



GULF RIDGE COUNCIL, BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

**In conjunction with
GIRL SCOUTS OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA**

2009 COUNCIL CAMPOREE

LEADER'S GUIDE

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December 4-5-6, 2009

**Florida Flywheelers Park
Ft. Meade, Florida**

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. LOCATION:

Florida Flywheelers Park, 7000 Avon Park Cutoff Road, Ft. Meade, Florida 33841
www.floridaflywheelers.org
Telephone: 863.285.9121
(See map attached)

2. WHEN:

December 4-5-6, 2009

Check-in begins at 4:30 PM on Friday, December 4, 2009

Departure will be by 11:00 AM on Sunday, December 6, 2009

NOTE: for Cub Scouts, we will have a day-program on December 5, 2009. No overnight camping for Cub Scouts, except for WEBELOS Scouts camping with a Boy Scout troop.

3. THEME:

“99 in 2009: Kicking Off 100 Years of Scouting”

4. PROGRAM:

Climbing Wall	Multiple Challenge Stations
Jump Team from MacDill Air Force Base	Tractor Pull
Working Saw Mill	Venturing booth
Aquatics booth	High Adventure booth
NASA rocket activity	Robotics display
National Guard leadership experience	Engineering display
Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) activities	
Campfire Program to kick off the 2010 BSA Centennial Celebration	
Merit Badge Academy: Metalwork, Orienteering, Pioneering, Surveying, and Fire Safety	

5. FEES:

\$12.00 per person for all weekend Camporee participants (Boy Scouts, Venturers, Girl Scouts).

\$5.00 per person for Saturday-only; this is only for Cub Scouts/siblings/parents/Cub Scout leaders who come as part of a Pack's participation. *No individual Cub Scouts may attend.*

Staff fee is \$12.00

T-shirts for participants and staff are \$6.00 each. T-shirts must be pre-ordered.

See the appropriate Registration Form (attached) for more details.

6. CHECK-IN:

On Friday night, December 4, 2009, Troops/Crews will enter the campgrounds from Avon Park Cut Off Road (See the location marked on the attached map.) If you are bringing in program

materials, you will need to prearrange the delivery with our Physical Arrangements Chair, Mike Gerhardt, at 863.698.0217 (voice), or via email at TROOP524EAGLELAK@aol.com

7. ENTRANCES:

Traffic logistics will be a challenge. To help alleviate some of the congestion, Scout Units and Venturing Crews should keep traveling vehicles to a minimum to minimize the traffic entry Friday night in camp.

8. EXPRESS CHECK-IN:

This information is ONLY for Troops and Crews that satisfy the Advance Registration Guideline (i.e., that the unit application is received at the Council Office on or before November 1, 2009). Express Check-In will be available for pre-registered Troops and Crews on Friday, December 4, 2009. All vehicles will be directed straight to the parking area for your respective program. A Boy Scout District Sub-Camp Chairperson or a Girl Scout representative will then direct the Troop to its camping area to unload as quickly as possible. After the Troop or Crew has unloaded its gear and equipment, all vehicles are to be parked in designated parking areas. A Troop or Crew representative must go to the Camping Area Administrative Center to confirm the unit's registration numbers, settle any financial matters, and pick up pre-ordered T-shirts and Camporee program materials. Campsites will be assigned based on head counts by district on your pre-registration form. Scoutmasters, Crew Advisors, GS Troop leaders are responsible for ensuring the accuracy of these counts!

9. LATE/ON-SITE CHECK-IN:

If you did NOT take advantage of the Advance Registration Guidelines, you will need to stop at the Administration Office and pay all appropriate fees for your Unit/Troop prior to entering camp. Patches and Camporee t-shirts are NOT guaranteed for those who do NOT pre-register. Patches and Participation Awards will be distributed on Sunday morning after a member of the Camporee Staff has inspected and passed your camp site. To receive our pre-ordered patches you MUST check-out with the Camporee Administrative Staff when you arrive!

10. ARRIVAL AT CAMP:

We ask that you arrive together as a Unit (Troop or Crew). While the *Guide to Safe Scouting* prohibits caravanning, there is no reason your unit cannot form up as you arrive at the entrance. Late arrivals or stragglers make it that much more difficult to allocate the appropriate camping space for each unit.

11. BOY SCOUT TROOP CAMPSITES:

The Camporee will be divided into Sub-camps for each District. A representative from each District will chair each Sub-camp. Camping areas will be set up so as to allow a first-come, first-served process. There will be no vehicles allowed to park in the campsites. Each unit will be allowed one vehicle to pull its trailer to the unit's respective site. All other vehicles must be unloaded in the parking area as soon as possible, with gear being loaded onto shuttle trailers. Troop/Crew trailers may be left in your campsite, but tow vehicles must be moved to the parking area. We ask for each unit's cooperation with this to help us maximize our camping space! Campsite sizes will be allocated based on the pre-registered numbers you submit. It is the Unit Leader's responsibility to ensure the accuracy of these numbers.

12. 2nd-YEAR WEBELOS:

This is an excellent opportunity for your 2nd-Year Webelos to visit and camp with a Boy Scout Troop. This will satisfy one of the requirements for the Arrow of Light. If the 2nd-Year Webelos does not have an established relationship with a local Troop, please contact your District Executive for potential "host" Troops. 2nd-Year Webelos MUST have a host Troop to camp at this event or that Scout may only attend on Saturday with the boy's Cub Scout Pack.

13. VENTURING CREWS & ORDER OF THE ARROW:

Venturers and Order of the Arrow members will camp with their own separate groups. Check-in and other activities will be handled at their own respective sub-camps. Everyone (including guests) who attends the Camporee MUST be registered. No exceptions!

14. PARKING:

All parking will be located in the designated parking areas. The lot is a few hundred yards from the Scout Camping Areas. Cub Scout parking will be in a lot located near the main entry. Anyone with mobility issues should contact the Camporee Director, John Ehas, at (813) 966-4555 or (813) 876-2043.

15. TOUR PERMITS:

Every unit attending must have an approved Local Tour Permit filed at the Council Office prior to arrival. In addition, the unit leader should have a copy of the APPROVED Tour Permit in his/her possession when the unit arrives at camp. The 2009 edition can be downloaded at: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34426.pdf>

16. ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM AND APPROVAL BY PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN:

For each youth in your unit, the unit should have a consent and approval form. The latest edition can be downloaded at: <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf>

17. ANNUAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORDS:

Units must ensure that all participants (adults and youth) are medically able to participate in this event. Units should bring a copy of each participant's health and medical record. The year 2009 is a transition year as the BSA switches from the previous Class 1, 2, and 3 health forms to one new health form, the Annual Health and Medical Record. The new form will be the only acceptable form after January 1, 2010. If any participant is updating his/her health form (e.g., when getting a new physical), he or she should use the new form which is required to be updated every 12 calendar months. The new edition of the form can be downloaded at: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf for a letter size form, or http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Spread.pdf for an 11 x 17 version of the form. Frequently Asked Questions about the new form can be found at: <http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Resources/MedicalFormFAQs.aspx>

18. LEADERSHIP:

District sub-camp representatives are there to assist the units with camping and event questions. Two-deep leadership is required for each unit. NO EXCEPTIONS! Senior Patrol Leaders/Crew

Presidents are responsible for their respective Troops/Crews.

19. BEHAVIOR:

As with any Scouting activity, a participant's behavior will be in accordance with the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Golden Rule.

20. SECURITY:

The Camporee will have Scouters and Scouts serving as security. Please adhere to any guidance received from these staffers in the course of their duties.

21. UNIFORM:

The uniform appropriate to one's program (Venturing, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, Cub Scout) should be worn during the Camporee. Scout activity uniforms (Council Camporee or Scout-themed T-shirts) are appropriate except for ceremonies, supper, arena shows, and religious services for which we request full Field Uniforms be worn.

22. FIRST AID:

Units should handle all minor First Aid needs of their Scouts. There will be a Camporee Medical Station centrally located for emergencies. Each unit should bring its unit's medical permission-to-treat forms to this event.

23. INSURANCE:

Accident insurance is provided as part of your Camporee fees. All hospital or medical charges incurred are the primary responsibility of the individual.

24. EMERGENCY PHONE:

Two phone numbers have been established for emergencies only. Messages will be taken to the Sub-Camp Chairperson and forwarded to the unit. Please make sure callers know to give the unit number, contact person, and a detailed message when they call. The number is 813-245-7481, or you may contact Pat Van Lengen at 813-659-1343. These numbers are for EMERGENCIES ONLY! Please understand that it may take some time to locate the message recipient.

25. FRS RADIOS:

Units are encouraged to bring FRS radios. Channel 1 will be monitored for reporting emergencies and should not be used for any other purpose. Channel 2 will be reserved for Camporee staff for physical arrangements. Channel 3 will be reserved for Camporee staff regarding the program activities. The remaining channels will not have restrictions.

26. LATRINES:

We will use port-a-lets at the Camporee. There will be Port-a-Lets designated for "Women/Girls Only". The Camporee Staff will monitor the use of all such facilities as well as the bathhouses. Showers will be open during posted hours only. Misuse of these facilities will result in them being closed to further use. There will be no digging of latrines.

27. TRASH:

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All trash is to be properly bagged and placed in trash receptacles or hauled out by the unit. Bring your own garbage bags. We ask that you remind your Scouts to use good judgment. If the trash receptacles are full, don't leave your trash on the ground next to the dumpster. Please, **PACK IT OUT!!!**

28. SANITATION:

Dishes are to be washed in campsites only. No dishes are to be cleaned at water spigots. Gray water is to be properly disposed of. **DO NOT** dig any holes.

29. ENVIRONMENTAL:

No digging of any kind will be allowed in the camping areas. Gateways must be free standing. Guy ropes and small stakes are acceptable. *No ground fires of any kind will be allowed!*

30. HOSPITALITY TENT:

Each district will have a hospitality tent for district meetings and gatherings. The Council will also have a hospitality tent for council-level meetings and gatherings. One such meeting will be a Meet and Greet session with the Council Key Three (Council President, Council Commissioner, and Council Scout Executive).

31. ORDER OF THE ARROW GRILL:

The Seminole Lodge 85, Order of the Arrow, will again provide the OA Grill. The Lodge will provide fast food service, sodas, and lots more. Hours of operation will be posted on or near each food/drink station.

32. CAMPFIRE/ARENA SHOW:

There will be a brief, traditional Scout Campfire on Friday evening starting at 10:00 p.m. We realize some units will be arriving later than others on Friday evening, but we encourage units to attend. There will be a Jamboree-style Arena show on Saturday evening.

33. INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE:

A Scout is Reverent. All Scouts and leaders are encouraged to participate in our Interfaith Worship Service on Sunday morning. Please wear your full Scout field uniform.

34. DISPLAYS:

There will be a number of static displays for everyone's enjoyment. Some of these may include military vehicles, amateur radio, environmental education, historical re-enactors, Police/Fire Explorers, and other exhibits.

35. CUB SCOUT PROGRAM:

Attention Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and 1st Year Webelos!!! Come and enjoy the day (Saturday) at the Council Camporee. A separate area will be set aside just for your enjoyment.

36. GATEWAY COMPETITION:

Districts may compete in the Gateway Competition. Gateways must be freestanding (guy lines are acceptable). Rules dictate that the *digging of holes in the camping area is prohibited.* All gateways must be built at the site (rather than partially assembled at home) by the youth.

Districts may not build gateways between taps and reveille (A Scout is Courteous). *No generators, please.* Gateways should exhibit Scouting skills and/or themes. Judging will not begin until 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. That should give each District ample time to assemble and fine-tune its creation. Each District will need to have a youth representative (or a written narrative) present at the judging to explain the gateway (theme, how built, symbolism, etc.) and answer judges' questions. There will be awards for the best gateway in the Council as a whole; First, Second, and Third Place awards will be given out. Decisions of the judges will be final. Scoring criteria include: District Sign containing information about the district (10 points), Youth Representative present for judging or a written narrative (15 points), Scouting/Camporee Theme/Creativity (30 points), Scout Skills (20 points) and Youth Built (25 points).

37. BOY SCOUT PATROL ACTIVITIES:

Come expecting some serious patrol challenges. Patrols will be tested both physically and mentally. Patrol Leaders will want to bring their best problem solving skills. Each patrol will be given a "leather" passport to carry around. In order to earn the deluxe Patrol Participation Award, each Patrol will need to complete at least eight (8) of the activities offered. Once a patrol completes its passport, the Patrol Leader should go to the Camporee HQ building to redeem it for the Patrol Award. Yes, you may keep your passport as well.

38. BOY SCOUT ACTION TRAIL:

There will be exciting challenges including climbing, balancing, and strength activities. Each registered Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and 2nd-Year Webelos will be issued an armband. There will be two sessions; morning and afternoon. The armband will designate which session a Scout should attend. Please attend the correct session. Armbands MUST be secured to a participant's wrist and surrendered when he enters the activity. Scouts presenting armbands that have been altered or are secured improperly will not be allowed to enter the activity. Traditionally, this is one of our most popular activities. This means there will more than likely be a waiting line. Expect a delay at this activity. We will do our best to minimize the delay. Scouts, who have completed this challenge in the past, will tell you that it is well worth the wait. You don't want to miss this activity!

Cub Scouts will have action activities areas to test their skills also.

39. MERIT BADGES:

The opportunity to work on a merit badge will be available at the Camporee. Scouts are limited to only one merit badge session. Each Scout must bring the appropriate merit badge pamphlet to work towards that merit badge. Completion of a merit badge may take the majority of the day (Saturday) for those Scouts who apply themselves to earning the merit badge. Scouts not completing requirements will be given partials on their merit badge.

Class sizes will be limited. Scouts must pre-register for merit badge sessions with registration. Scouts will not be allowed to participate in merit badge sessions if they have not pre-registered. To pre-register, please include, with your unit registration, a list that includes the unit number, unit leader, and the names of the Scouts as well as the merit badge each Scout wishes to work on at the Camporee.

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The merit badges available during the Camporee are:

Metalwork – Should be able to complete all of the requirements at the Camporee.

Orienteering – Must know how to use a map and compass and read a map in order to complete this merit badge.

Pioneering – Must know how to tie the seven basis knots: square knot, timber hitch, clove hitch, bowline, sheepshank, sheet bend and two half hitches. Must know how to make splices; back, eye and short splices.

Surveying – May not be able to complete all of the requirements for this merit badge at the Camporee; however, we will schedule a date for completion of the merit badge.

Fire Safety – Must be able to draw a floor plan of the house where the Scout lives.

40. STAFF FEES:

If you wish to register to be a part of the Camporee Staff, simply fill out a Staff Registration form (see attached). The fee is the same as a regular Camporee participant (\$12.00). If you want a Staff T-shirt, you will need to make note of that on your application (and include the appropriate \$6.00 per t-shirt fee).

41. STAFF MEALS:

Staff meals will be provided to anyone who is helping at the Camporee and not associated with any unit attending. The fee for a Staff Meal Ticket is \$10.00, payable in advance. If you do NOT have a unit affiliation and choose not to purchase a Staff Meal Ticket, you must make your own arrangements for meals (perhaps get "adopted" by a unit). Meals covered will be Friday Cracker Barrel, Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner, and Sunday breakfast. Please remember you MUST pay in advance. *NO EXCEPTIONS!!!*

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**Gulf Ridge Council 2009 Camporee
Boy Scout or Venturing Unit Registration Form**

District:	
Unit (type and number):	
Unit Leader Name:	
Unit Leader Mailing Address:	
Unit Leader Phone No.:	
Unit Leader Email Address:	
No. of BSA registered adult leaders attending:	
No. of BSA registered youth attending:	
Total registration fee submitted: (\$12 x total attending)	\$

Note: late registration is \$15 per person. Camporee patches cannot be guaranteed to those who register late.

Camporee T-Shirts (\$6.00 each in addition to the registration fee):

S	M	L	XL	XXL
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Note: please indicate above the total number of each size of t-shirt that is being pre-ordered. All sizes are adult sizes.

Total cost of t-shirts being pre-ordered: (\$6.00 x total number of additional t-shirts being pre-ordered)	\$
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Total amount submitted: (Registration fee plus t-shirt cost)	\$
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2. All those attending must have a valid Class 2 medical physical form (adults age 40 and over must have a valid Class 3 medical physical form, or Girl Scout physical form) or the new Health and Medical form; bring these forms to the Camporee.
3. Adult leaders should be familiar with the current Guide to Safe Scouting.
4. Do not register more than one unit per form. Do not combine units; each unit must register separately.

***If paying by check, make the check out to: Gulf Ridge Council, BSA
and annotate it with Account No. 6880***

Mail or deliver registration to: Gulf Ridge Council, 13228 N. Central Ave., Tampa, FL 33612

Gulf Ridge Council Refund Policy: All refund requests must be in writing, with a date, and sent to the Service Center. A full refund will be issued if the written request is received at the Council Service Center 14 days prior to the event unless otherwise stated in the event brochure. A 50% refund will be issued if the written request is received at the Council Service Center less than 14 days prior to the event unless otherwise stated in the event brochure. **Refunds will not be issued for requests received after the opening date of the event.**

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Cub Scout Unit Registration Form

District:	
Unit (Pack number):	PACK _____
Unit Leader Name:	
Unit Leader Mailing Address:	
Unit Leader Phone No.:	
Unit Leader Email Address:	
No. of BSA registered adult leaders attending:	
No. of BSA registered youth attending:	
No. of Cub Scout siblings attending:	
No. of Cub Scout parents/guardians attending (who are not BSA registered adult leaders)	
Total registration fee submitted: (\$5.00 x total attending)	\$

Note: late registration is \$20 per person. Camporee patches cannot be guaranteed to those who register late.

Camporee T-Shirts (\$6.00 each in addition to the registration fee):

S	M	L	XL	XXL
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Note: please indicate above the total number of each size of t-shirt that is being pre-ordered. All sizes are adult sizes.

Total cost of t-shirts being pre-ordered: (\$6.00 x total number of additional t-shirts being pre-ordered)	\$
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Total amount submitted: (Registration fee plus t-shirt cost)	\$
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Staff Registration Form**

District:					
Scouting Position:					
Camporee Staff Position:					
Staffer Name:					
Staffer Mailing Address:					
Staffer Phone No.:	Home:	Work:			
	Cell:				
Staffer Email Address:					
Staff Fee Submitted:	\$ 12.00				
Staff Meal Ticket Fee Submitted:	Eating with staff? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (\$10.00) <input type="checkbox"/> No				
Camporee Staff T-Shirt (\$6.00 each in addition to the registration fee):	S	M	L	XL	XXL
<i>Note: please indicate above the <u>total</u> number of each size of t-shirt that is being pre-ordered.</i>					
Total cost for staff t-shirts pre-ordered: (\$6.00 x total number of t-shirts being pre-ordered)	\$				
Total Staff Fees Submitted: (Staff Fee + Meal Ticket Fee + cost for t-shirts)	\$				

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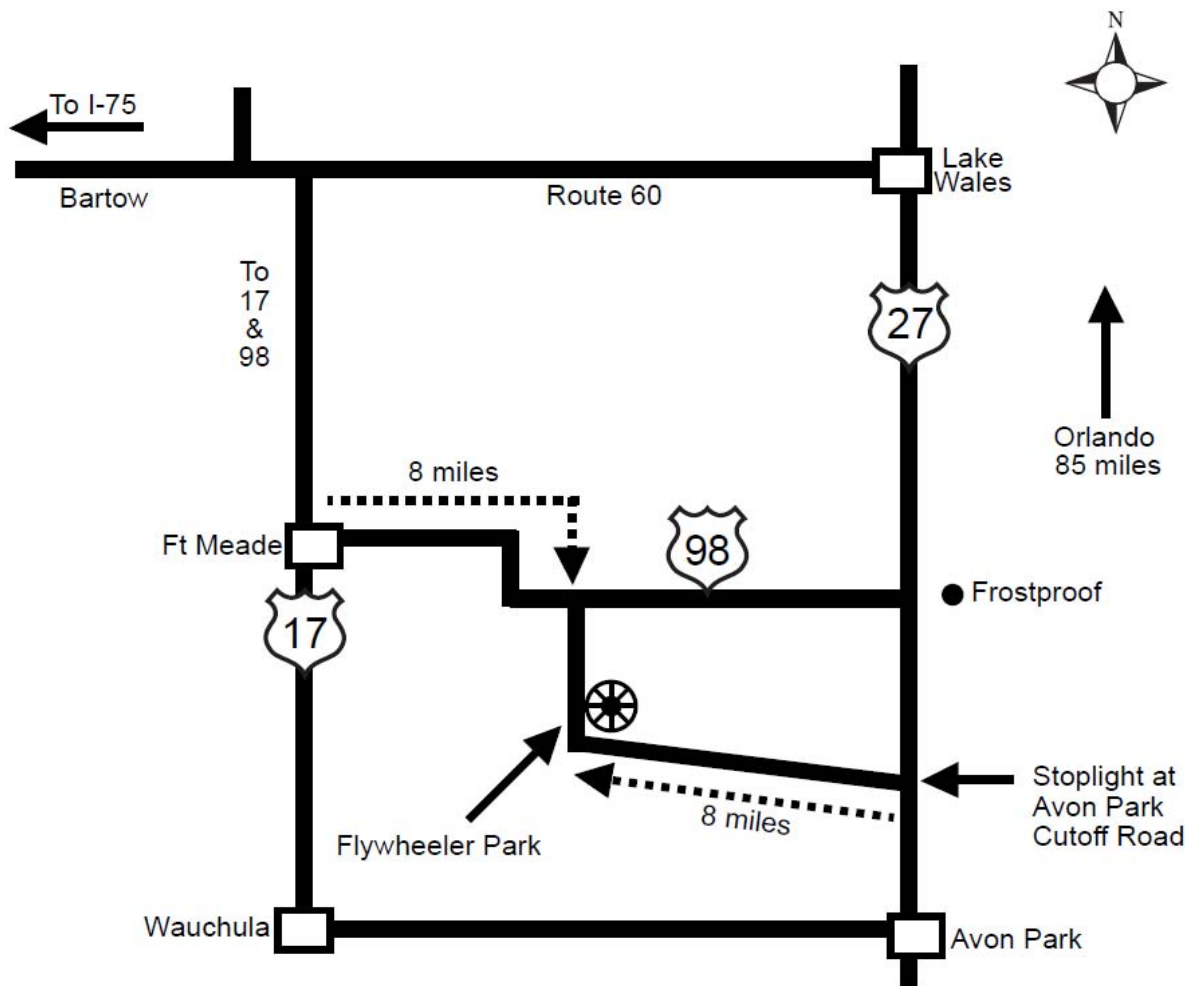
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Map to Flywheeler Park

7000 Avon Park Cutoff Road



Directions from Tampa

East on I-4. Go South on US 17 to Ft. Meade. East on US 98 approximately 8 miles. Turn right (South) onto Avon Park Cut Off Rd. Go approximately 2.5 to 3 miles and the park entrance will be on your left.

Directions from Orlando

West on I 4. South on US 27. Turn right (West) on US 98 at the traffic light. Go approximately 8.5 miles and turn left on Avon Park Cut Off Rd (at top of hill). Then approximately 2.5 to 3 miles the park entrance is on your left.

Overhead photo



Designation of event areas and site entry

