

INTRODUCTION

With one continuous tract of land over 200,000 acres, Tate’s Hell State Forest offers Floridians and visitors a unique camping experience and is just a two-hour drive or less from the capital city of Tallahassee.

Some campsites are congregated in campgrounds (Table 1) while others are widely dispersed but organized by the tracts (Table 2). Knowing this is particularly helpful when you search and book a site.

Dispersed primitive camping in Tate’s Hell State Forest allows visitors to escape from life’s daily routine and immerse themselves into nature’s wonders. However, there is no water or toilet on primitive campsites. For those who prefer some convenience and comfort, two campgrounds provide flush toilets, showers and three others have vault toilets (Table 1).

All campsites are reservation only. To book a campsite, visit:

FloridaStateForests.ReserveAmerica.com or call (877) 879-3859.

Table 1. Primitive Campgrounds with Facilities

CAMPGROUND	SITE	GPS POINT	FACILITY
Countyline OHV	19-21	30.0318 -84.8275	Vault toilets
Womack Creek	29-40	30.0006 -84.5392	Bathhouse
Rock Landing	41-43	29.9804 -84.5688	Vault toilets
Cash Creek	55-67	29.8146 -84.8388	Bathhouse

NAVIGATION

Due to its size and remoteness, navigating within Tate’s Hell State Forest requires careful planning, preferably with a GPS device. Cell phone reception is generally weak or nonexistent, and not all forest roads appear on Google Maps. It is highly recommended to have a compatible geo-referenced PDF mobile map application, such as Avenza Maps, installed on a mobile device to use our PDF map, which can be downloaded at:

FDACS.gov/TatesHellStateForest

Table 2. Primitive Campsites without Facilities

CAMPSITE	GPS POINT	TRACT
Sumatra 1	30.0318 -84.8275	Sumatra
North Road 2	30.0191 -84.8077	New River
New River 3	30.0097 -84.7559	New River
Gully Branch 4	29.9633 -84.7237	New River
Dew Drop 5	29.9366 -84.7351	New River
Borrow Pit 6	29.9174 -84.7342	New River
Borrow Pit 7	29.9163 -84.7406	New River
Parker Place 8	29.9122 -84.7314	New River
Pope Place 9	29.8961 -84.7340	New River
New River 10	29.9304 -84.7353	Picketts Bay
Gully Branch 11	29.9571 -84.7195	Picketts Bay
Sunday Rollaway 46	29.9029 -84.6515	Picketts Bay
Oxbow 47	29.8717 -84.6799	Picketts Bay
Warren Bluff 48	29.8731 -84.6962	Picketts Bay
New River 12	29.9635 -84.7225	Juniper Creek
New River 13	29.9708 -84.7261	Juniper Creek
New River 14	29.9820 -84.7334	Juniper Creek
New River 15	29.9889 -84.7374	Juniper Creek
New River 16	29.9931 -84.7449	Juniper Creek
New River 17	30.0102 -84.7554	Juniper Creek
Boundary Road 18	30.0337 -84.7469	Juniper Creek
Bus Stop 22	29.9815 -84.6266	Juniper Creek
Log Cabin 23	30.0324 -84.5952	Womack Creek
Log Cabin 24	30.0302 -84.5923	Womack Creek
Log Cabin 25	30.0271 -84.5872	Womack Creek
Log Cabin 26	30.0261 -84.5862	Womack Creek
Nick's Road 27	30.0141 -84.5768	Womack Creek
Loop Road 28	29.9898 -84.5350	Womack Creek
Crooked River 44	29.9084 -84.6018	Crooked River
Crooked River 45	29.9110 -84.5860	Crooked River
Pidcock Road 49	29.8196 -84.8250	High Bluff
Rake Creek 50	29.8264 -84.8461	High Bluff
Dry Bridge 51	29.8436 -84.8751	High Bluff
Doyle Creek 52	29.8325 -84.9141	Deep Creek
Deep Creek 53	29.8590 -84.9665	Deep Creek
Whiskey George 54	29.9023 -84.8764	Deep Creek

BE SAFE AND ENJOY

- Plan your route ahead of time and leave your itinerary with someone at home.
- Be cautious when you encounter a puddle or wet area on forest roads. It is a good idea to test the depth before driving in. If the puddle seems deeper than your comfort zone, detour on alternative routes.
- Bring ample water, food and other supplies.
- Be prepared for weather changes.
- Camp and set campfires ONLY in designated areas.
- **LEAVE NO TRACE:** Take a bag for your trash and to help pick up after others. Toilet pits should be dug at least 200 feet from water, trailheads, trails or your camp. Consider using portable toilets with biodegradable, disposable bags.
- **USE CAUTION:** Areas of matted vegetation along stream banks are often basking locations for alligators. These large, cold-blooded reptiles mate, nest and protect their young from May to October.
- **REMEMBER:** It is against law to feed alligators.

CONTACT

In case of emergency, call 911 or the Florida Forest Service Tallahassee Forestry Center Dispatch Office at (850) 681-5950.

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