

Did You Know...



What is a wetland? Wetlands are areas that are wet for extended periods of time and support vegetation typically found in wet conditions. Florida wetlands include swamps, marshes, bay heads, bogs, cypress domes and strands, sloughs, wet prairies, Riverine swamps and marshes, hydric seepage slopes, tidal marshes, and mangrove swamps. Wetlands make up approximately 5% of land in the continental U.S., but contain almost 1/3 of our plant species.

Do we have any wetland areas in Del Webb Orlando? Yes, to name a few:

- East of Cantabria DR
- West of Del Webb BLVD near the rear gate
- Running around the rear of the Model Park (Vista Shore)
- Behind Lago Loop and Vista Bella

Indicators of Wetlands:

- Dark, muddy soils and some sandy soils
- Standing water after rain
- Exposed roots on trees
- Swollen tree bases
- Water lines and lichen lines
- Presence of plants like ferns or sedges
- Presence of trees like cypress, bay, or elm

How can I maintain and protect a wetland area near my home? The best way to protect a natural area on your property is to:

- Stay out of the natural area;
- Do not add dirt or fill in the natural area;
- Do not build unpermitted structures like fences or sheds in the natural area;
- Do not create brush/landscape waste or refuse piles in the natural area;
- Do not mow in the natural area; and,
- Do not plant non-native vegetation in or around the natural area nutrient rich environments for survival.

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