Hiking & Biking
by Day or Overnight

Myakka River State Park

Welcome

Biking

Myakka offers cyclists an opportunity to explore a diverse Florida natural system. Seven miles of paved road wind through slough hammocks, marshes and the Upper Lake shore. The North Drive often has less traffic than the Main Drive. The hiking trails and nature trail are limited to foot traffic.

Bicycles are permitted on backcountry dirt roads north of S.R. 72 and also on the backcountry dirt roads south of S.R. 72, anywhere except the Wilderness Preserve, which is the shaded area. Some roads are hardpacked and grassed-over, others may be sandy, muddy, or dug up by feral pigs. Roads are often flooded in summer.

Rental bikes, including tandems, are available from the concession. Helmets are provided for those 16 years and younger to comply with Florida law.

Primitive Camping by Bicycle

Three backcountry campgrounds are accessible by bike - Mossy Hammock, Bee Island and Oak Grove. Camping permits are required. Camp only in your designated campground. Please walk your bike if it is necessary to use a hiking trail to access a campground. The fee is $3 per person per night.

Backpacking

Backpacking permits are available at the ranger station. You can also contact the concession to obtain backpacking permits and information on the campgrounds. The fee is $3 per person per night.

Please be aware of the following:

- Do not cut down trees or limbs. Burn only fires in designated fire rings.
- Do not build fires without a permit.

Hiking is permitted in the park, but please be aware that some trails may be closed due to heavy rainfall or other conditions.

Welcome to the Myakka River State Park!