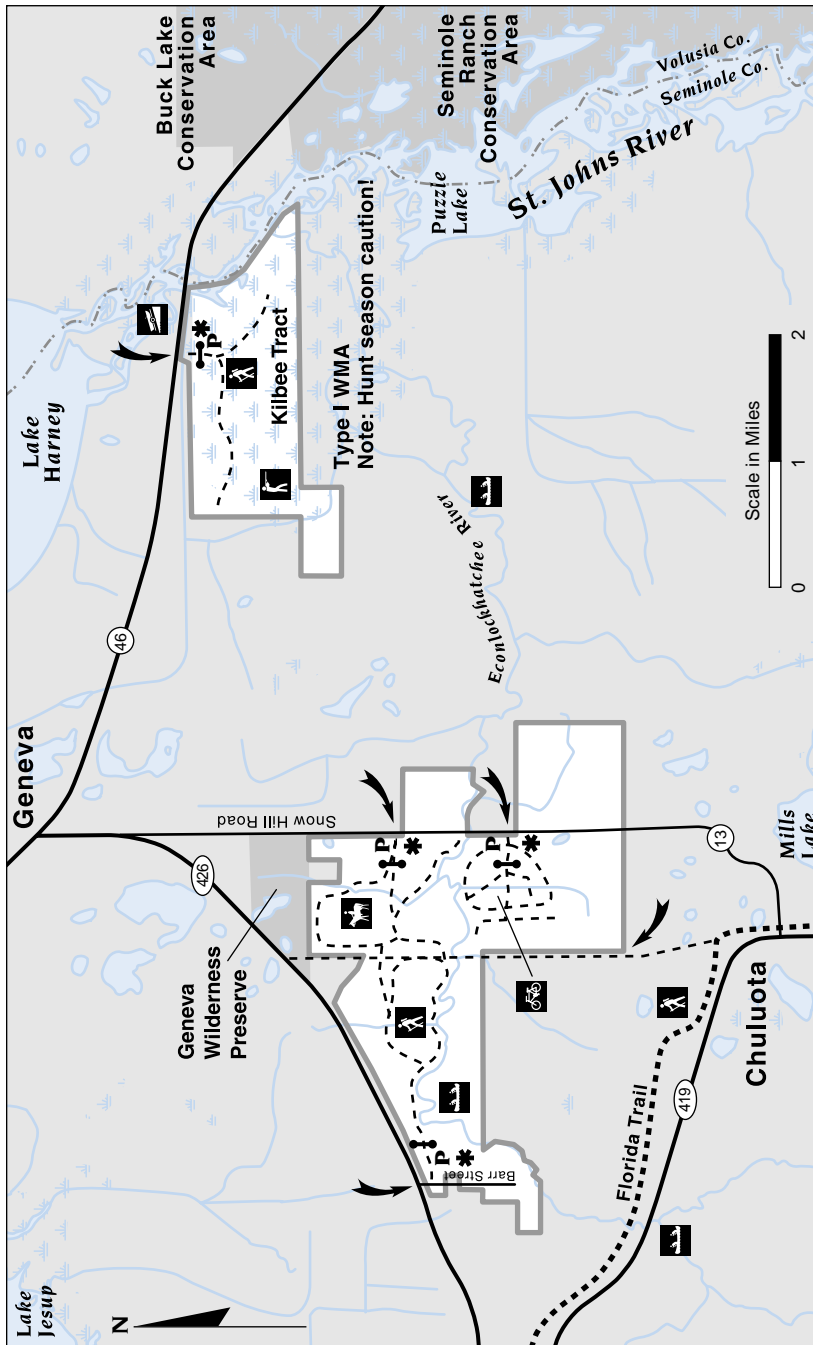


# Little-Big Econ

STATE FOREST



**Size:** 5,787 acres.

**Location:** Along the Econlockhatchee River in Seminole County, south of CR 426 and north of CR 419, approximately five miles east of Oviedo and north of Chuluota.

**Description:** The overall project area will include approximately 15,540 acres; about 30 percent is now in public ownership. This is a partnership project among the District, the state Conservation and Recreation Lands program and Seminole County. Of the 15 miles of Econlockhatchee River shoreline within the whole project, about seven miles are within the current state forest, established by the Florida Legislature in 1994. This area includes a regionally significant blackwater stream system singled out for preservation. The Little-Big Econ State Forest will provide a wildlife corridor connecting the southern part of the Econ Basin to the Tosohatchee State Preserve and other District lands along the St. Johns River for approximately 100 miles from SR 46 to the Florida Turnpike.

**Wildlife viewing:** The area supports diverse wildlife, including resident and migratory waterfowl, wood storks, wading birds and shorebirds, as well as numerous upland species such as deer and turkey. Other common sightings of wildlife include sandhill cranes, bald eagles, ospreys and hawks.

**Recreational activities:** Florida Trail Association has developed hiking trails within the forest. Canoeing along the Econlockhatchee River is a favorite, with improved canoe launch areas planned. Other activities include fishing, bird-watching, picnicking and nature study, primitive camping, horseback riding and bicycling (see Using District Land section at the end of this document). A portion of the property at SR 46 (the Kilbee tract) is a Type I Wildlife Management Area.

**Restrictions:** Category 4 (see Restrictions section at the end of this document).

**Access:** From SR 426, go south on Snowhill Road, which brings you into the heart of the area. A second tract can be accessed from SR 46, southeast of Lake Harney.

**For more information:** The Division of Forestry is the lead manager of this state forest: (407) 366-8063. For hunting information, see the Hunting section at the end of this document.

