

Enjoy your stay at Hillsborough River State Park. We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please leave them at the Ranger Station 813-688-9500 or in the Camper Questionnaire Box located outside the Ranger Station.

Our Mission Statement

To provide resource-based recreation while preserving, interpreting and restoring natural and cultural resources.



FLORIDA State Parks
...the Real FloridaSM



Florida State Parks are in various stages of accessibility and are working to improve access to services and facilities. Should you need assistance to enable your full participation, please contact Hillsborough River State Park at 813-688-9500. Sometimes as many as ten business days may be needed to schedule accommodations.

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Primitive Camping

at

Hillsborough River State Park



Hillsborough River State Park

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www.FloridaStateParks.org/HillsboroughRiver

Our Vision

The Florida State Park System creates a sense of place and is recognized as containing the best of Florida's diverse natural and cultural heritage sustained for future generations while providing quality and appropriate resource-based recreational opportunities, interpretation and education that help visitors connect to "The Real Florida."

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Primitive Camping Information

- The primitive camp is located across the river, just off the 3.3 mile Florida Trail foot trail.
- A map of hiking trails and the primitive campsite is available at the park office.
- Campers must pack in all necessities, including four quarts of water per person, and pack out all garbage.
- Please practice the **LEAVE NO TRACE** principle of **Pack it in and Pack it out**.
- Reservations for primitive camping area are accepted, by telephone or in person, up to 60 days in advance.
- There must be at least one 18 years or older person in the party.
- Pets are not permitted in the primitive camping area.
- A maximum of 10 people will be permitted in the four separate primitive camping areas at any time.
- **Fees:** \$5.00 plus tax per person per night.
- Call the park at 813-688-9500 to make reservations.

❖ **ATTENTION:** Due to increased rains in spring and summer, the park experiences seasonal flooding. Some 25 percent of Hillsborough River State Park is in lowland areas and are prone to seasonal flooding. These floods are extremely unpredictable and may affect your hiking experience.

Emergencies call: 911 and notify the park office at 813-688-9500

Camping Fees

Per person \$5.00/night

**Thank you for your cooperation
and Visiting the *Real Florida!***

American Alligator
Florida State Reptile



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State Park Regulations

To ensure all our primitive campers enjoy a quality outdoor experience and to protect the park's natural and cultural resources, campers are requested to comply with the following primitive camping regulations:

- **Backpackers must check in and out at the Ranger Station.**
- Check-in time must be 2 hours before sunset as it will take 2 hours to hike to the primitive campsite.
- Vehicles park in parking lot #4 and place camping registration into the driver side window.
- Camping permitted only at the designated campsites.
- Ground fires are permitted in designated areas only. (Use only the established fire circles for your assigned areas.) Ground fires at any other locations are not permitted. Minimal gathering of downed wood is permitted. Camp stoves are recommended.
- All plant and animals in the park are protected.
- Do NOT cut, bend, break or deface any plants or trees.
- No ropes, lanterns or other articles are to be hung from trees.
- Do NOT feed, remove or molest the wildlife.
- Hunting, fireworks, alcohol, vehicles, bicycles and horses are not permitted.
- **Garbage** must be disposed of properly; do NOT bury or burn trash or garbage. Recyclable items and trash should be packed out and placed in the proper containers in the main picnic area or at parking lot #4.
- **Human Waste:** For sanitation, carry a trowel and bury feces in a cat hole, 6-8" deep in organic soil. Fill and disguise hole and pack out paper. Urinate on durable surfaces that will not be damaged by animals digging for salts and minerals found in urine.
- **Check out time is 1:00 p.m.** unless otherwise determined by park management. Upon departing, please check that all belongings have been removed.
- **Please pack out all trash, toilet paper, leftover food and litter.**
- Please inform park staff of any trail maintenance issues.