

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.

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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 |
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| 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 |

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|---------------------------|
| 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

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|-------------------------------|
| (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 |

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

ANIMALS

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

SNAKES

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

WATER CREATURES

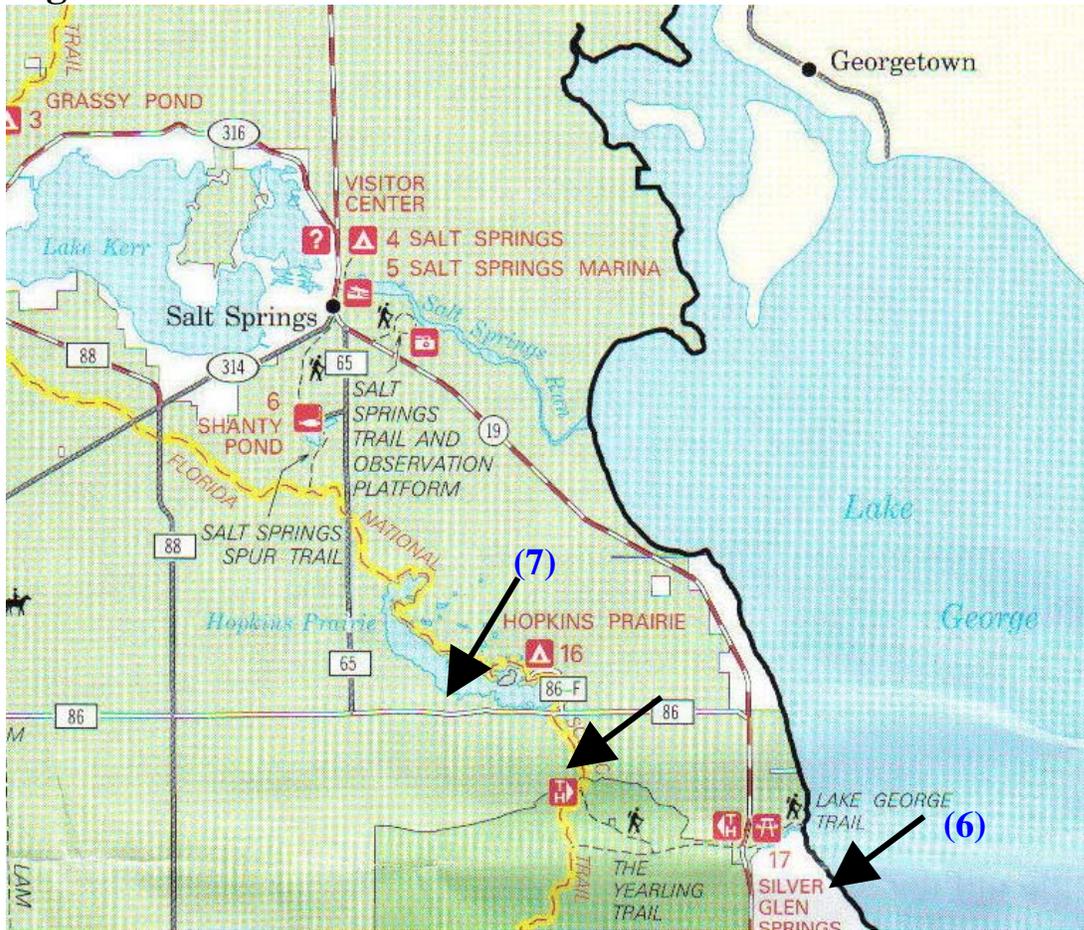
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| alligator |
| bass |
| blue crabs |
| breem |
| bull frog |
| cray fish |
| garfish |
| mullet |
| tadpoles |

MISCELLANEOUS

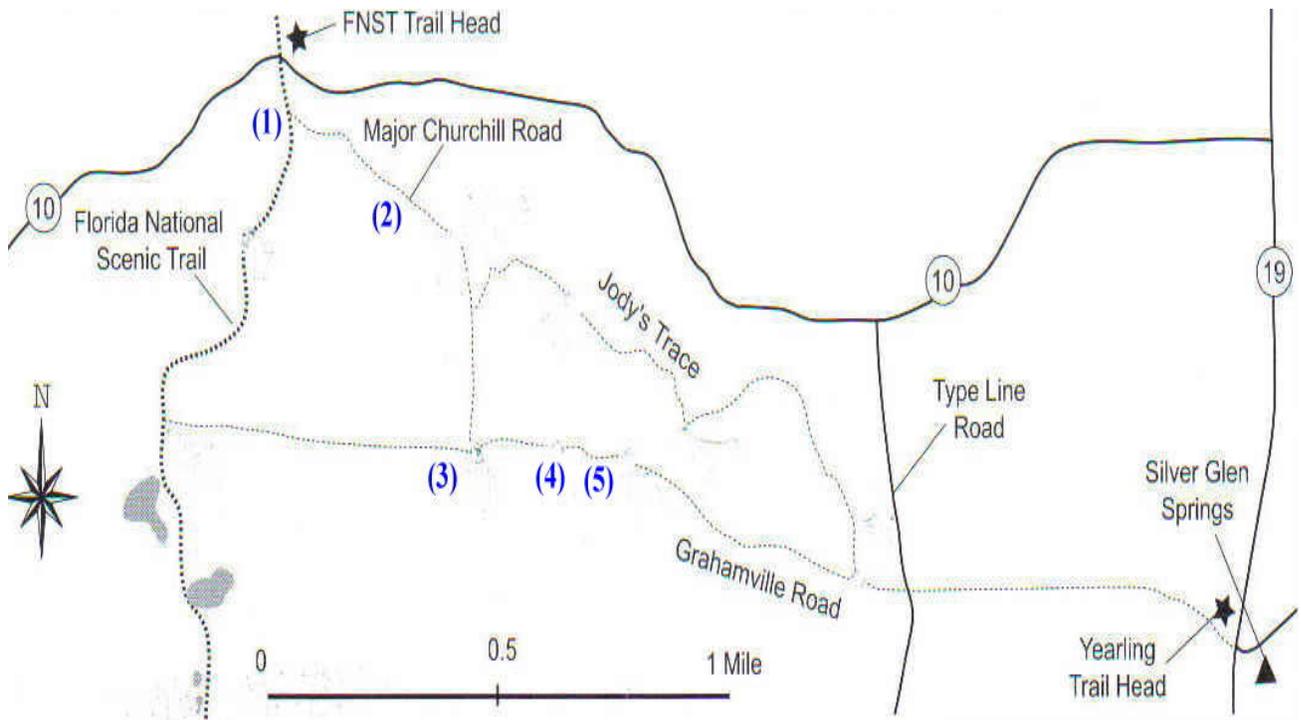
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| blue-bellied lizard (scrub lizard) |
| bonnet-worms |
| bull-bat |
| cockroaches |
| cricket |
| dirt daubers |
| gopher turtle (tortoise) |
| grasshopper |
| honey bee |
| locust |
| mosquitoes |
| pine borer |
| tree frog |
| wood rat |



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.**"