

Jonathan Dickinson State Park

Florida Scrub-jay Photo Cache



Instructions:

- * This photo cache requires a camera or smart phone but not GPS capabilities.
 - * It can be fully accessible on paved areas or can include off-road. The activity can include travel throughout the park ~ by car, bike, horse, rollerblades, or foot - your choice! You can rent bikes at the park's concession in the River Area.
1. Using a GPS or smart phone, find the coordinates listed for each question; or follow the hints on the back page. Be sure to take a map!
 2. Find the answer to at least 3 questions and take a picture of what you find or where you are.
 3. Some answers can be found at more than one location (not at exact coordinates).

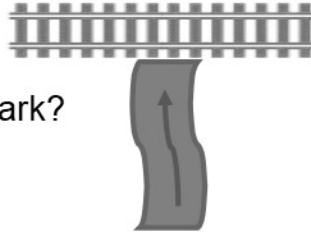


1. If you don't see a real Florida scrub-jay today, this may be the next best thing!

Listen while you are here... you may hear a scrub-jay on your journey today!

N 26' 59.531
W 080' 08.616

2. Where the path meets the tracks... where do Florida scrub-jays live and where is the best place to see one in the park?
N 26' 59.952 W 080' 06.468



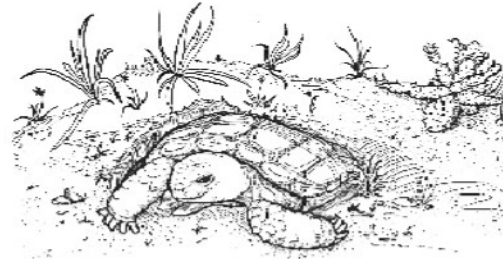
Scrub-jays love the scrub habitat with lots of small oak trees and open areas created by regular prescribed fire.

3. Find a Florida scrub-jay! While you are here, look around and see if you can find one. They like to hang out in the bushes, on the ground, and in dead trees (aka snags). Please remember they are wild animals and do not feed or disturb them.
N 26' 59.952 W 080' 06.468



4. If you didn't see a scrub-jay how about a gopher tortoise? They also survive and thrive on open sandy habitat created by regular prescribed fire. Where does a gopher tortoise make it's home?

!Please do not get close to the burrow, it may scare the tortoise away from its home!



N 26' 59.977
W 080' 06.393

5. Like all wildlife, Florida scrub-jays have predators too... Osprey are eat mostly fish but are known to eat other things too. Red-shouldered hawks are common predators to scrub-jays. Look and listen... you are very likely to see or hear an osprey here!
N 26' 59.537 W 080' 09.060



6. What is a Florida scrub-jay's favorite food? Not peanuts! Find its favorite food or where it comes from.
N 26' 59.504 W 080' 08.629

CONGRATULATIONS!

You have completed the JDSP photo cache.

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1. It's close to home (where you are starting, inside the center)
2. Park at the Camp Murphy bike trailhead parking lot, on the right before Pine Grove Campground and walk along the paved path going west away from the parking lot.
3. Same place as above
4. Look on the north side of the path for a sandy "skirt" marking a burrow, on your left walking back from the RR tracks.
5. Go back to the picnic/river area and walk along the Wilson Creek trail - who might be a predator for a scrub-jay? Look up and all around!
6. Go back to the education center and walk along the path that starts behind the center, or walk around the parking lots near the center. What kind of nut comes from an oak tree?

Hints: