

PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

**Tree Tops Park
December 5, 2025**

Park History

Tree Tops Park is a 243.3 acre regional County park, located in the Town of Davie. It opened on December 11, 1983. The land was initially owned by professional golfer Sam Snead and he, along with three business partners, planned to build a golf course and high-rise apartment building; however, that plan never came to fruition and the County acquired the land in February of 1980 for \$4.4 million. A portion of the funds (\$2.3 million) was provided by the 1978 bond referendum that resulted in multiple park acquisition and development projects throughout Broward County. The remaining \$2.1 million of the purchase price was provided by the U.S. Department of Interior via the Florida Department of Natural Resources' Land and Water Conservation Fund. An additional \$2.9 million was spent on development of the park. Broward County Commissioner Anne Kolb suggested the name Tree Tops Park due to the elevated nature trails planned for the park.

Pine Island Ridge, a 102.2 acre natural area owned by the State of Florida, is connected to Tree Tops Park by a paved pathway and is also managed by the Tree Tops Park staff. The site, surrounded by homes, provides a suburban oasis for all who visit and is a great continuation of the tranquility that Tree Tops Park provides. Pine Island Ridge is the highest natural elevation point in Broward County at 29 feet above sea level.

Amenities and Programs

Current amenities at Tree Tops Park include eight rental shelters, an indoor/outdoor rental facility, a 3,400 square foot indoor reception hall, two playgrounds, volleyball courts, outdoor fitness equipment, special event field, safety town, several open picnic and grilling areas, a viewing tower, a 1000-foot boardwalk across 23 acres of restored wetland, and over seven miles of pedestrian and equestrian trails.



Tree Tops Park and Pine Island Ridge are part of the Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail, a network of nearly 500 sites throughout Florida selected for their excellent bird watching opportunities.

The park hosts several events throughout the year, including a summer camp program, corporate events, volunteer workdays, and the annual Water Matters

Day which is a cooperative effort by the Parks and Recreation Division and the by County' Natural Resources Division to help residents and visitors learn about what role they can play in protecting and conserving our water supplies.

Quick Facts:



- Park staff consist of 1 Park Manager, 1 Associate Park Manager, 1 Park Supervisor, 4 Park Aides, 1 Office Support Specialist, 1 Account Clerk, 5 Part-time staff, and 5 Student Workers.
- For FY 2025, Oak Ridge Hall had 176 meetings, events and rentals.
- Park vehicle attendance in FY 2025 was over 121,000.

Recent Completed Projects:

- Upgraded all lights in Oak Ridge Hall to LED.
- Installed new interpretive signage along the nature trails in Tree Tops Park, Pine Island Ridge, and at Sewell Lock.
- A Bat Box was installed by volunteers in coordination with the Division's Environmental Management Group.
- Hammock stands were installed in three locations around the park as an Eagle Scout project
- The park's large Adirondack Chair "photo op spot" was repainted and new signage was installed.



Current and Upcoming Projects:

- Targeted removal of invasive plant species in key locations throughout the park.
- Restoration of a 33-acre wetland on the southwest corner of the park through a partnership with FDOT.
- Installation of a new playground to replace the one that was removed in 2021.