

*City of Tampa*  
Parks and Recreation  
Department  
**EXPERIENCE BOOK**

We are going to visit  
New Tampa  
Nature Park



CREATED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
Center for Autism & Related Disabilities  
University of South Florida

# FOR THE **CAREGIVER**

17001 Dona Michelle Dr.  
Tampa, FL 33612

## *HOURS*

Sunrise to Sunset

## *ACCESSIBILITY*

ADA Accessible sidewalks

The New Tampa Nature Park does not have a restroom or water fountain located in the park.

There is a port-a-potty located near the playground

## *Notes*

The park is usually busy in the mornings and evenings with runners and cyclist, who utilize the paved trails.

There is limited on-street parking available in the park.

There are a rope play structure and a seated Zipline located near the parking lot. There is also a 1-mile paved walking trail the connects to Flatwoods Park.

This is a nature park, and as such you will encounter wild life in the park. The most commonly seen animals are wild hogs and turkeys. You may encounter snakes sunbathing on the paved exercise trail.

# Sensory Key



There are lots of things to hear here. It might be loud in places where I see this. I can wear headphones or cover my ears if it gets too loud.



There are lots of things to see here. It might be bright or hurt my eyes in places where I see this. I can wear sunglasses or cover my eyes.



There are lots of things to touch here. There might be things that I feel uncomfortable touching when I see this. I do not have to touch anything that I do not want to.



There might be a strong smell in places where I see this. I can hold my nose or cover my nose with something that smells good.

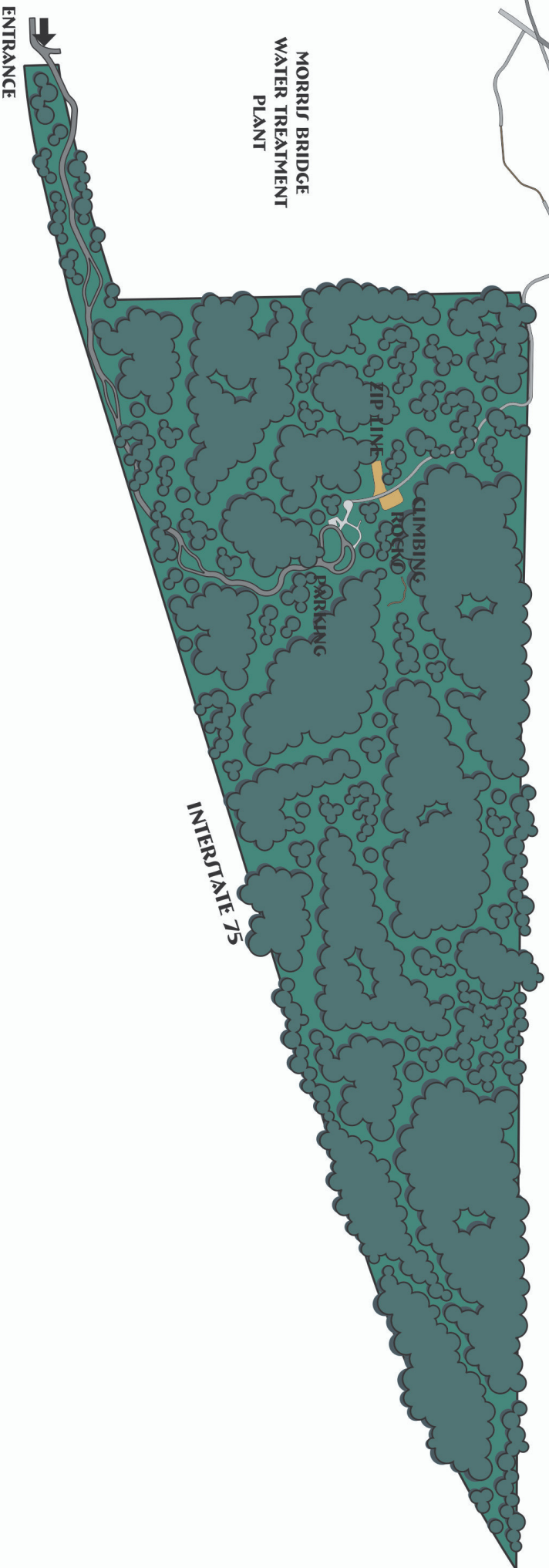


When I see this there will be things I can taste here. I do not have to put anything in my mouth if I do not want to.

FLATWOODS  
TRAIL  
(HILLBOROUGH  
COUNTY)

LOWER HILLBOROUGH FLOOD DETENTION DIKE  
MAINTENANCE ROAD

MORRIS BRIDGE  
WATER TREATMENT  
PLANT



# NEW TAMPA NATURE PARK

17001 DONA MICHELLE DRIVE

33647







# Park Day

*We are going to visit the New Tampa Nature Park.*





# Parking

*When we get to the park, we will park in the parking lot.*





# Rules

*There will be rules that I have to follow when I am at the Park. There will be signs to remind me of what the rules.*





# Trash

*I will make sure I throw my trash into trash cans. If I have a service animal with me, I will make sure I clean up after him or her.*





# Rest

*If I get tired, there will be places in the park  
where I can sit and rest.*





## The Playground & Zipline

*There will be a playground where I can play. I will take turns with other kids on the equipment. I will stay on the playground where the adult that is with me can see me.*





# Things to do

*While at the playground, there will be lots of things that we can look at or play with, like the ropes course and zipline. I will ask the adult that is with me if I can play on the slides and swings before I do.*





# Noise

*This park is usually very quiet. I can cover my ears or put on headphones if it gets too loud.*





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