



DATE and TIME: Monday, January 13 at 10am

ACTIVITY: Hike – Half Moon Gum Slough near Inverness

RSVP REQUIRED: Please RSVP to Lyn at 920-858-4274 or raablynn@gmail.com

DESCRIPTION: Half Moon Gum Slough Wildlife Management Area has a large network of trails with a mix of single-track shady forest trails and wider forest roads. We'll walk through both forests and prairies. We'll visit a short boardwalk above a small gator pond and marsh. Mix of part shade, full shade and full sun. About 5.5 to 6 miles round trip. Good wildlife viewing opportunities: deer, wild boar, sandhill cranes and other birds, plus free-range cattle. Photos below.

LUNCH: You are welcome to join the trip leaders for a late lunch at Fisherman's Cove, located just a few minutes from the entrance to Half Moon.

MEETING PLACE: Meet at the Stone Creek pickleball court parking lot between 10:00 and 10:10am. We will depart promptly at 10:10. Carpooling may be available.

TRAILHEAD ADDRESS: 8864 County Road 247, Lake Panasoffkee, FL (See below for driving directions and a map.)

RESTROOMS: There is a new restroom in the parking area and another one at the ranger station a mile up the trail from the parking area.

ITEMS TO BRING: Don't forget to bring plenty of water, snacks, sunscreen and a hat.

PETS: Pets are welcome on this hike. Bring lots of water for them too.

WEBSITE: <https://myfwc.com/recreation/lead/half-moon/>

FEES: None

See your doctor before swapping the TV remote control for hiking boots, bikes and kayaks. Then pick a hike, ride or other trip within your comfort zone and begin your adventure. Participants are personally responsible for all their decisions and risks associated with their participation in any Outdoor Adventure Club activity.



Half Moon Wildlife Management Area, 60

Fisherman's Cove, 12311 E Gulf to Lake H

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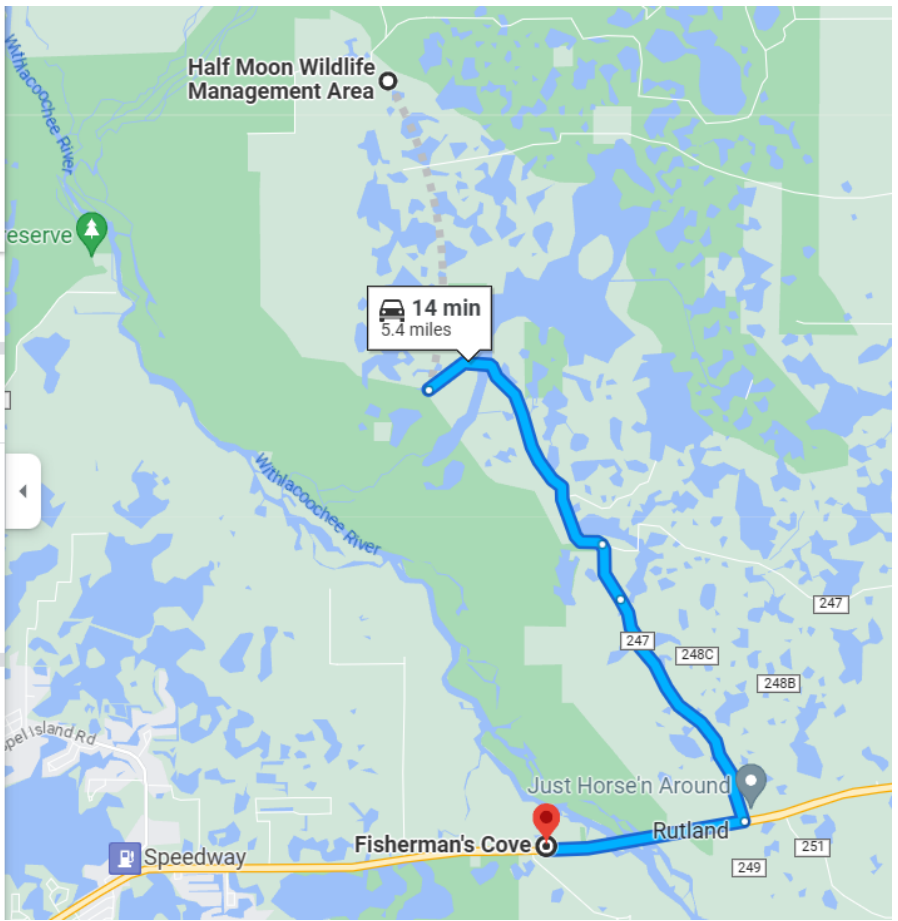
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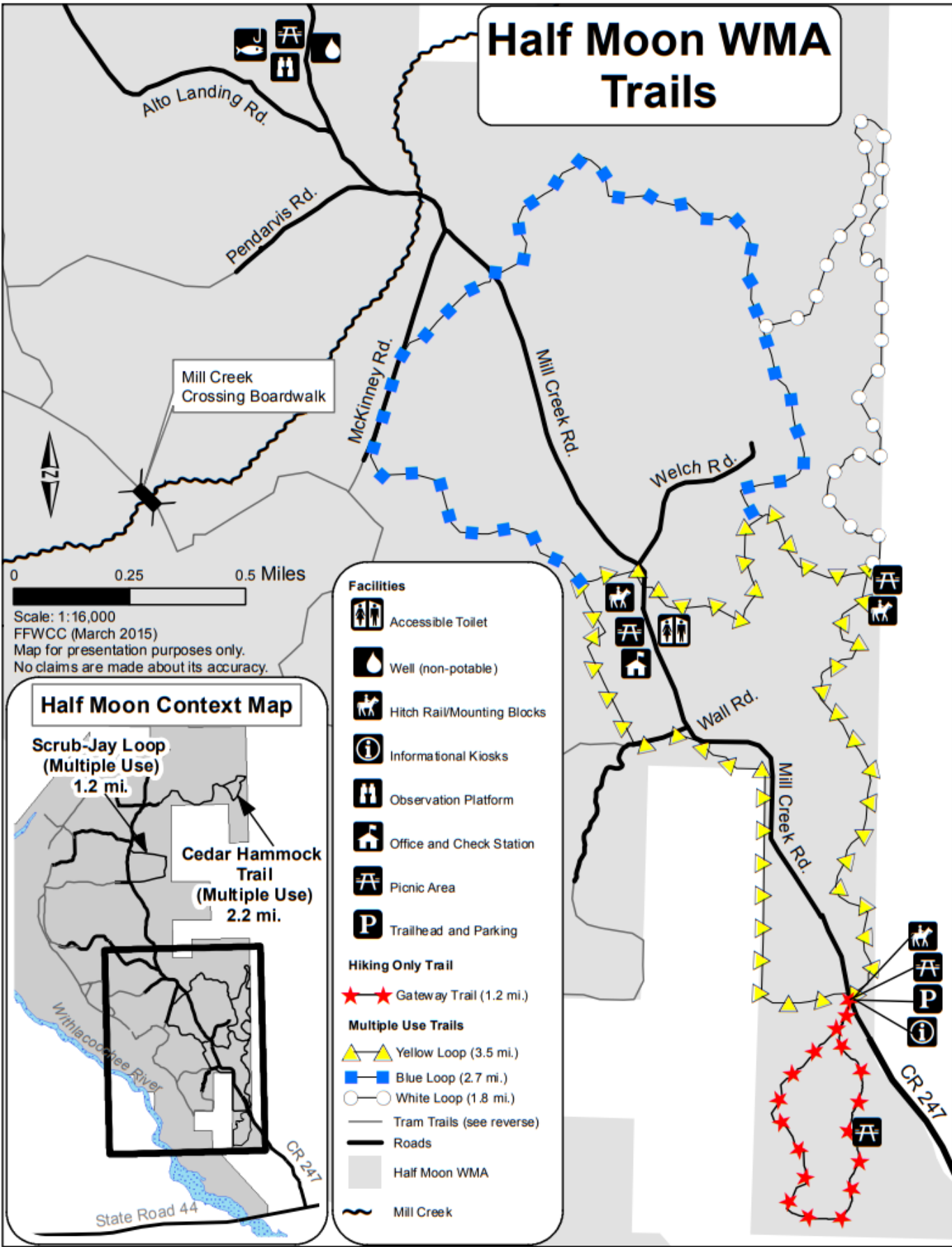
More nearby Fisherman's Cove

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Fisherman's Cove is very close to Half Moon WMA.

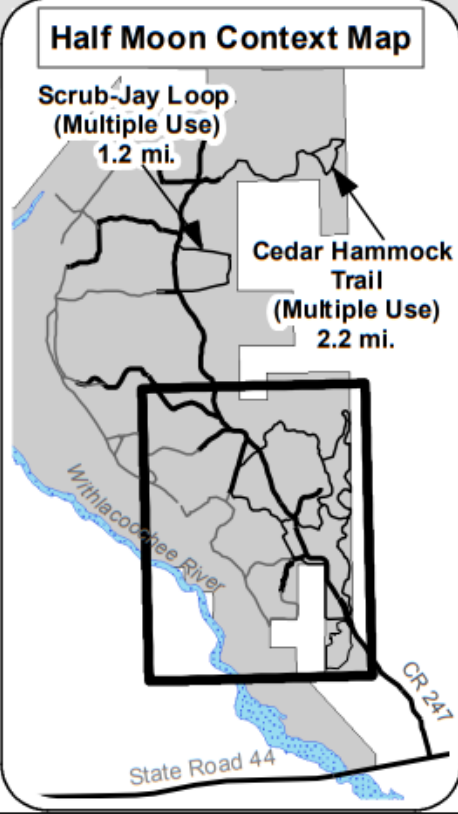
Half Moon WMA Trails



Mill Creek Crossing Boardwalk

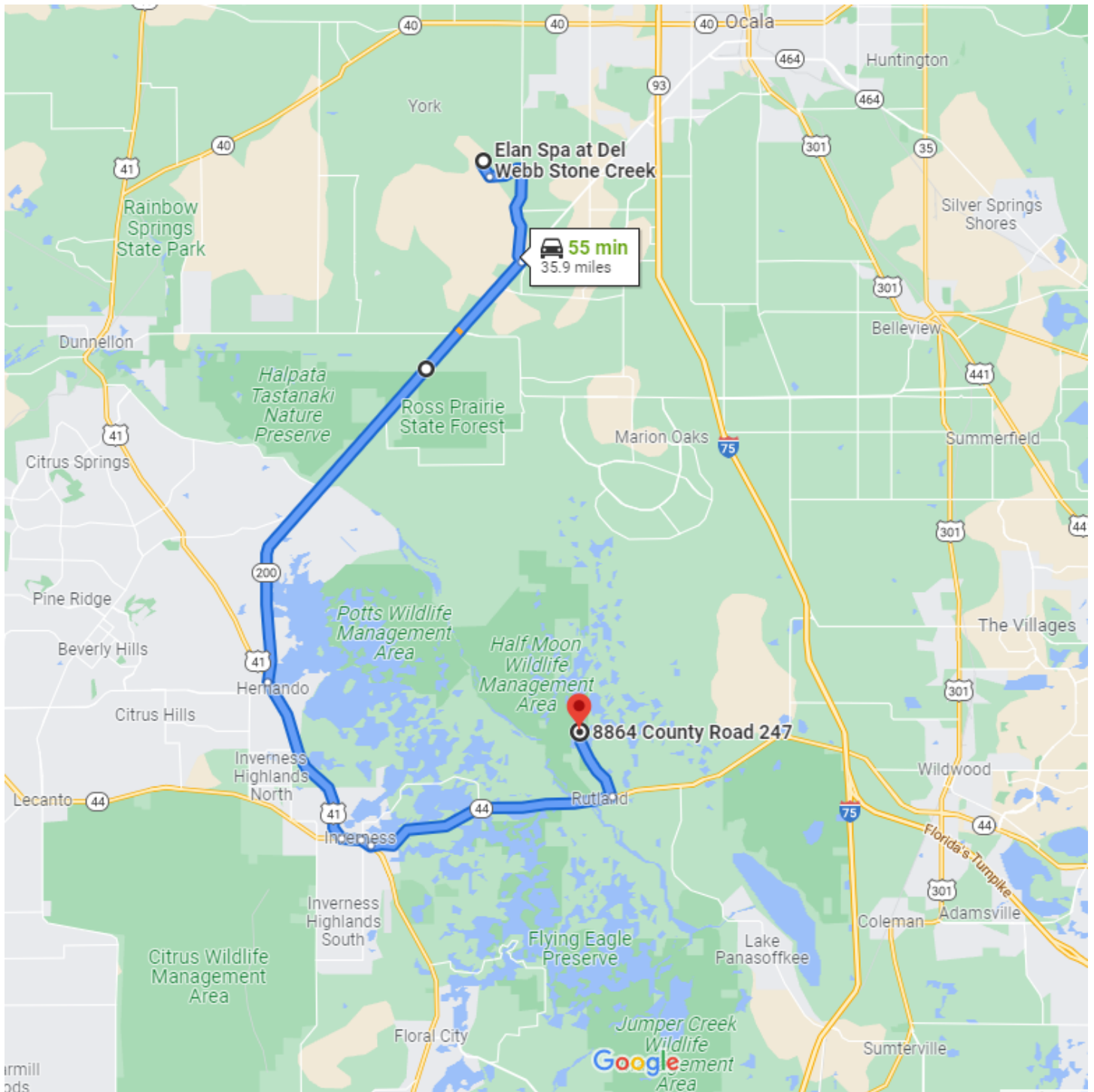
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- Facilities**
- Accessible Toilet
 - Well (non-potable)
 - Hitch Rail/Mounting Blocks
 - Informational Kiosks
 - Observation Platform
 - Office and Check Station
 - Picnic Area
 - Trailhead and Parking
- Hiking Only Trail**
- Gateway Trail (1.2 mi.)
- Multiple Use Trails**
- Yellow Loop (3.5 mi.)
 - Blue Loop (2.7 mi.)
 - White Loop (1.8 mi.)
 - Tram Trails (see reverse)
 - Roads
 - Half Moon WMA
 - Mill Creek

CR 247



Half Moon Gum Slough Wildlife Management Area is located just off State Route 44, between Inverness and I-75. There is a large brown Half Moon sign along SR44 marking the turn onto County Road 247. CR247 dead ends at the Half Moon parking area.

The trip leaders usually take Route 200 to Hernando, then Route 41 south to Inverness and then head east on SR44. Then they'll make a left onto CR247.

Please be aware that if you choose to drive down I-75 and then head west on SR44 your GPS may direct you to turn about a half mile too early onto a private ranch road. Just ignore that and keep heading west on SR44 until you see the Half Moon and CR247 signs.