

Big Scrub Project

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Materials in this project relate to the area of the Ocala National Forest south of Salt Spring, FL and south to Silver Glen Springs. It includes Hopkins Prairie, The Yearling Trail, and Silver Glen Springs. Referenced readings are from the following novels that are set in the region and written by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings:

Rawlings, M. K. *South Moon Under*, New York: Scribner's Sons, 1933.

Rawlings, M. K. *The Yearling*, New York: Scribner's Sons, 1938 (references from 50th Anniversary paperback edition, Collier MacMillan Publishers).

The following files are included on the CD:

ReadMe- (Word Document) An explanation of the contents of the CD.

TrailGuideBigScrub- (Word Document) A listing of the plants and animals of the Big Scrub that are mentioned in *The Yearling*. This list may be printed back and front on a page and tri-folded to be used as a checklist while hiking the region.

HikingtheBigScrub- (PowerPoint Document) A presentation containing maps of the region and photographs along The Yearling Trail, Silver Glen Springs and Hopkins Prairie. The "notes" contain references to the readings from Rawlings' work appropriate to each site. It may be used as a virtual hike with the readings accompanying it.

ListReadingsBigScrubHike- (Word Document) An area map, a trail map, and a list of readings from *South Moon Under* and *The Yearling* keyed to geographical locations in the region. Page numbers and enough text to locate the specific reference are given. If one actually visits the area, this could be used as a guide (the maps) and reference list for reading from the books that are done along the trail.

Hiking the Big Scrub

A **Trail Guide** to plants and animals mentioned in Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings' *The Yearling*.

Look for them as you explore The Yearling Trail, Silver Glen Springs, and Hopkins Prairie.

SHRUBS
blackberry
blueberries
briarberry
buttonwood
choke-berry
fetter-bush
fire plant
gallberry bush
gooseberry
hawthorn
huckleberry
mulberry (French)
persimmon
poke berry (root for med)
sparkleberry
wild azalea
TREES
blackjack (oak)
chinaberry tree

cypress
dogwood
hickory
holly
live oak
loblolly pine
long leaf pine
Magnolia
wax-myrtle
orange tree
palm tree
plum
red bay
red bud
scrub oak
swamp laurel
swamp maple
sweet bay
sweet gum
titi, ironwood (leatherwood)
wild cherry
MISCELLANEOUS
alum root – tea
arrow root
aster
bonnets (in water)
broom-sage grass
cancer weed (like aloe)
cat tail rushes
Cherokee bean
coffee weed

colic root (white/orange)
deer tongue (vanilla)
dog bane
dog fennel
fern
furbelows
goldenrod
guavas
honeysuckle
indigo bush
jessamine
lichen
lily pads
pawaw
pindars (for pigs)
pipe elder (elderberry)
pomegranate
Queen's Delight
red-ribbon cane
saw grass
scrub palmetto
scuppernong grape
sea myrtle
Spanish moss
switch grass
sumac
tar-flower



BIRDS

(great) blue heron
 Blue Peter (purple gallinule)
 bittern
 buzzard
 crow (p 358)
 curlew (ibis)
 dove
 eagle
 geese
 gray crane
 hawk
 hummingbird
 joree (?towhee)
 mallard duck
 martin
 mockingbird
 owl
 quail
 red bird (cardinal)
 red-winged blackbird
 sapsucker
 scrub jay
 shipoke (bird)
 soldier blackbirds
 turkey
 water turkey (anhinga)
 whip-poor-will
 white seabirds
 whooping crane
 wild turkey

wood duck
 woodpecker-Ivorybill
 woodpecker-pileated (Lord God
 woodpecker)

ANIMALS

bear
 deer
 fox
 fox squirrel
 lynx
 opossum
 panther
 rabbit
 raccoon
 skunk
 squirrel
 weasel
 wild cat
 wolf

SNAKES

black snake
 chicken snake
 coach whip
 coral snake
 cottonmouth moccasins
 garter snake
 king snake
 rattlesnake

WATER CREATURES

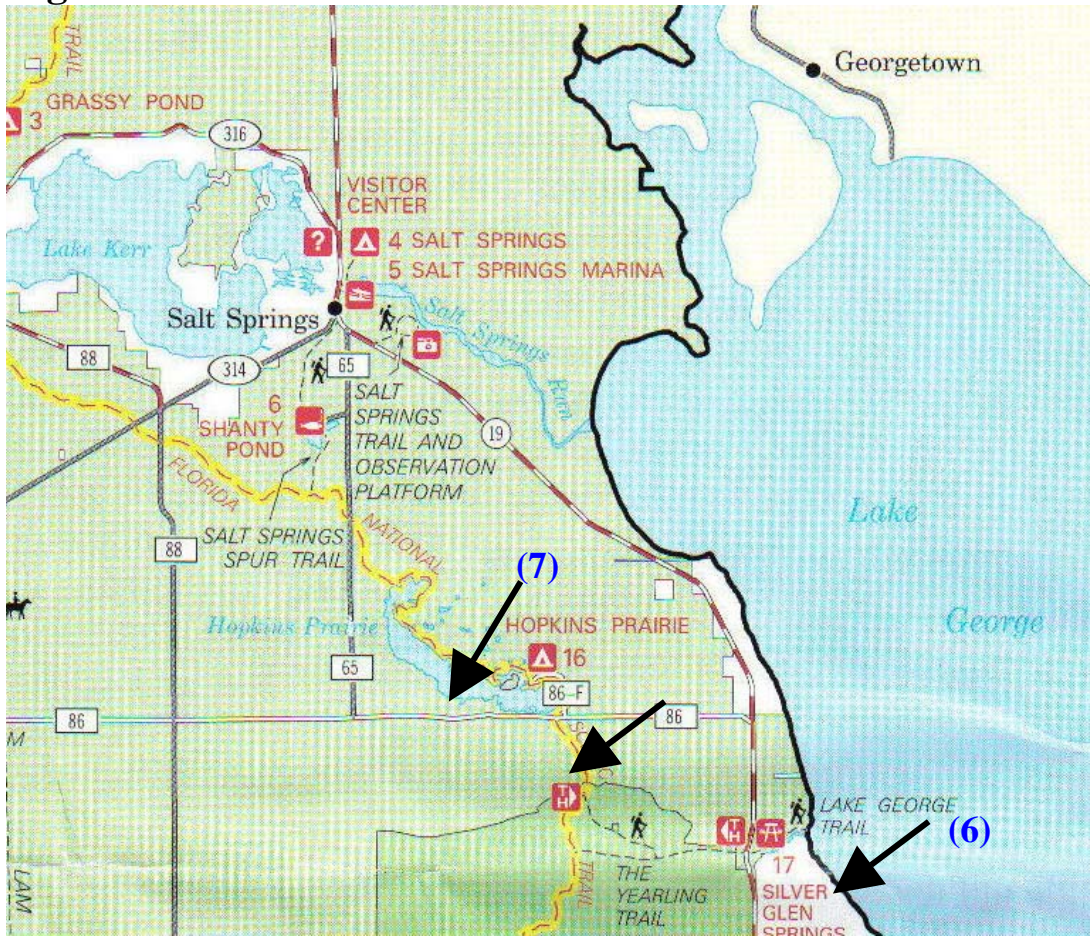
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 bass
 blue crabs
 bream
 bull frog
 cray fish
 garfish
 mullet
 tadpoles

MISCELLANEOUS

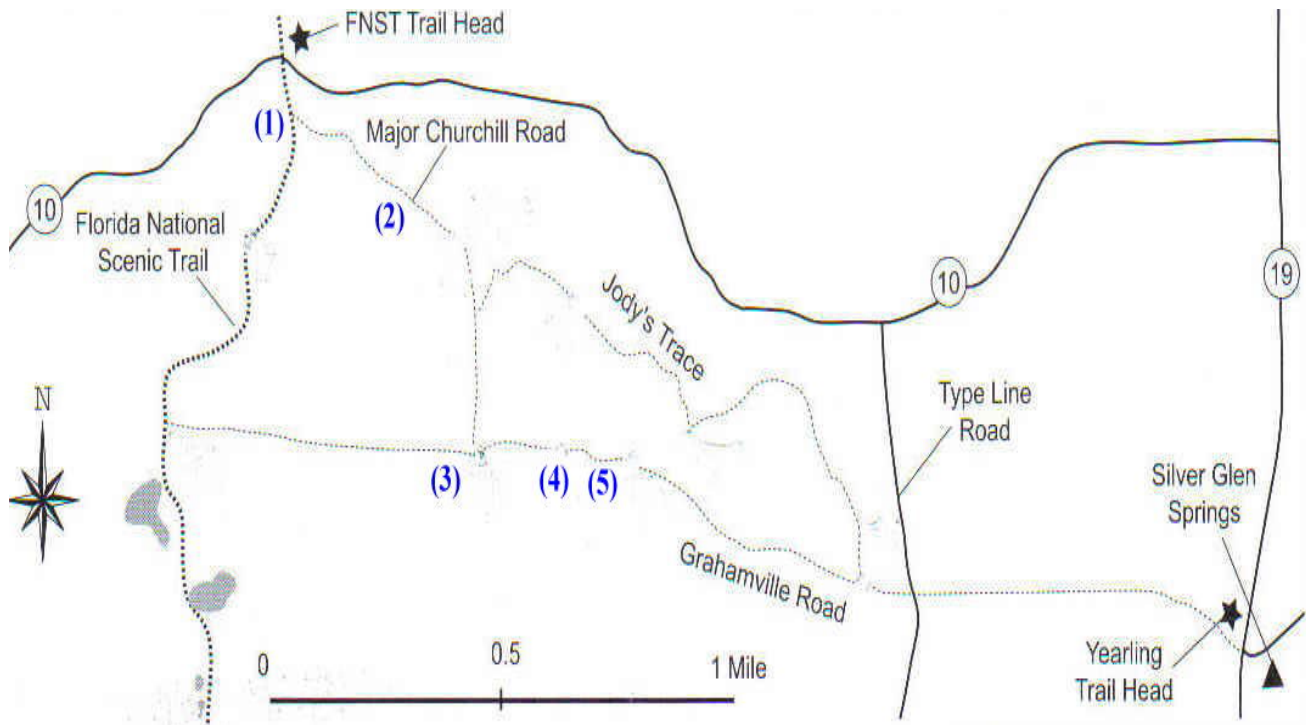
blue-bellied lizard (scrub lizard)
 bonnet-worms
 bull-bat
 cockroaches
 cricket
 dirt daubers
 gopher turtle (tortoise)
 grasshopper
 honey bee
 locust
 mosquitoes
 pine borer
 tree frog
 wood rat



Big Scrub Area of the Ocala National Forest



The Yearling Trail



Readings for the Big Scrub Hike

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The Yearling Trail- Turn off highway FL 19 West onto Forest Road 10 ten miles south of Salt Springs, FL, or just north of the Silver Glen Spring turn. Go 2.4 miles and park in the space provided. See the map above for the location of each reading.

- (1) Big Scrub *South Moon Under* scrub quote:
pp 2-3 (The Florida scrub was unique...rising sun and moon.)

Quotes from *The Yearling*:

- (2) Sink hole: pp 78-81 (The end of the world ... by the pool)
pp 196 (buckets were heavy...) - 197 (...pool)
- (3) Cemetery: p. 20 (The babies were frailJody Baxter was born and thrived.)
- (4) Clearing: Cal Long and his family lived here until his death in the 1935. Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings visited him in July 1933 gathering family stories and taking notes on the geographic area. The Baxter home in the 1945 movie of *The Yearling* was filmed on this spot.
pp 1 (The clearing ...) - 2 (...near the water.)
p. 9 (The clearing..... to find his father.)
- (5) Sand road to Silver Glen: p. 3

Silver Glen Springs- The entrance to Silver Glen Springs area is east off of highway FL 19 ten and six-tenths miles south of Salt Springs, FL. An admission fee is required to enter the springs and picnic area. Follow shoreline along the right bank of the main spring until you find the Spring Boils Trail". Follow the trail three-eighths of a mile to the "boils" at the end of the boardwalk.

- (6) Silver Glen Springs on boardwalk at the "boils"
pp 4 - 5 ([top of p 4]... flutter-mill)
pp 5 (The water...) - 6 (... he had begun it.)
p. 423 (paragraph 1)

Hopkins Prairie- Take Forest Road 86 west off of highway FL 19 nine miles south of Salt Springs, FL, or one and six-tenths miles north of Silver Glen Springs. There is a parking area and overlook three and two-tenths miles from FL 19.

- (7) Hopkins Prairie: pp 32 (The pines...) - 33 (... rear itself high.)
pp 91 (They were in territory...) - 92 (...the sun.)
p. 94-95 (crane's dance)
p. 96 "**They had seen a thing that was unearthly. They were in a trance from the strong spell of its beauty.**"