WELCOME!

TO THE LARGO PARKS CANOE TRAIL

The Largo Central Park Nature Preserve is not your ordinary paddling experience. The trail is a diverse paddle that goes through urban and rural sections of Pinellas, ending at Lake Seminole Park. There is plenty of wildlife along the way; many species of birds, turtles and, yes, alligators. Remember to pack lots of drinking water. The flow is to the South, so your return trip will be upstream. A round trip takes approximatly 3 hours. Enjoy!

This is only the beginning. Please enjoy yourself and be safe. The trail is approximately 5.2 miles long, spans from Largo to Seminole, and ranges from Largo Central Park Nature Preserve to the spill-way at Park Blvd.

2 (0.6 miles) The Live Oak can live for over 200 years and grow to a height of more than 100 feet. The largest Oak recorded was the Wye Oak in Maryland and was believed to be over 400 years old.



(0.9 miles) The railroad was essential to Largo's early development. It was the quickest, most efficient way to



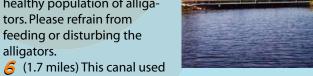
transport goods and passengers over long distances. The Pinellas Trail is adapted from an old railroad line that ran the length of Pinellas County, providing a premier path for walking, cycling, and skating.

4 (1.1 miles) Here you can see a beautiful plant called



Alligator Flag. The plant grows out 100 feet under the water's surface. After the bridge at Ulmerton Road, the trail becomes even more lush and beautiful and should not be missed!

5 (1.3 miles) This area has been known to contain a healthy population of alligators. Please refrain from feeding or disturbing the alligators.



to run through to Lake Seminole. When this canal was converted to drainage, it was rerouted around the lake.



7 (2.9 miles) Here you may spot the Limpkin, a species of special concern that is only one step away from the list. Limpkin are known to eat large bivalve mussels, whose shells are frequently found along the banks of this canal.



(4.0 miles) Pine hammocks, like those on the west side of the bank, once covered much of the state. Due to urban pressure and land clearing, many of the

remaining hammocks have been protected from further destruction by federal regulation.



9 (4.7 miles) These 340-foot radio towers were constructed in the mid-60s and are still in operation. The small building that once was home to a radio station is still in use as a sales office.

(5.2 miles) This is the end of the Largo Parks' Canoe Trail. We hope you enjoyed the trip and wish you a safe trip back.



RULES OF THE TRAIL:

NO COMBUSTION ENGINES NO SWIMMING NO LITTERING NO DISTURBING THE PLANTS OR ANIMALS TRAIL WATER IS DRAINAGE AND IS NON-POTABLE

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