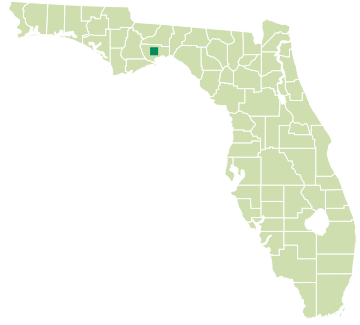


▲ A walk along the R. Kendrick Boardwalk allows visitors an excellent view of a unique “decaf cypress” stand.

Tate's Hell

STATE FOREST



Tate's Hell State Forest
290 Airport Road
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LOCATION

Tate's Hell State Forest covers an immense portion of Franklin County and extends into Wakulla and Liberty Counties.

DESCRIPTION

Tate's Hell State Forest is best known for its large expanse of wetlands. The predominant feature of the forest is Tate's Hell Swamp which provides a filter for water entering the Apalachicola River and East Bay. Several unique stands of "dwarf cypress" trees are located on the forest. Several of these cypress trees are documented to be over 150 years old but only reach a mature height of approximately 15 feet. Wildlife is plentiful and includes: white-tailed deer, barred owl, wild turkey, bald eagle, Florida black bear, red-cockaded woodpecker and gopher tortoise. Pitcher plant seeps and other carnivorous plants are plentiful on the forest as well as a variety of other aquatic and terrestrial plants.

RECREATION ACTIVITIES

Hunting, fishing, canoeing and boating are some of the recreation opportunities available on Tate's Hell State Forest. Primitive camping is available at numerous sites. Several canoe launchings are provided on the many waterways throughout the forest. Hiking is available on marked trails and a boardwalk that offers a spectacular vista of the "dwarf cypress" trees is a popular stop for visitors. Fishing areas include New River, Cash Creek, Whiskey George Creek and the Ochlockonee River. Fishing and hunting activities are regulated by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The Tate's Hell Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trail System provides an opportunity to ride off-highway motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles on more than 150 miles of designated trails on existing forest roads.

