

Split Oak Forest

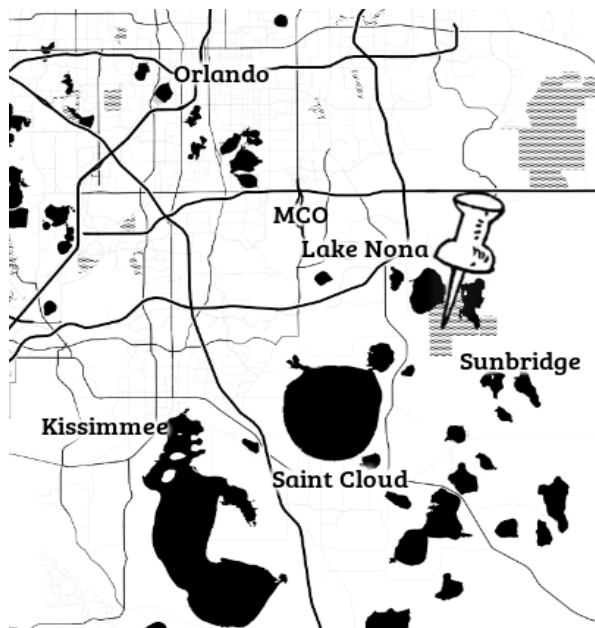
Main (West) Entrance, Clapp Simms Duda Road: [28.3534854](tel:28.3534854), [-81.2109725](tel:-81.2109725) *Parking, Horseback Entrance*

South Entrance, Cyrils Drive: [28.3338042](tel:28.3338042), [-81.2055107](tel:-81.2055107) *Parking limited*

Northeast Entrance via Moss Park: [28.3661899](tel:28.3661899), [-81.1949194](tel:-81.1949194) *Park at Moss Park and Walk in via Swamp Trail*

Where is it?

Off of Narcoossee Road/SR-15 near the intersection of Boggy Creek Road.



When should I visit and what will I see?

Split Oak is beautiful any time of year.

Wildflowers peak during Spring and Fall. You will see white-tailed deer, Osceola turkeys, gopher tortoises, and plenty of wildflowers.

What is it?

Split Oak is a conservation area managed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation

Commission. It is about 1700 acres, the largest park in the southeast Orlando area.

It's the home of threatened gopher tortoises that were relocated from development sites. The park is managed specifically for their wellbeing. That's why dogs aren't allowed there. Split Oak Forest is a great place to escape and enjoy nature.



Threats to Split Oak



- Osceola County and the Central Florida Expressway Authority want to put a huge toll road in Split Oak Forest.
- This road is proposed to destroy the homes of tortoises that were re-homed there in 2016.
- The road would be right next to the only living scrub jays in Osceola County.
- The road would be a barrier to wildlife movement.
- The road would destroy all of the painstakingly restored wildlife habitat in its right-of-way.
- Vehicles bring noise which would make it less pleasant to hike and enjoy nature in Split Oak Forest.

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