### **Bike Trail Descriptions:**

The easiest (Green circle) loop is called *Sand Pine*, and can be ridden as an out-and-back (3-miles), or as a 2-mile loop. The *River Loop* and *Rock Garden* trails, although rated Green, are for the more experienced beginner. These trails have technical sections where roots or tight turns can challenge a rider.

The intermediate (Blue square) trails, *Bridges, North Creek* and *Rollercoaster*, are more challenging, with medium-sized hills. Many are short and steep, with others more gradual for a speedy downhill. There are several very challenging sections along the blue trail (even for experienced riders) and the sudden drops, climbs, twists and turns are a blast to ride.

Moonscape, Gatorback and Rabbit Ears trails are advanced, ONE-WAY trails marked with (Black) diamonds. These sections all include steep roller coaster dips, technical rocky sections, and very difficult sections, and very difficult climbs and drops. Many of these have a drop-off style decent immediately followed by a steep climb up the opposite side.

Several of the trail designers got together and laid out trails so extreme they had to come up with a new designation; "Double Black Diamond". These "extreme" sections are definitely an exhilarating ride.

### Alafia River State Park Bike Trail Rules:

- Park hours are 8 a.m. to sunset daily.
- Helmets are required for all riders.
- Place trash in designated trash receptacles.
- Please do not lock up your brakes on the trail.
   This causes loss of control and erosion.
- Dogs are not permitted on the bike trails.
- All plants and animals are protected, by law, in Florida State Parks.

# **SWAMP** Mountain Bike Club

These mountain bike trails are built and maintained by volunteers. Join us on the third Saturday of the month to help improve our trails. Contact TRAILS@SWAMPclub.org for info.

## Safety Tips:

- Be aware of your location.
- Ride within your experience level.
- Ride with others.
- Required: helmet; recommended: eye protection, water, gloves, cell phone.

If you have a serious injury on the trails call **911**, then contact park staff at one of the numbers below for additional assistance:

Ranger Station	813-672-5320
Park Cell Phone	813-917-1009

# **Closest Hospital**:

**Brandon Regional Hospital** 119 Oakfield Drive Brandon, FL 813-681-5551

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

SWAMP Mountain Bike Club 813-689-5109 www.SWAMPclub.org

Alafia River State Park 813-672-5320 www.floridastateparks.org/alafiariver

# SWAMP Mountain Bike Club



Guide to Off-Road Bicycle Trails in Alafia River State Park

# Welcome to Alafia River State Park

Alafia River State Park opened to the public in February 1998. The park consists of over 6,000 acres with approximately 12 miles of shoreline along the South Prong Alafia River. The land was formerly used for phosphate mining and was donated to the Florida State Parks in 1996.

Alafia River State Park offers some of Florida's most unique recreational opportunities. The Park offers opportunities for off-road bicycling, horseback riding, hiking, fishing, camping, picnicking, bird watching, canoeing and kayaking.

# **BIKE TRAIL DESCRIPTION**

DIFFICULT TRAILS are marked with a BLACK DIAMOND ♠ or

DOUBLE BLACK DIAMONDS they are very difficult and are for *advanced riders only*.

INTERMEDIATE TRAILS are marked with BLUE SQUARES

EASIER TRAILS are marked with GREEN CIRCLES ●

