**Ready, Set, Go!**

**J.W. Corbett Wildlife Management Area**

Corbett WMA has a north and south entrance. Use the south entrance, near the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, for horse trailer parking and access to the Hungryland Boardwalk and Trail and the Ocean to Lake Trail. Visitors may hike the trails year-round, but two weeks prior to archery season, the area is closed to other users. Check the regulations summary for specific dates.

**Wildlife Viewing**

Corbett is part of the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail (floridabirdingtrail.com). Habitats here attract snail kite, wood stork, sandhill crane, red-cockaded woodpecker, northern bobwhite and Bachman’s sparrow. Look for deer and bobcat near dawn and dusk. Along the boardwalk, watch for pileated woodpecker, barred owl, screech owl and raccoon. Marshes host herons, wood duck, bitterns, egrets and common yellowthroat. Check hammocks along trails 13 and 14 for migratory warblers in spring and fall. Agricultural fields off Tomato Field Grade attract turkey, northern bobwhite, wintering sparrows and hawks.

**Hiking, Bicycling and Horseback Riding**

Hike the 1.2-mile Hungryland Boardwalk and Trail and the Ocean to Lake Trail, which spans 17 miles of Corbett and connects to the DuPuis Wildlife and Environmental Area (WEA) to the west. Bicyclists and equestrians can enjoy miles of roads and trails, but are not permitted on the Hungryland Boardwalk and Trail. The John C. and Mariana Jones/Hungryland WEA, north of Corbett, offers additional hiking opportunities.

**Camping**

Camp at designated sites seven days a week during hunts, but only Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays during the rest of the year. Two primitive camps for hikers are on the Ocean to Lake Trail.

**Hunting**

Corbett is a very popular public hunting area with seasons for deer, wild hog, small game and spring turkey and a special youth turkey hunt. Fall is the busiest period. During general gun season, much of Corbett is open to hunting with dogs and swamp buggies. There are two still-hunt areas where vehicles are not allowed. Some fields are planted with seasonal grains to attract deer, hogs, turkey and doves.

**Seasonal highlights**

**Fall** – Along the boardwalk, needles of the deciduous cypress trees turn burnt orange. Check here and in oak hammocks for migrating warblers, tanagers and grosbeaks. Sandhill cranes nest winter through spring. Fall-blooming wildflowers attract butterflies.

**Winter** – Check marshes along the L-8 canal for waterfowl, white pelican and least bittern. These open areas are also good spots for caracara. Look for mixed flocks of songbirds and winter specialties such as yellow-bellied sapsucker.

**Spring** – From March through June, watch for nesting egrets and herons in the willows near the Camp P pond. Golden-winged warbler, scarlet tanager, and yellow-throated vireo are just some of the many migrants that can be seen during the spring.

**Summer** – Rains help fill sawgrass marshes, improving conditions for anglers. Most animals, including red-cockaded woodpecker and alligator are nesting. White swamp lilies dot marshes and sloughs. Bucks in new velvet are occasionally spotted.

**Fishin**

Fish for bass in sawgrass marshes during periods of ample rainfall. Fish in ponds at camps A, B, G, H, I and K for bluegill, redear, spotted sunfish, bass, catfish, warmouth and gar.

Check the regulations summary for vehicle access and note that many trails require 4WD or a swamp buggy. Hunts occur on scheduled days, in specific areas. Wear bright orange clothing if you use trails during a hunt.

**How to get to J.W. Corbett**

Use the south entrance to visit Hungryland Boardwalk; travel 13 miles west of I-95 on North Lake Blvd. Turn right on Seminole Pratt Whitney Rd., travel three miles to entrance on left. The north entrance is on SR 710, 25 miles northwest of West Palm Beach. Turn left into Corbett at the junction of CR 706.

**What it costs to visit**

Entrance fee is required; Ocean to Lake Trail through-hikers are exempt. For details: MyFWC.com/Recreation. Carry appropriate licenses and permits for hunting and fishing.

**Hunting or fishing licenses**

Toll-free at (888) HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356 or (888) FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356), or go to MyFWC.com/License

**Area lodging, camping and restaurants**

Discover the Palm Beaches (800) 554-7256; palmbeachfl.com.

**Report a wildlife law violation to Wildlife Alert.** Call (888) 404-3922 or text Tip@MyFWC.com

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