

About the Preserve

History

This site was purchased in 1993 through the Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program (ELAPP). Originally known as the Peppermound Creek site, the 150 acres of land was renamed in honor of a local civic activist, Pam Callahan. Mrs. Callahan worked hard to protect one of the area's last green spaces, but died of cancer before the site was preserved. So she would not be forgotten, friends persuaded the county to rename the site in her honor. The land Pam helped to conserve had previously been earmarked for the further development of an apartment complex. Be sure to get out and see the beautiful and rugged landscape.

Plant Communities

- Pine/Cabbage Palm Flatwoods
- Tidal Flats
- Tidal Marsh
- Mangrove Swamp
- Salterns
- Freshwater Marsh

Flora & Fauna

Wildlife flourishes in the preserve. Here are some species to look for:

- Wood Stork (endangered)
- Bald Eagle (threatened)
- Least Tern (threatened)
- Button Wood
- Florida Privet
- Sea Lavender
- Christmas Berry

Trail Tips

- Carry water
- Bring a compass
- Bring insect repellent
- *Bring a camera!*



Prescribed Fire

One of the land management techniques used on the preserve is prescribed fire. This practice is important in maintaining fire-dependent ecosystems such as pine/cabbage palm flatwoods. Prescribed burning maintains and in many cases increases species diversity in areas where it is applied. It also helps prevent dangerous wildfires by reducing fuel loads.

Volunteer Opportunities

It's a lot of work to maintain a preserve, but it's also rewarding work that we all can enjoy. The following is a list of some ways our volunteers can help. If you're interested in making a difference, call the Conservation Services Office.

- Trash Pickup
- Trail Maintenance
- Exotic Plant Control

Give us a call and lend a hand!



For Further Information Contact:

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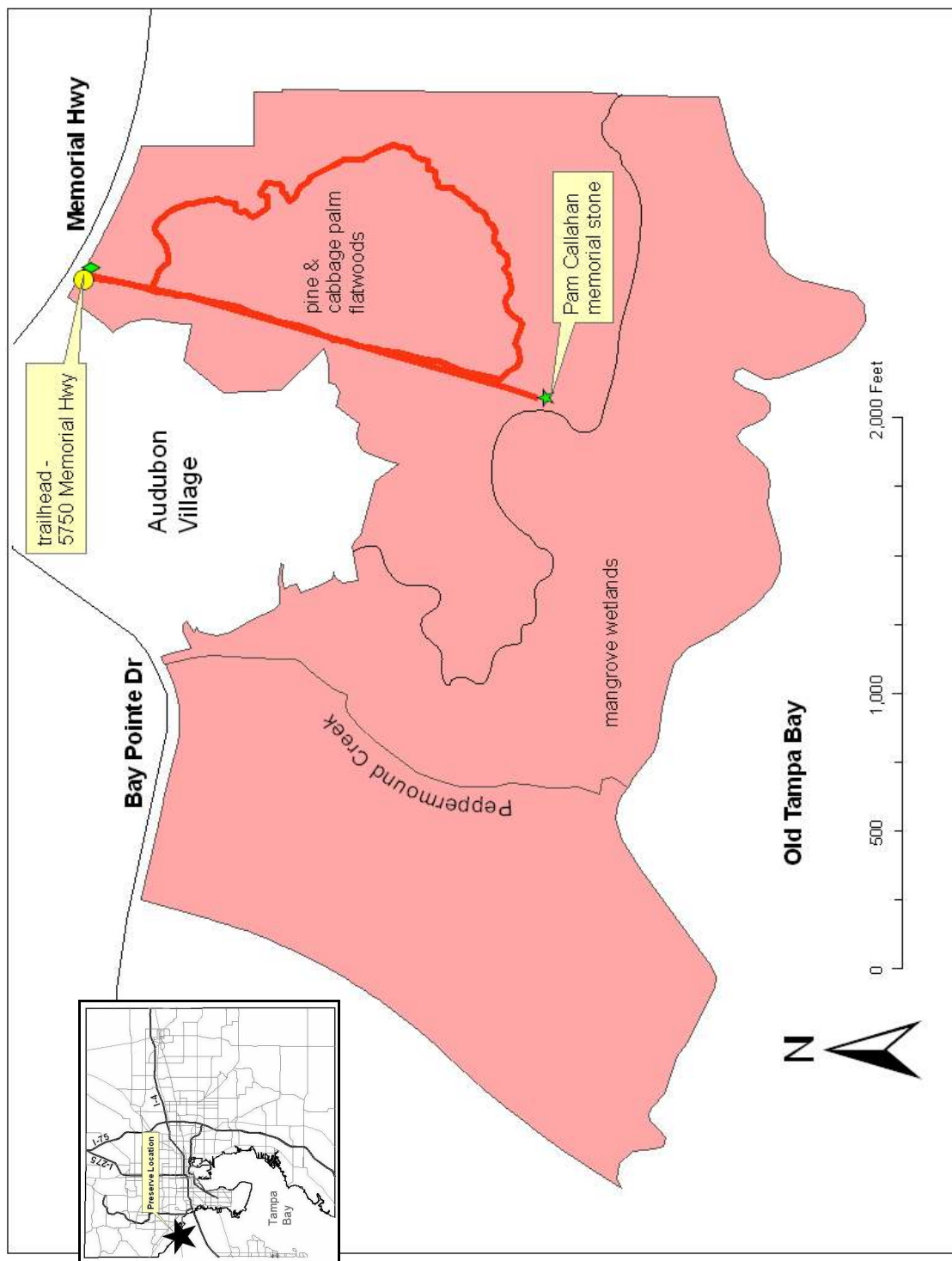
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Directions:

From Hillsborough Avenue go south on Memorial Hwy for about one mile. The preserve is located on the south side of Memorial Hwy, adjacent to the Audubon Village Apartments.

From I-275 take the Memorial Hwy exit and head north to the Independence Pkwy exit located on the left. Continue on Independence Pkwy to the light at Memorial Hwy and turn left. The preserve will be on the left less than one mile down the road.

From Veteran's Expressway, take the Memorial Hwy exit and head west. The preserve will be roughly one mile down the road on the left.

Trail Head:

There is one entrance into the preserve at the trailhead located along Memorial Hwy. There is no parking along Memorial Hwy. Parking can be arranged for group field trips by contacting Conservation Services in advance.

Preserve Rules:

- Hours: sunrise to sunset
- Remove all garbage from the site
- Dogs must be on hand-held leashes
- Unauthorized vehicles, horses, and bikes are prohibited
- No swimming
- No firearms or paintball
- **All plants & animals are protected** (Hillsborough County Ordinance 97-14)

A Special Thanks:

We would like to thank all of our committed volunteers. Without the continued support of our volunteers we could not maintain our high standards for preserve maintenance, nor could we complete the many environmental projects we have been assigned. Thank you!