

were restored through a three-step program in which land managers plugged old drainage ditches, repaired a levee at the southwestern boundary to restore former Everglades marsh, and reconnected a portion of the flow from the adjacent J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area.

Archaeological sites of early American Indians date to 500 B.C. Much later on, the Seminole Indians used the DuPuis region as a refuge during the Seminole Indian War of 1835, but living off the land quickly proved difficult. Hundreds of starving Indians were captured and subsequently sent to Oklahoma. The area became known as "The Hungryland."

Today, the District and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission co-manage the property.



ACCESS AND PARKING

Public access provided along the south side of Kanner Hwy., S.R. 76, six miles west of Indiantown (22 miles west of Stuart), through four gates:

- Gate 1: General vehicular access onto graded, shell-rock road; brochure on 7.5-mile auto tour available at mailbox
- Gate 2: Trailhead with parking
- Gate 3: Equestrian center; accommodates horse trailers
- Gate 5: Visitors' center; ample parking behind center

HOURS

Office at Gate 5 open Monday through Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Gates 1-3 open 24 hours a day. On scheduled hunt days, property is closed to all other recreation.
For a current calendar, visit our Web site at www.sfwmd.gov/org/dm/lsd/dupcal.html

VISITORS' CENTER

Open Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Call for Saturday hours (561) 924-5310.

RESTROOMS AND WATER

Restrooms & water at visitors' center & equestrian center.

HOW TO GET THERE

From southeast Florida, take I-95 north to PGA Blvd.
Go west on PGA Blvd to S.R. 710.
Go north for 12 miles to Kanner Hwy. (S.R. 76).
Take S.R. 76 six miles west to DuPuis.

From Okeechobee, Pahokee and Belle Glade,
take U.S. 441 to Port Mayaca.

(Good view of Lake Okeechobee from bridge).
Exit onto S.R. 76 and go three miles east to DuPuis.

For More Information

Call DuPuis Management Area at (561) 924-5310



DuPuis
Horsemen's
Association



Managed in cooperation with the Florida
Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

The Florida Trail Association and the DuPuis
Horsemen's Association develop and
maintain hiking and equestrian trails and
the equestrian center.

The DuPuis Citizen's Advisory Council meets
quarterly to provide input on management.

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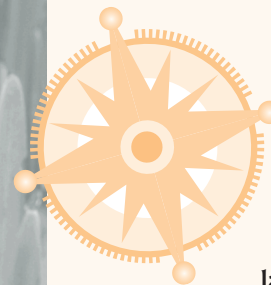
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DUPUIS MANAGEMENT AREA

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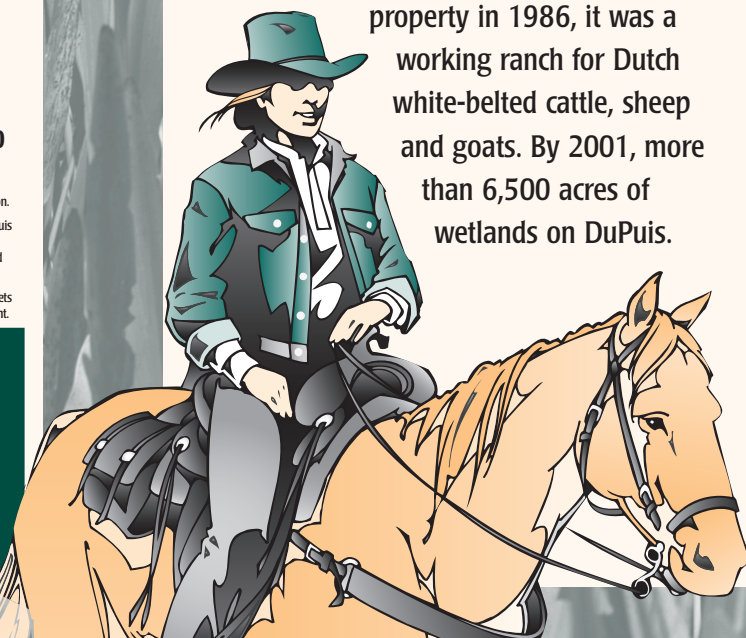
ABOUT DUPUIS

A wealth of recreational activities awaits you at the 21,875-acre DuPuis Management Area. A vast landscape of pine flatwoods, wet prairies, marshes and cypress

domes provides a scenic backdrop for hiking, bicycling, camping, hunting and other pursuits. DuPuis is far from urban areas and has a dark night sky, which lends itself to star gazing.

*Come
out
and
play*

Before the District acquired the property in 1986, it was a working ranch for Dutch white-belted cattle, sheep and goats. By 2001, more than 6,500 acres of wetlands on DuPuis.



FACILITIES

- Fishing pier
- Picnic tables and fire rings
- Equestrian center
- Visitors' center with indoor and outdoor displays; ADA accessible; butterfly garden; constructed wetland
- Restrooms at visitors' and equestrian centers; port-o-lets at campgrounds

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Auto Tour

- Self-guided auto tour starts at Gate 1. Brochure at Gate 1.
- Nine Stops. 7.5 miles one way. Ends at fishing pier.

Fishing

- Partially covered fishing pier at end of DuPuis Grade, 7.5 miles from Gate 1. Accommodates wheel chairs. Shell-rock excavated lake with restored, gradual-sloped littoral zone. Plantings of marsh vegetation serve as nursery for juvenile fish and freshwater shrimp.
- Fishing license required for people 16 to 64.

Hiking

- A system of hiking trails is part of the Florida Trail system and provides hikes of various lengths.
- Gate 2: Access to 22 miles of trails – four loops range from five to 16 miles; seven-mile extension from the last loop connects to Corbett.

- The Ocean to Lake Trail, which extends from Jonathan Dickinson State Park to Lake Okeechobee, comes through DuPuis as the Florida Trail and hooks up with the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail.
- Rectangular orange blazes on trees and posts mark the main hiking trail routes. Blue blazes mark side trails. Two blazes generally designate an abrupt change in direction. Carefully locate the next blaze before continuing.

Bicycling

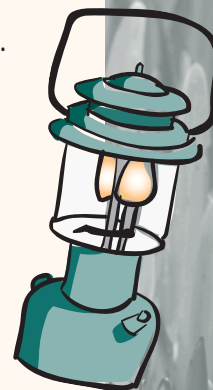
- Bicycling allowed on named and numbered roads.
- Jim Lake and DuPuis shell-rock graded road, which starts at Gate 1, extends 7.5 miles to the fishing pier.
- Consider 9-mile roundtrip ride starting from the intersection of Jim Lake and DuPuis grades to the fishing pier.

Camping

- Car camping: Family campground one mile from Gate 1. Primitive: no potable water or showers.
- Group camping: Group campsite seven miles from Gate 1. Reservation forms available on Web site or call DuPuis for reservation information.
- Primitive camping: Three sites located on loop 2 (lat. 26° 58' 41.76" long. -80° 32' 29.97"); loop 4 (lat. 26° 55' 43.02" long. -80° 32' 27.97"), and at the end of the Corbett connector (see map).

Hunting

- Hunts for deer, hogs and small game take place in the fall; three turkey hunts in spring.
- Go to www.wildflorida.org/hunting/wma/south.htm to check dates or call the FWC regional office at 561-625-5122.



- Please report any violations to the commission at 1-888-404-3922.

Picnicking

- Picnicking at campgrounds
- Picnic tables behind visitors' center at Gate 5; the Governor's House; intersection of Jim Lake and DuPuis grades; picnics allowed at fishing pier. Carry out all trash please.
- Footbridges lead to a small, scenic island shaded by oaks at the intersection of Jim Lake and DuPuis grades.

Horseback Riding

- Gate 3: Equestrian center: paddocks, barn, camping, showers and restrooms.
- Bring your own horse. Access to 40 miles of trails – four loops range from 7.2 miles to 17.5 miles.
- Carry proof of negative Coggins test.
- Accommodations for RVs: No hookups. Dump station available.

Animals/Birds

- Deer, turkey, quail, squirrels, foxes, bobcats and alligators
- Hawks, owls, woodpeckers and wading birds
- Threatened and endangered species: bald eagles, sandhill cranes, wood storks, eastern indigo snakes

Possible Dangers

- Snakes, alligators – do not feed or disturb them.

Restrictions

- Limited Access Areas: Public access to archaeological sites restricted to designated trails.
- No dogs are allowed except as authorized by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

