**Harns Marsh**

Nestled between Sunshine Blvd. and Buckingham Air Park lies one of Lehigh Acres’ best kept secrets—a 578-acre preserve known as Harns Marsh. Within the Marsh’s boundaries, a ghost trail still tells a tale of where the Orange River once meandered through the a 59-acre cypress head.

Designed in 1981 by LA-MSID, Harns Marsh is one of the area’s major stormwater retention/detention facilities. Its purpose is to eliminate, or at very least reduce, flooding of the District’s downstream neighbors along the Orange River during a major storm.

The area is open for passive public exploration, but vehicles must be left outside the gates.

*Getting There: From Lee Blvd. head north on Sunshine Blvd., turn left on Olive Ave. N. and then turn left on 38th St. W. and continue to the Marsh.*
Wildlife at the Marsh — Against the picturesque backdrop of Harns Marsh, visitors have spotted more than 100 birds and other animals. The following birds are those which are most commonly spotted within the Marsh:

- Cattle Egret
- Sandhill Crane
- Mottled Duck
- Green Heron
- Osprey
- Great Egret
- Little Blue Heron
- Turkey Vulture
- Black Vulture
- Tricolored Heron
- Snowy Egret
- Limpkin
- Blue-winged Teal
- Anhinga
- Killdeer
- White Ibis
- Snail Kite
- Common Moorhen
- Double-breasted Cormorant
- Wood Stork