

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

We are going to visit  
Al Lopez Park



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

# FOR THE **CAREGIVER**

4810 N Himes Ave. Tampa, FL  
813-348-1172

## *HOURS*

Sunrise to Sunset

## *ACCESSIBILITY*

ADA Accessible sidewalks and restrooms

Al Lopez Park has numerous ADA parking spots and access points to the playground, restrooms, and fitness trail.

All of the fitness trail exercise equipment is ADA accessible.

The park has outdoor ADA restroom facilities as well as ADA restrooms located inside the community center which is located on the property.

## *Notes*

The park will be very busy every day of the week. The park features a certified 5K running trail and hosts races almost every weekend. The park is also used as a parking lot for USF and Tampa Bay Buccaneer football games.

There are large shelters located near the playground, which can be reserved in advance through our online shelter reservation process.

The Community Center is open daily from 8 am to 8 pm, excluding city holidays.

# 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.



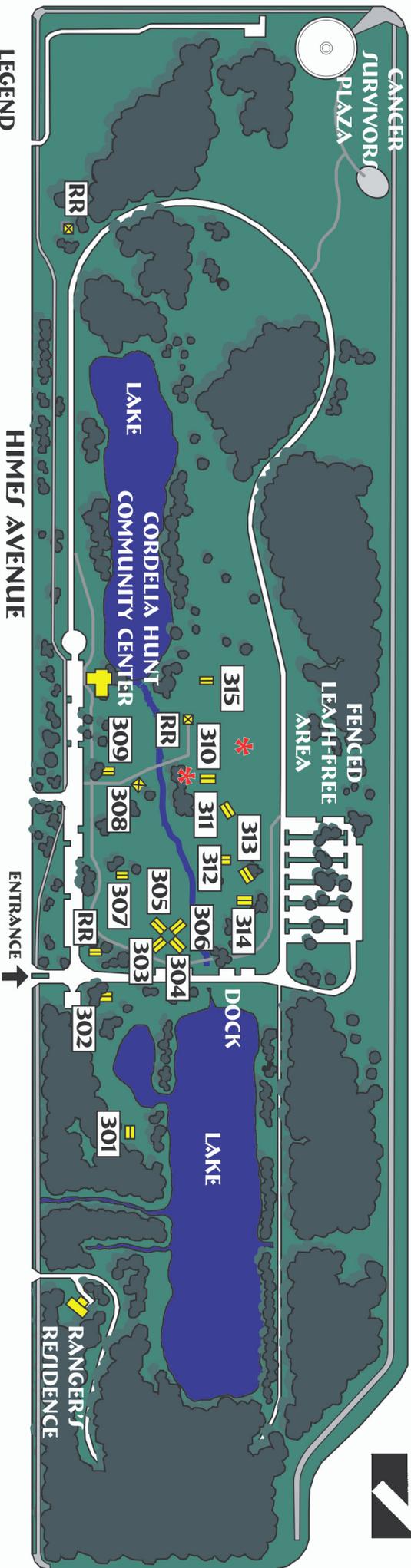
There might be a strong smell in places where I see this. I can hold my nose or cover my nose with something that smells good.



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.



DALE MABRY HIGHWAY



HIMES AVENUE

ENTRANCE

LEGEND

- \* = PLAYGROUND
- ☒ = RESTROOMS
- ☐ = SHELTER
- ➔ = ENTRANCE

# AL LOPEZ PARK

4810 NORTH HIMES AVENUE 33614



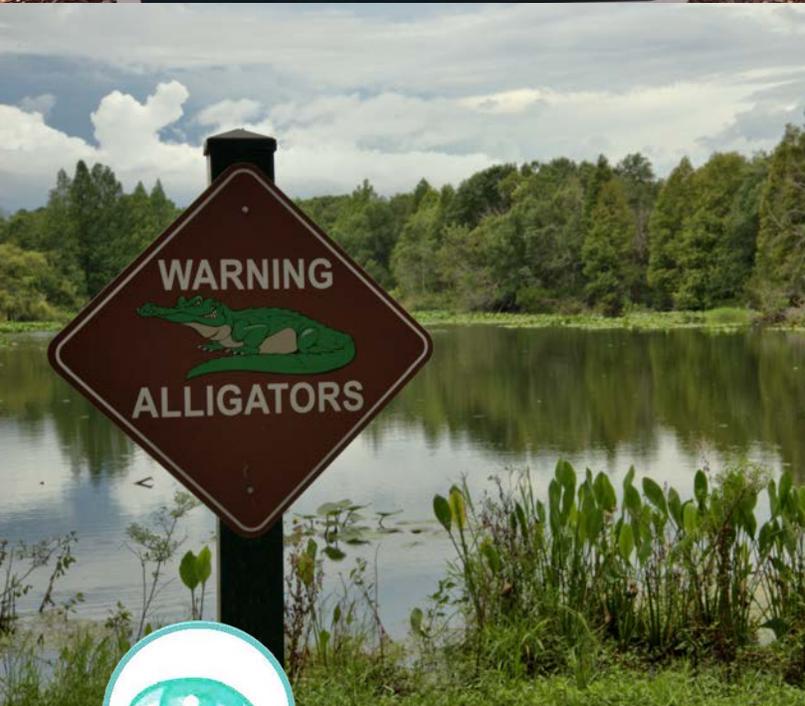
## **Park Day**

We are going to visit Al Lopez  
Park.



# Parking

When we get to the park, we will park in the parking lot. We will see two different parking lots. One parking lot is next to Cordelia B. Hunt Center. The parking lot is next to the playground and dog park.



# Rules

There will be rules that I have to follow when I am at the Park. There will be signs to remind me of the rules. Two BIG rules are **no swimming in the pond** and **stay with my adult at all times**.



# 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.



# Water & Rest

If I get tired, there will be places in the park where I can sit and rest or get a drink of water. There are water fountains for my service animal, too, if I have one.



# Restrooms

While we are in the park, we might need to use the restroom. I will ask the adult with me before going to the restroom.



# The Playground

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 swings and rock wall.



# Dogs in the Park

There is a dog park in Al Lopez Park. If I have a service animal, he or she can play here at the dog park. The dog park looks fun for dogs, but it is not for kids to play on.



# Noise

There might also be a lot of noise in the park. I can cover my ears or put on headphones if it gets too loud.



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