What You Can Do

Indulge your passion for adventure at Babcock-Webb. Wildlife enthusiasts of all descriptions. Everyone from hunters and anglers to hikers and birdwatchers shares a love of conservation and the outdoors, and respect for the land and each other. Come explore!

Planning Your Visit

There is something to do year-round at Babcock-Webb. Whether your favorite time of year is winter snow season, spring bird migration or fall foliage display in the flatwoods. Find all the information you need to plan your visit by visiting MyFWC.com/Recreation. Note that hunts occur on scheduled days, in specific areas. Wear bright orange clothing if you use trails during a hunt. Planning a picnic? Share your snacks and bright orange clothing if you use trails during a hunt. Need a hunting or fishing license? Visit MyFWC.com/License. To hunt or fish you must possess the appropriate license and permit.

Hiking and Biking

Thirty-seven miles of mostly unpaved roads allow you to experience Babcock-Webb at your own pace. A two-mile nature trail passes ponds and marshes popular with alligators and wading birds. Roads and trails may be soggy during rainy times of year.

Camping

Primitive sites are available at the Webb Lake campground. Booking is recommended. Hunting season (see map on reverse side). During the remainder of the year, camping is allowed each weekend from 5 p.m. Friday until 9 a.m. Sunday and on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day.

Hunting

Babcock-Webb is popular with hunters from all over south Florida; peak use is late-October through mid-November. The area’s deer population is on the rise due to careful habitat management. Northern bobwhite are hunted on the Field Trial Area from traditional weapons or on horseback. Hunting is also available in the nearby Yucca Pensa Unit of Babcock-Webb WMA.

Restoration: the forces that make this landscape work

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Horseback Riding

Fellows in the footsteps of the crackow’s riders by exploring the area on horseback. The network of named and numbered roads is open to equestrians and can be a group activity. The area has comfortable campsites, snack stands, and picnic tables at the Webb Lake site (fordashdrinkingtrail.com). Bring groups of

Fishing

Fish from the pier or bank at 505-acre Webb Lake for largemouth bass, bluegill, redbreast, speckled perch, black crappie and channel catfish. Fish have been stocked and feeders installed on Webb Lake to help fish grow. Bluegill eight inches or larger are common, and they occasionally exceed 10 inches in length. Catch-and-release is the rule for black bass to protect this outstanding fishery. Check on-site for specific size and bag limits for other species. Three boat ramps provide access for canoes, kayaks and motorized powerboats. Paddlers must possess the appropriate license and permit.

A Daily-Use Permit or WMA Permit is required to enter this area. For information on entry fees visit MyFWC.com/Recreation. To hunt or fish you must possess the appropriate license and permit.
The landscape of Babcock-Webb may appear flat and unchanging, but it is actually a series of ridges rising a mere 20 to 40 feet above sea level. As is true throughout south Florida, this land was formed by sediments laid down at the bottom of an ancient sea. For a good part of each year, the poorly drained soils of Babcock-Webb may flood. Heavy summer rains accumulate on the land, eventually flowing towards the coast by way of a network of raised bed of the old railroad line. Most of Babcock-Webb sprawls flat under a bright sun, but nature has canopied this quiet path with shady palms and pines.

### Wet Flatwoods

One of the largest expanses of wet flatwoods remaining in Florida, this area is found on sand dunes bordering both sides of Tucker Grade road, the old railroad grade that now forms the northern boundary of the area. These areas are grasses such as wiregrass, broomsedge and carpet grass. Palmettos are the most common shrubby plant.

### Dry Prairie

Dry prairie lacks the slash pineapple cover of the flatwoods but otherwise share the same wildlife. This area is found on raised trams that were marked with distinctive brands or earmarks used by biologists to manage wildlife and fish. Some of the prairies have been designated as a wildlife management area.

### Freshwater Marsh

Freshwater marshes are often wet year-round. They are cloaked with a variety of aquatic species as well as aquatic species as well as freshwater marshes. These classifications are used to guide resource management in the area.

### Wet Prairie

Wet prairie offers green marshy meadows and rare mesic flatwoods and pine flatwoods. Six artificial ponds are located here.

### Lakes and Ponds

Lake Webb and the 395-acre Webb Lake provide habitat for aquatic species as well as recreational opportunities.

### Wildlife Viewing Tip

If you bike or hike lightly traveled Roads 7 and 8, watch for coveys of northern bobwhite and American avocets. You may also see black bears, red foxes, deer and birds of prey.