



*Note-'GATE' refers to tram #, not necessarily actual gate location. Location of Gate 2 tram is shown but full tram is not shown. Many trams (in light blue) are not passable and what appear to be trail locations (in white) may be old buggy roads that no longer exist. Canals (dark blue) may now be filled. Consult topo maps or rangers before backcountry hiking. Rev. 2/9/07



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Never hike alone and do not leave the road or tram without a compass and an understanding of where you are in relation to the nearest road or cleared tram. A GPS device is invaluable if you plan to travel any distance into the swamp, but trees may affect reception. Cell phone coverage is spotty and should not be your only means of help in an emergency. Always carry water and bug repellent. Waterproof bags are useful for your equipment.

Many of the trams appearing on this map are of no practical use to the casual hiker as they may be overgrown. Frequently, walking in the swamp is easier than walking on the tram. The following trams are relatively open for hiking. However, their condition will vary with the present state of use and maintenance and seasonal weather conditions. Tram numbers refer to historical gate numbers and may no longer be displayed at the entrance to the trail. Driving distance from the entrance fire tower is indicated (*). All trail mileage is one way.

- a. Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk (on north side of US-41, 7 miles west of SR-29) – Boardwalk runs 0.6 miles through magnificent old-growth cypress ending at a gator hole providing water during the dry season. Eagles nest right off of the boardwalk and are frequently seen. Birds and animals are common.
- b. Janes Scenic Drive – Begins 2.5 miles north of SR-29/US-41 intersection. An 11.2 mile hard-pack dirt road leading from the preserve entrance to the Picayune State Forest through dense cypress and open prairie. Most trams are accessed from this road. Maximum speed is 30 MPH. All plants and wildlife are fully protected. Please be careful to avoid injury to all wildlife, including snakes and turtles.
- c. Gate 2 (*2.9M) – 1.5 mile mostly dry tram.
- d. Gate 7 "West Main" (*4.5M) – 2.25 mile dry tram leading to Four Stake Prairie. Some wading may be needed at the entrance to the prairie. NOTE
- e. South Main, south spur off of West Main, ~0.75 miles west of Gate 7. Dead end, ~3 miles each way.
- f. Gate 9 (*6.0M) – 1 mile tram. Difficult after the first 100 yds. Several flow-ways may require deep-water traverse.
- g. K-2 (*6.4M) – No, this is not the second highest point in the park. 0.5 mile tram. Can be wet in places. Can be difficult to relocate the trail if you leave it.
- h. Gate 12 "East Main" (*6.5M) – Approx. 10.5 mile tram leading from Janes to I-75. Northern part may be impassible. Clear and dry for at least 3 miles.
- i. Gate 15 (*7.8M) – 1.5 mile trail. Can be wet.
- j. Gate 16 "Mud Tram" (*8.2) – 2.25 mile tram to the western preserve boundary. As the name suggests, the first mile can be very muddy.
- k. Gate 19 (*11.2M) – North bound trail(s) at the western boundary of the preserve. Several trails head north, including a dry fire road that goes directly north and a cypress and prairie trail going northeast. Also access to pineland further north.
- l. Gate 20 (*11.2M) – South bound fire road following western preserve boundary. Completely dry.
- m. Jones' Grade/Pennington Post (starts at end of dirt road just south of lake that is at the I-75/SR-29 intersection) – 7.5 mile trail parallel to I-75 from the eastern boundary to the western boundary.
- n. East River Canoe Trail (on south side of US-41, 5.2 miles west of SR-29).

NOTE FOF member Ray Carroll has kindly offered the use of his camp to hikers on Four Stake Prairie. There is a covered area to get out of the rain and a pitcher pump to replenish drinking water. The camp is on the western edge of the prairie about 1.75 miles north of West Main (Tram 7). GPS coordinates are approximately UTM 17R 0455197, 2876102. This is private property, please do not abuse the generosity.

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