

Blue Cypress Conservation Area

Courtesy of the St. Johns River Water Management District



Description

This 61,574 acres is part of the Upper St. Johns River Basin Project being implemented by the district and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. This project will reduce flooding, restore and maintain natural hydrologic cycles and protect water quality. It will also reduce freshwater diversions to the Indian River Lagoon estuary and enhance native habitat for fish and wildlife. Blue Cypress Lake and Kenansville Lake are located on the western portion of the area.

Wildlife viewing

Please respect Florida's wildlife and use caution while visiting district lands. These are wild animals. For your safety, do not approach or feed any wild animal. The eastern portion of the area contains foraging and nesting habitat for the listed snail kite. Wetland-dependent species found here include great blue herons, white ibis, snowy egrets, limpkins and night herons. Other species include wood storks, ospreys and bald eagles.

Recreational activities

Wildlife viewing, fishing, seasonal hunting, bicycling and hiking along many miles of levees, primitive camping at designated sites, canoeing, airboating and boating.

Access

For the Blue Cypress Recreation Area, from I-95, take the Fellsmere exit (CR 512). Go through the town of Fellsmere and continue south on CR 512. A boat ramp is just north of SR 60. You can also take the SR 60 exit from I-95 (Vero Beach), go west on SR 60 and turn right onto CR 512. For the Fellsmere Grade Recreation Area, go to Fellsmere and turn north on CR 507 (Babcock Road) and then turn west on Fellsmere Grade. From Kenansville, go south on U.S. 441. Turn east on Kenansville/Fellsmere Road. The road ends at the parking area to Kenansville Lake (about 12 miles). Parking is also available on the north side of SR 60