

AMBERJACK

Environmental Park



Amberjack Environmental Park is a 225-acre preserve made up of rare and unique scrub, pine flatwoods, marshes, and other beautiful natural areas, located on the southern half of the Cape Haze peninsula. Amberjack is predominantly oak scrub and scrubby flatwoods habitats. These xeric areas, found almost exclusively in Florida, are located near the coast or natural creeks, and are the remains of prehistoric dunes.

Common plants seen there are dwarf, tangled-looking sand live and myrtle oaks, palmetto, slash pine, rusty lyonia, and wiregrass. A family of Florida scrub-jays lives in the northern part of the park, while gopher tortoises, indigo snakes, and the Florida mouse - all protected animals - also live in these dry habitats, and ospreys can often be seen in flight overhead.

Amberjack Environmental Park is traversed by two significant wetlands, one that formed the headwaters of a tributary to the Lemon Bay Aquatic Preserve and one that drains into the west branch of Coral Creek. They are havens for several species of wading birds, including great blue herons, glossy ibis, roseate spoonbills, and snowy egrets. A centrally-located wet prairie serves as a very important refuge and breeding ground for amphibians. Many different wildflowers can be seen blooming year-round in these habitats.



Amberjack Environmental Park Trail Map

C.R. 775

Gasparilla Pines Blvd.

	Park Boundary	
	Parking Lot/Trailhead	
	Trailhead	
	Wildlife Observation Platform	
	Pavilion - Proposed	
	Red Trail	.87 Miles
	Yellow Trail	.41 Miles
	Blue Trail	1.1 Miles
	Orange Trail	1 Mile
	Purple Trail	.5 Miles
	Green Trail	.32 Miles
	Pink Trail	.69 Miles
	Brown Trail	.66 Miles
	Firewise Buffer	
	Boardwalks	
	Depressional Marsh	
	Lemon Lake	
	Slough	
Total Trail Mileage		5.55 Miles



Note: Additional firebreaks may be added in the future for management and may be blocked off from pedestrian use or opened as temporary trails

