

## HISTORY

Micco Landing was originally part of the Pearce family property. John M. Pearce served in the Third Seminole War (1855-1858) and worked as a scout in the Kissimmee Valley surveying Native American activities. In 1875, after serving in the Civil War, he moved his family and prosperous cattle business from Fort Meade to the Kissimmee River and settled here at Fort Basinger. On the southern side of the river he built a log home and set up a steamboat ferry operation at Micco Landing to serve travelers crossing the river. The nearly 100 years of rich Pearce family history in Fort Basinger is evident in the buildings, bridges and local stories they left behind.

The Land Stewardship program's long-term plans for Micco Landing include removal of the grazing cattle, exotic plant control, prescribed burning, cross-fence removal, native groundcover restoration, establishment of a public campground and a looped hiking trail.

## ACCESS

You may access Micco Landing at the trailhead on US Highway 98 in Basinger. You can also reach Micco Landing by boat from the C-38 Canal or the oxbow of the Kissimmee River and by airboat through the Micco Landing airboat port on an oxbow of the Kissimmee River.

## WILDLIFE

Alligator, armadillo, bobcat, common moorhens, coots, coyote, crows, deer, ducks, fish, frog, geese, gray squirrel, hog, mourning doves, nutria, opossum, otter, quail, rabbit, raccoon, rails, skunk, snipe, turkey, white-wing dove and woodcock are among the species commonly found on the property.

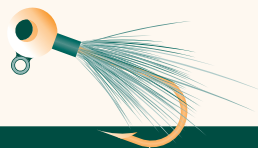
## RECREATIONAL USES

Approved uses of the property include bicycling, boating, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, geocaching, hiking, nature study and hunting. Special use licenses are required for camping and horseback riding. To apply for these no-cost licenses, please visit <http://www.sfwmd.gov> or contact your local District service center.

A license also is required to hunt on this property. For information on hunting, please refer to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Kissimmee River Public Use Area brochure or visit the website at: <http://myfwc.com/hunting/>

For general use rules and regulations governing this property, please visit our Recreational Guide and learn more about Public Use on District lands, or to see the South Florida Water Management District's 40E-7 Public Use Rules visit our website at: <http://www.sfwmd.gov> and proceed to the recreation section or contact the Okeechobee Service Center at 800.250.4200.

## Enjoy Your Visit



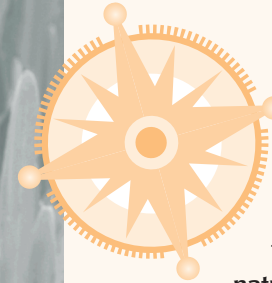
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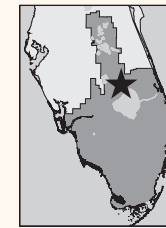
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## MICCO LANDING MANAGEMENT AREA



Micco Landing is located between Highway 98 and the Kissimmee River in central Florida. More than half of Micco Landing is a drained floodplain marsh that will be restored to its natural state after the completion of the Kissimmee River Restoration Project.



This 1,550-acre property, owned by the South Florida Water Management District, is

**Come  
out  
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part of the Kissimmee River Public Use Area and is open year round for a variety of public uses. The property is home to several hundred Red Brangus cattle belonging

to the grazing lessee and former owner of the property, the Lanier family.



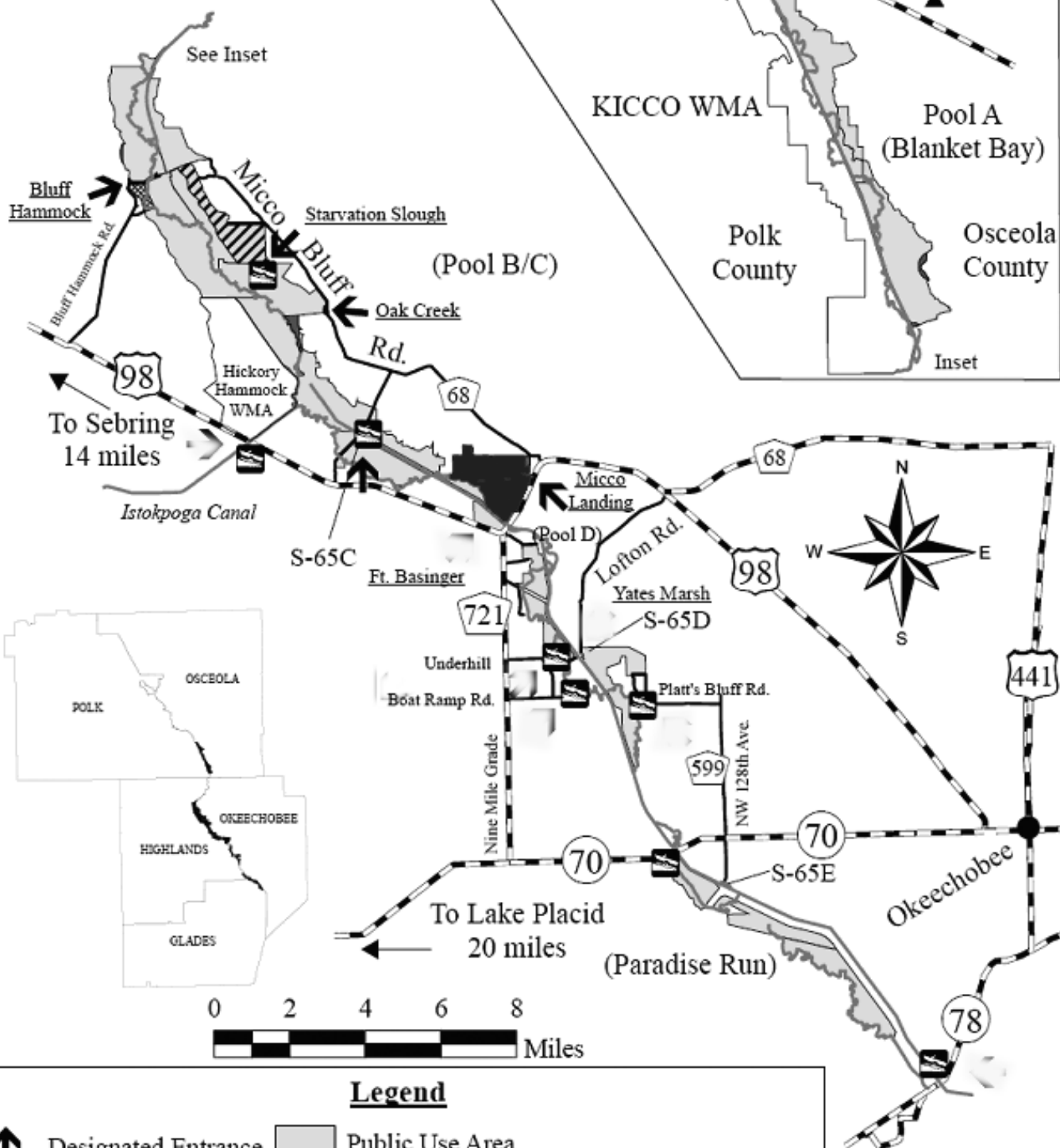
The word "micco" comes from the Seminole language, meaning leader.

# KISSIMMEE RIVER

## PUBLIC USE AREA

24,873 acres

Glades, Highlands, Okeechobee,  
Osceola and Polk Counties



### Legend

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| ↑ Designated Entrance | Public Use Area                           |
| Boat Ramp             | Starvation Slough                         |
| — River or Canal      | Area Closed to Guns and Archery Equipment |
|                       | Closed to Hunting                         |