

Trail Guide



Discover the trails of FishHawk Ranch.

We invite you to take a relaxing stroll or an invigorating jog through the villages and nature preserves of this unique, beautiful Florida landscape. Here you can lose yourself in the boundless splendors provided by Mother Nature.

We are home to creeks and streams, birds, plants and trees of virtually every species native to this region. Whether you're taking the children on an educational hike or just want to remove yourself from the rigors of everyday life, the sights, colors and sounds will surround you and transport you to a place not often experienced. The trails at FishHawk Ranch will beckon for your return.

Honoring the land above all else, each trail has been carefully positioned to access significant views and species, and to minimize the impact to the existing plant life. With over 25 miles of trails, FishHawk Ranch has one of the largest trail systems in the country, and is still growing. Have fun!

The sights and sounds along the Trails of FishHawk Ranch.

Pickerelweed

This aquatic herb is found in freshwater marshes and on the edges of ponds, lakes and streams. The pickerelweed releases seeds that can be eaten like nuts and its leaves can be boiled and eaten. Deer are among the many animals who feed on this plant.



Red Maple

This maple tree can be found growing in swamplands throughout Florida. This tree not only blooms with small red flowers in the early spring but also maintains at least one part of itself in a brilliant shade of red throughout the year.



Sandhill Crane

This crane spends its time wading in tall grasses feeding primarily on grains, frogs and small mammals. While courting, pairs perform many rituals such as intricate kicks and flapping gestures.



Saw Palmetto

A low spreading palm native to the southeast, the saw palmetto produces berries that are used in some herbal medicines. This palmetto is also known as the “plant catheter” due to its medicinal properties.



Treefrog

From a distance, calls from the treefrog sound like a bell, which accounts for its local name, the “cow bell frog.” This frog can be found throughout the southeastern United States, with its distinctive calls heard in the swamps during the spring.



American Beautyberry

The beautyberry is a large, deciduous shrub that is found from Maryland to south Florida. When fully grown, the beautyberry is between six and eight feet tall and produces a colorful fall fruit that attracts and sustains a variety of birds.



Fish Hawk (Osprey)

The fish hawk is most commonly found around shorelines and shallow bays. It survives on a diet comprised almost entirely of fish. It is such a skilled hunter that it can spot fish in water from 30 to 100 feet above the surface.



Florida Live Oak

Considered to be the matriarch of most southern gardens, this sprawling evergreen can be found all across the United States. The branches of an aged live oak are often as stout as the trunks of many other trees.



Gopher Tortoise

Although tortoises that live in the wild have a life span of only 40-60 years, those that are held in captivity can live more than 100 years. They are primarily herbivores, feeding on favorites such as gopher apples and saw palmetto berries.



Great Blue Heron

The largest of the herons, the great blue heron stands a meter high and sometimes taller. It uses its bill like needle-nose pliers to capture small fish, amphibians, rodents and large insects. While resting, its neck doubles back to support its head on its shoulders.





Legend

- Paved Trail
- - - Unpaved Trail
- • • Future Trail
- Residential
- Future Residential



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Eagle Ridge/Heron Glen Trail - 2.2 miles

Meander along paved paths and boardwalks, many through shaded tree canopies and along ponds where native aquatic foliage, birds and animals await. Stop in at the Osprey Club for a dip in the pool* or just to say hello to the Resident Services staff. An off-road foot path managed by Hillsborough County Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department is also accessible at the northern tip of Eagle Ridge.

Kestrel Ridge/Vireo Ridge Trail - 1.8 miles

Become one with nature along this long and winding paved trail through oak canopies. Circling the ponds behind Kestrel Ridge, you might just catch a glimpse of our resident turtles.

Bridge Trail - 2.5 miles

Bridge Trail is the perfect blend of action spots and relaxation points. Put on plenty of sunscreen before venturing out. This 2.5 mile trail circles all three of the "Bridge" villages. As you enter the village of Bridge View, you will find the perfect place for a family picnic and a chance to enjoy Mother Nature in action. Or try your luck at the fishing pier, where you just might fulfill your very own big fish "tale."

Tern Wood Trail - 3.0 miles

Admire the preserved trees and wildlife as you meander along the Tern Wood Trail, surrounding the village of the same name. There are plenty of places to stop along the way and take in the sights and sounds of nature. The extended portion of this loop along FishHawk Crossing Boulevard leads to Walgreens and the Publix Shopping plaza. Don't forget your green bags!

Hawk Park Trail - 1.8 miles

Great for biking, rollerblading or strolling, this trail leads to much of FishHawk Ranch's outdoor action. Don't be surprised if you come upon a neighborhood softball game, youth soccer game or a pickup game of roller hockey, basketball or volleyball. After all of the excitement, take a break at the gazebo or on a bench overlooking the butterfly garden.

*Requires community-issued access card.

Starling Trail - .6 miles

Meander through oak canopies and the ridge that runs along the village of Starling, or hop on the east side of the Starling Trail and let it lead the way to the FishHawk Sports Complex. Once completed this trail will ultimately lead to the Alafia River as well as the Starling Club and Tennis Center.

Osprey Ridge/Dorman Trail - 3.1 miles

This trail is perfect for those who wish to stay along the main roads in FishHawk Ranch but still want a taste of nature. Through oak canopies, this trail takes you along Osprey Ridge Drive to the Aquatic Club and connects to Dorman Road through Parkset Drive. There are plenty of benches along this 3.1-mile loop, for a quick rest for both you and your four-legged pal, as well as fun features like the Dorman Road Boardwalk. Plus, it's the perfect distance for training for the FishHawk Ranch Road Race held each January! One loop = 5K!

FishHawk Blvd Trail - 3.1 miles

Always active and alive, this trail is for the serious walker/runner. Multiple levels of elevation offer a challenging workout for even the fittest of folks. This 3.1-mile trail also links residents to local restaurants and shopping from Lithia Pinecrest Road all the way to Bell Shoals Road.

Share the trail with others:

- Please share the trails courteously and stay on designated pathways.
- Keep to the right so others can pass; when bicycling or jogging, provide an audible signal to slower-moving trail users before you pass.
- Keep pets on leashes and please dispose of pet waste.
- Pick up and remove any litter you see.
- Respect adjoining landowners' rights and privacy.
- All streets are lined with sidewalks unless next to trail.
- Enjoy the beauty of wild plants and animals, but leave them undisturbed for all to enjoy.



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