

BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE

Our mission is to provide sound stewardship to the County's wild lands and waterways and opportunities for the appreciation of their intrinsic value. The Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners established Brooker Creek Preserve in

early 1990s. Managed by the Environmental Lands Division within the Department of Environmental Management, the Preserve is approximately 8,700 acres making it the largest natural area in Pinellas County. Since its conception, the Preserve has been dedicated to managing natural ecosystems areas for future generations by protecting water resources and enhancing native plant and animal

habitats. Increasing public awareness of natural Florida is accomplished by promoting educational experiences, providing passive recreational opportunities, and restoring native communities and hydrology.

We also offer:

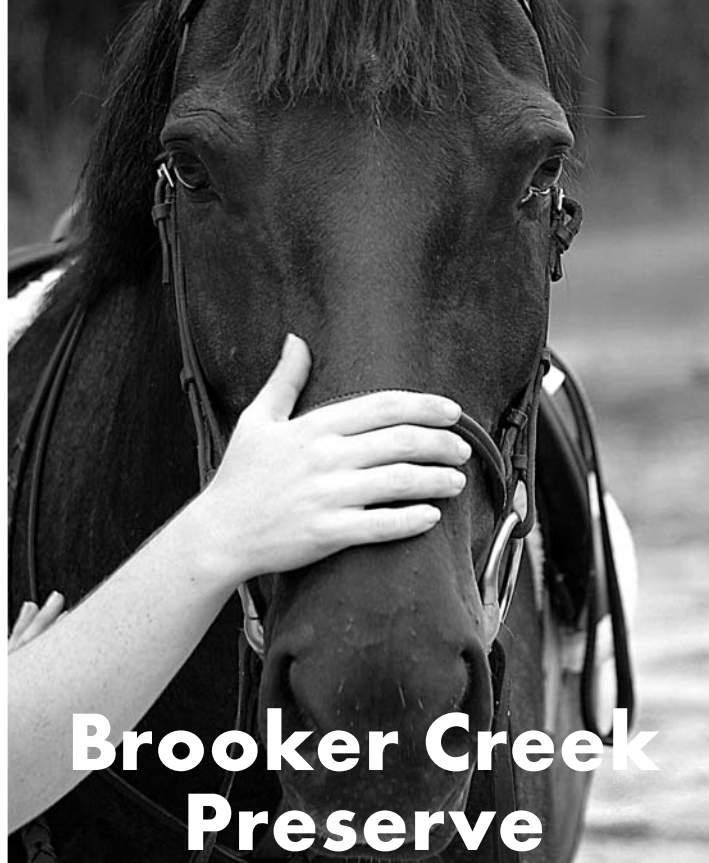
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Environmental Education Center featuring:

- Interactive exhibits
- Hikes – both guided and self-guided
- Workshops and special events
- Resource center and programs
- A nature store
- Picnic facilities
- Call (727) 453-6800 for more information

The Friends Trail

- A 1.75-mile long, self-guided hiking trail
- Open daily, sunrise to sunset
- Call (727) 453-6900 for more information



For additional information, please contact us:
General Information: (727) 453-6900

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Brooker Creek Preserve
3620 Fletch Haven Drive
Tarpon Springs, FL 34688



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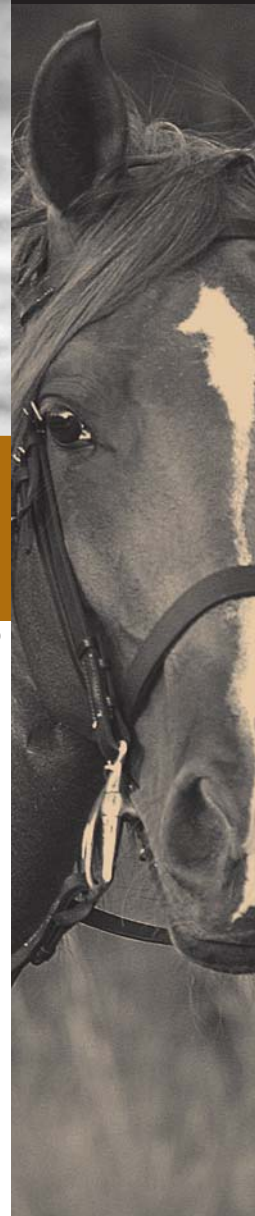
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Horse Trails

At Brooker Creek Preserve, equestrians are offered over 9 miles of trails that meander through pinelands and open fields. Nestled in the northeast corner of Pinellas County, Brooker Creek Preserve provides habitat and protection for numerous species of plants and animals. Other recreational opportunities include various hiking trails, guided tours and a state-of-the-art educational facility. Come experience "Our Wildest Place."



WELCOME TO BROOKER CREEK PRESERVE'S EQUESTRIAN TRAILS

Please help us manage these trails for your enjoyment and the protection of our natural resources.

Please:

- Only horses with riders are allowed.
- Riders must remain on designated trails.
- Remove all trash.
- Under Pinellas County Preserve Ordinance 08-29, all plants and animals are protected.

The following are PROHIBITED:

- Domesticated animals (except horses)
- Unauthorized vehicles, including bicycles, motorcycles, and all-terrain vehicles
- Pedestrians, including hikers and joggers
- Alcoholic beverages
- Glass containers
- Weapons/firearms or fireworks
- Smoking



TRAIL HOURS

Open daily, sunrise to sunset

ABOUT OUR TRAILS

Our equestrian trails are natural paths maintained through periodic mowing. Hitching posts and paddocks are not provided. Water is always a must. Please bring enough for both you and your horse. Sunscreen, a hat, and insect repellent are suggested.

RIDERS – PLEASE NOTE

Under Florida law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities.

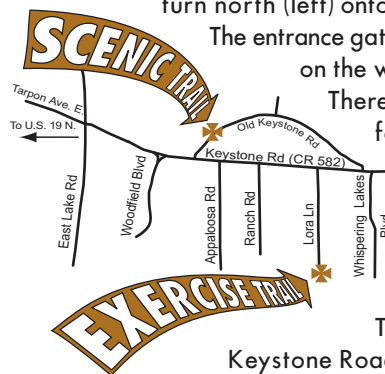
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DIRECTIONS

To the Scenic Horse Trail – Take East Lake Road and turn east onto Keystone Road. Continue east and turn north (left) onto Old Keystone Road.

The entrance gate to the trail is located on the west side of the road.

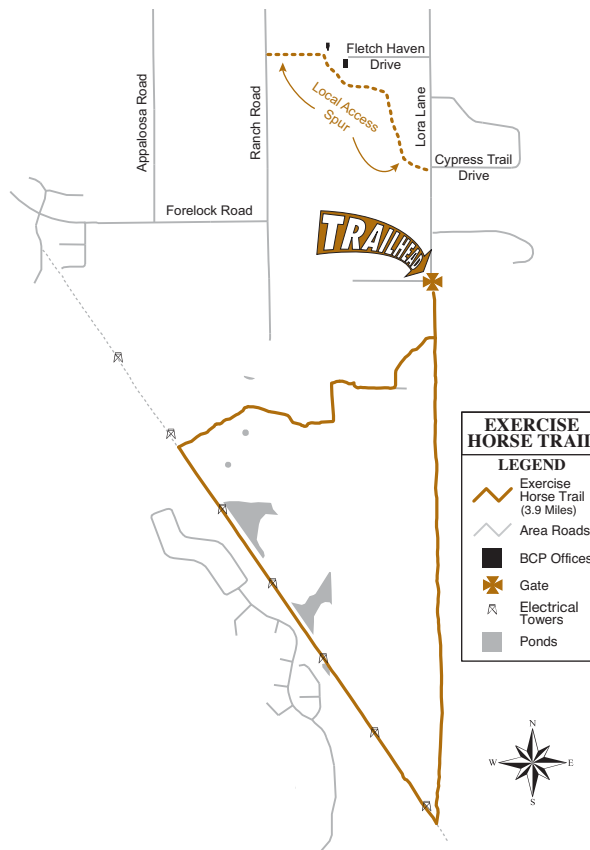
There is plenty of space for parking your vehicle and horse trailer at the trailhead.



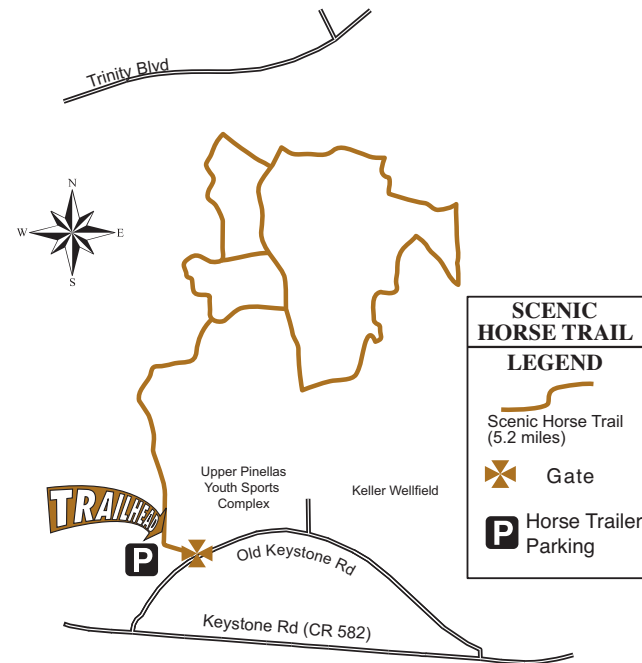
To the Exercise Horse Trail –

Take East Lake Road to Keystone Road and turn east. Follow Keystone Road and turn south (right) onto Lora Lane. The trailhead is located at the end of road. No horse trailer parking available at this site. A spur off Ranch Road allows for local access.

EXERCISE HORSE TRAIL



SCENIC HORSE TRAIL



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Brooker Creek Preserve is strongly supported through volunteerism. Opportunities include:

- Monitoring fence lines
- Assisting research staff
- Maintaining trails
- Assisting with restoration plantings
- Plus much more....

Whether you have just a few hours or many days a month, we have a volunteer opportunity for you! For more information, please call (727) 453-6900.

Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc.

The Friends of Brooker Creek Preserve, Inc was organized in 1994. As a member, you can:

- Help recruit sponsors for the Preserve.
- Receive discounts on educational programs.
- Help fundraise for the Preserve.
- Assist in publicizing and promoting community involvement.
- Help County officials in decision-making processes.

Visit www.friendsofbrookercreekpreserve.org to learn more.