

Preserve Guidelines

Fishing is allowed. A Florida fresh water fishing license may be required for those 16 years of age or older. Wading is not permitted.

Kayaks, canoes, and other non-gas-powered watercrafts are permitted in authorized lakes only (see map). One sealed electric motor per boat may be used after first obtaining a Boat Permit from the City's Utility Systems Department (PSLUSD). Permit applications are available at PSLUSD or can be downloaded at http://www.cityofpsl.com/parks-recreation/parks/mccarty_ranch.html. Please note that personal flotation devices are required for each person occupying an authorized watercraft.

A lifeguard is NOT on duty.

Beware of alligators, snakes, bobcats, panthers, feral hogs, and other natural wildlife.

Beware of natural, uneven terrain. Drive, park, walk, bicycle, and horseback ride at your own risk.

Per Florida statute, helmets are required for equestrians and cyclists under the age of 16. For safety reasons, we recommend riders of all ages wear appropriate safety gear.

Public access to certain areas of the Preserve is limited. Dogs on leashes are allowed.

The following activities are prohibited:

- Collection, destruction, or disturbance of plants, animals, rocks, minerals, or other natural resources on Preserve property
- Fires, including bonfires, campfires, barbecues, etc., without a permit
- Littering/dumping
- Fireworks
- ATV's, dirt bikes, or other off road/recreational vehicles
- Alcoholic beverages without permit
- Swimming
- Gas-powered motorized watercraft and remote-controlled boats and planes
- Charcoal and/or wood fireplaces
- Hunting and archery, except as permitted during hunting season
- Overnight camping

It is the responsibility of all visitors to McCarty Ranch Preserve to comply with local, state, and federal rules, regulations and laws.

ADA Policy/Impact

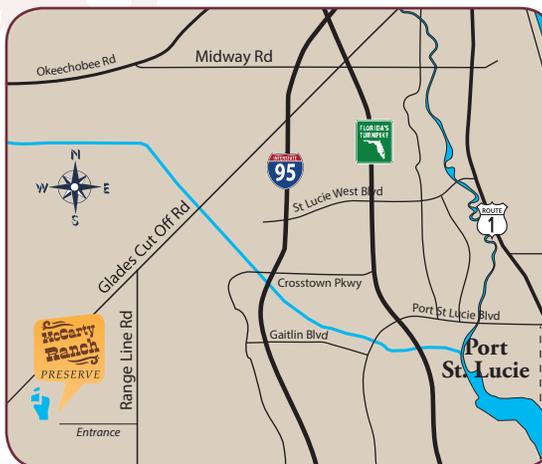
The City of Port St. Lucie will provide persons with disabilities the highest feasible level of physical access to wilderness areas that is reasonable and consistent with the preservation of the property's significant natural features. Undeveloped areas, such as those outside the immediate influence of buildings and roads, will not normally be modified.

Directions

The McCarty Ranch Preserve address is 12525 Range Line Rd. It is west of I-95, south of the intersection of Glades Cut Off Rd. & Range Line Rd.

From the north, take Midway Rd. to Glades Cut Off Road. Turn south and go to Range Line Rd. Then turn south onto Range Line and go four miles to the entrance on the right.

From the south, go west on Martin Highway (FL-714) and turn north onto S.W. Allapatah Rd. Then drive north for approximately seven miles (Allapatah Rd. will become S.W. Twigg Ave., and then Dairy Rd./Range Lane Rd.) The entrance is on the left.



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CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE
121 S.W. Port St. Lucie Blvd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34984

Port St. Lucie's McCarty Ranch PRESERVE



McCarty Ranch Preserve

12525 Range Line Rd.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34987

Hours

7 a.m. to sunset, daily

(772) 878-2277

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Site History

The City's McCarty Ranch Preserve was named to recognize and honor the locally and statewide influential McCarty family. Charles Tobin McCarty, known as C.T., began growing pineapples in St. Lucie County during the 1880's, and the McCarty family eventually expanded their St. Lucie County land holdings to include citrus farming and cattle ranching ventures. The family's influence extended throughout Florida, with C.T.'s grandson Dan becoming the state's 31st governor in 1953. Another grandson, John, managed the family ranch for many years and was keenly aware of its value to future generations as an environmental resource and potential water supply.

Recreation Opportunities

The 3,107-acre property includes a variety of old-Florida habitats. The city purchased the land in 2012 and annexed it in 2013 to use it for water storage and treatment to help meet the City's water demands long into the future. The property also serves as an environmentally friendly recreational area.

Visitors can enjoy activities on land and water. There are trails for walking, biking and horseback riding, while lakes cover more than 300 acres for fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Disc golf is also available for the enjoyment of the public.

McCarty Ranch Preserve is for the enjoyment of all guests. Please help keep it safe and litter free by picking up trash and debris, and always, **KEEP IT CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & FUN.**



McCarty Ranch Preserve Trail Map

