History & Nature

Eleven known plantation sites have been located in this park. The Dummett Mill Ruins, which can be seen from Old Dixie Highway and the nearby Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park, are the most notable sites. British noblemen or military officers that received land grants for their service owned these plantations. They produced rice, cotton, sugar cane and indigo. The sugar cane was processed in mills and yielded molasses and sugar.

The Dummett Mill was also used to produce rum. The mill was in operation from the 1820s until 1836 when it was destroyed during the Second Seminole War.

Park Guidelines

- Hours are 8 a.m. until sunset, 365 days a year.
- An entrance fee is not required.
- All plants, animals and park property are protected. Collection, destruction or disturbance is prohibited.
- Please help protect your heritage. Do not climb on the Fairchild Oak.
- Pets are permitted in designated areas only. Pets must be kept on a hand-held leash no longer than six feet and well behaved at all times.
- Fishing, boating, swimming and fires are allowed in designated areas only. A Florida fishing license may be required.
- Intoxicants, fireworks and hunting are prohibited.
- Become a volunteer. Inquire at the ranger station.
- Florida’s state parks are committed to providing equal access to all facilities and programs. Should you need assistance to enable your participation, please call (386) 676-4050.

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Welcome to Bulow Creek State Park. This park protects one of the largest remaining stands of southern live oak forest along Florida’s east coast. The reigning tree is the Fairchild Oak, one of the largest live oak trees in the south. For more than 400 years it has been a silent witness to human activities along Bulow Creek.

There are several trails for exploring the interior of the park. Two trails start from the parking area at the Fairchild Oak. The Wahlin Trail is a short loop around a groundwater spring that seeps from a "coquina" rock bluff. The Bulow Woods Trail is a 6.8-mile hiking trail that runs from the Fairchild Oak to Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park. The northern section near Bulow Ruins is recommended for half-day hikes. Starting from the parking area on Plantation Road, the trail crosses open woods before entering Bulow Hammock where the shaded path winds around massive trunks under the cathedral-like canopy of live oak trees.

Bulow Creek State Canoe Trail is accessible at both Bulow Creek State Park on Walter Boardman Lane and nearby Bulow Plantation Ruins Historic State Park. This watery trail is equally well-known for the expansive views of the cabbage palm-lined salt marshes and for the redfish, snook and other fish sought by recreational anglers.

Bring a picnic. Picnic tables are available under a small pavilion or on the lawn within view of the Fairchild Oak. Restroom facilities are located nearby.