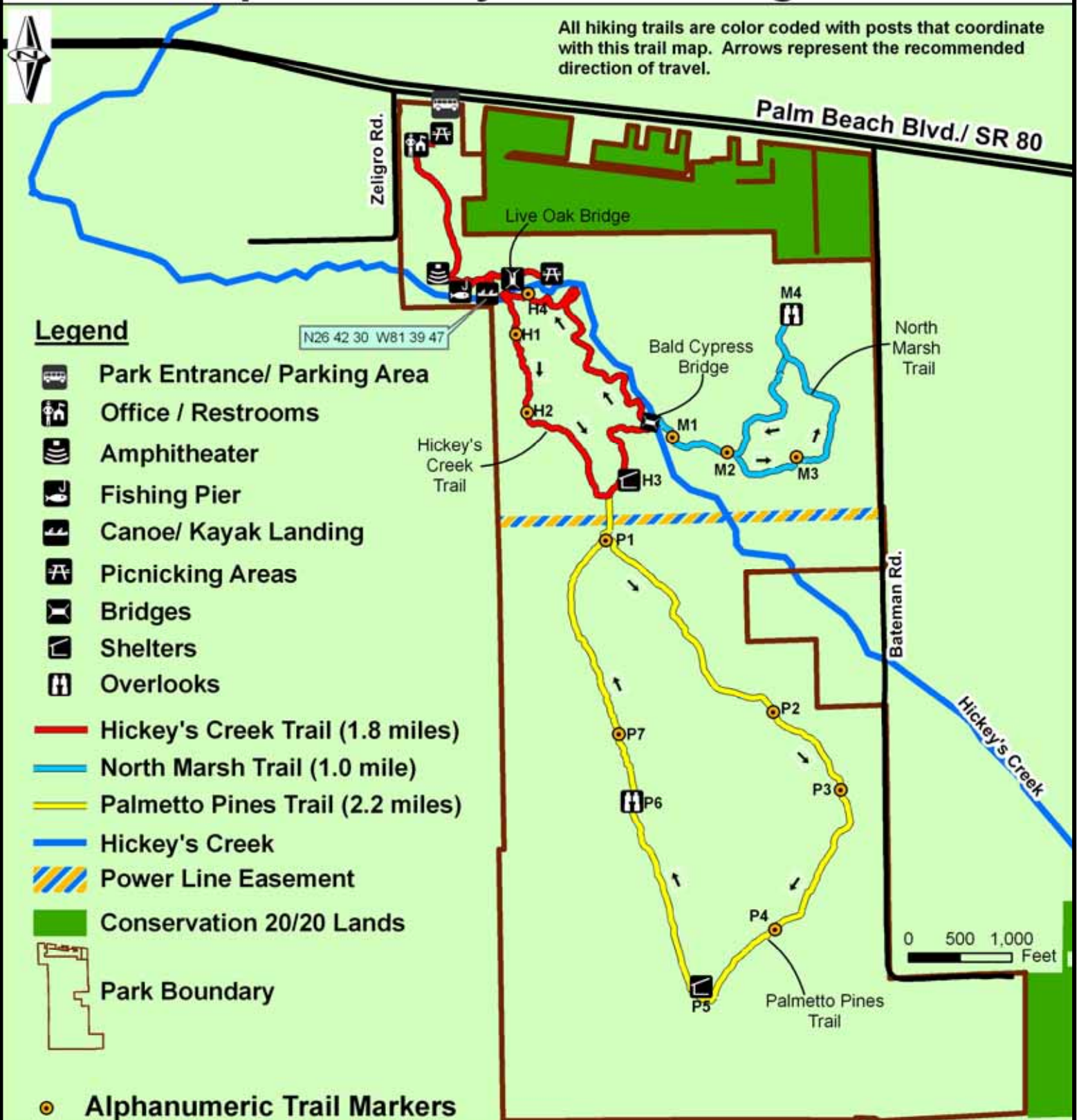


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Trail Map for Hickey's Creek Mitigation Park



Hiking Tips: Sturdy boots, sunscreen, appropriate clothing and an ample supply of water are strongly recommended when hiking our trails. Trails run perpendicular to service roads and fire lanes. PLEASE, stay on the marked trails at all times. During the rainy season, trails may be under water – especially the North Marsh Trail. The arrows on the map represent the suggested path of travel - this will ensure that all color coded posts are always on your right as you hike our trails. Additionally, alphanumeric markers that appear on this map correspond to markers on the trail system. We encourage you to take a mobile phone with you while hiking. Thank you for visiting - enjoy your hike!