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## **Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park Update**

*~~Paved bike trail throughout Starkey Park is now open~~*

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** ---- [Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park](#) remains open, although sections of some trails still remain off limits. The park was closed for safety concerns and to provide access to firefighters dealing with the recent wildfire. Here is the latest information from the Pasco Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Department:

### OPEN

- The pavilions, shelters and playground at the day use area are open.
- The hiking trail is open, but it's a modified version. A portion of the hiking trail will be doubled as hiking and mountain bike trail.
- The equestrian trail has no damage and the entire trail is open.
- The mountain bike trail has been modified since a majority of the trail went through the wildfire area.
- The seven mile paved bike trail that runs throughout the park is open, including the connector at the Suncoast Trail.
- The tent and cabin area are open for camping.

### CLOSURES

- Primitive camp sites remain closed.

### GRILL/FLAME POLICY

- The **no open flame policy** (*campfires, grills/ barbeques, etc.*) will remain in effect until further notice at the following Pasco County sites: Jay B. Starkey Wilderness Park, Crews Lake Wilderness Park, Withlacoochee River Park, John S. Burks Memorial Park, J. Ben Harrill Recreation Complex, Lake Lisa Community Park, Moon Lake Park, Odessa Park, Sam W. Pasco Recreation Complex and Upper Pithlachascotee River Preserve. The no flames policy is rescinded at all other Pasco County parks.

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