



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

South Florida Habitat Assessment Benchmark Sites

Turkey Creek

Division of Environmental Assessment and Restoration
Water Quality Standards Program



PROCEDURE

- Evaluate each site per SOP FT3100, "Stream and River Habitat Assessment", using forms FD9000-3, FD9000-4, and FD9000-5. It is recommended that you use the most current editions of the forms and the SOP.
- **Work independently.**
- Submit all completed forms to the FDEP Aquatic Ecology and Quality Assurance (AEQA) Section in Tallahassee.
- The range for a passing score is +/- 10 points from the predetermined consensus score. However, consideration will be given to scores outside this range if they were legitimately caused by different conditions at the time of sampling compared to conditions when the consensus score was decided (i.e., higher/lower water level, velocity).
- Analysts must pass 2 out of 3 Habitat Assessments every 5 years.
- Once scores have been reviewed, analysts will receive notice of passing or failing from the AEQA Section.
- Analysts should take photos to document stream conditions at the time of assessment. Photos may be submitted to AEQA after initial determination of passing/failing if an analyst believes his/her score for a given site is out of the +/- 10-point range due to justifiable reasons.



AREA HYDROGRAPH



The consensus score for this site was established on June 11th, 2008, and was revisited on February 26th, 2026. The above graph shows the gage height data for a nearby Alafia River site during the original visit (2.58 ft). If you conduct a habitat assessment at this site at different water levels, be sure to document the conditions.

Graph courtesy of the US Geological Survey.

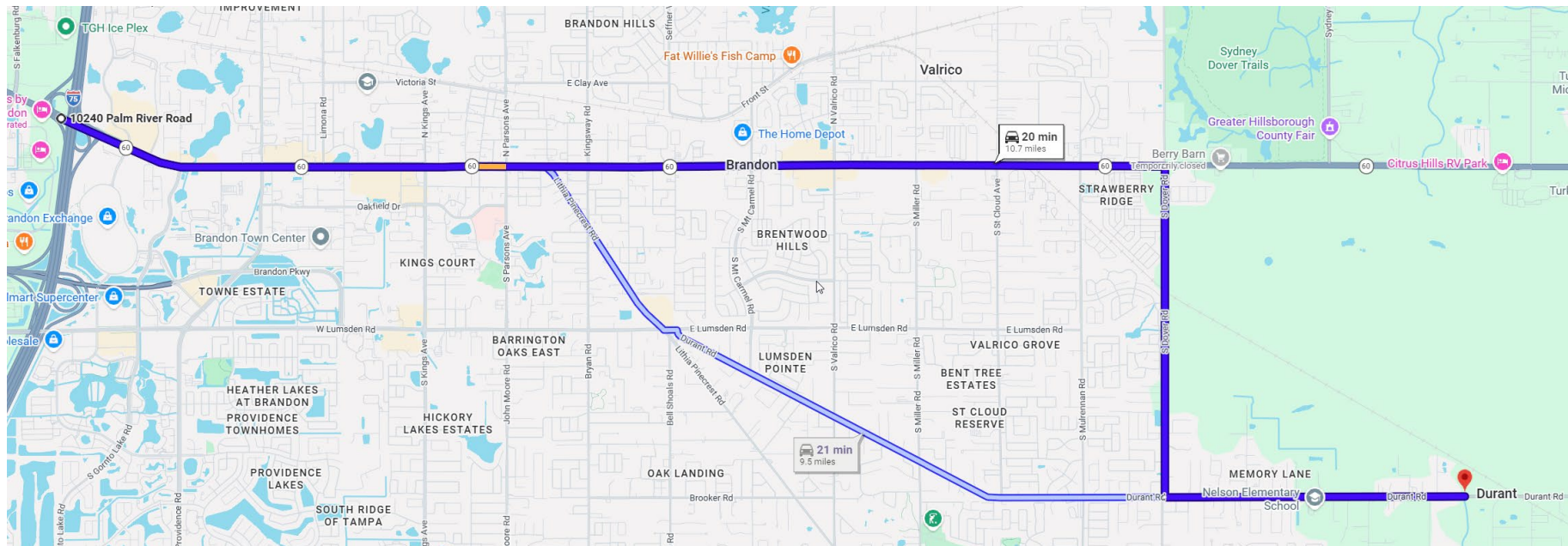


TURKEY CREEK

- **Region:** South
- **County:** Hillsborough
- **Lat/Longs:**

Parking: 27.908448, -82.188779
0m: 27.90871, -82.18936
100m: 27.90964, -82.18939

Directions: From I-75 going south, take exit 257 and turn left on to FL 60 and continue east for about 7 miles. Turn right onto S Dover Rd, and after 2 miles turn left onto Durant Rd. The site will be on the left after 1.8 miles. The 0 m flag is about 30 m upstream of the bridge.





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0m flags: 27.90871, -82.18936
Photo is looking away from the reach at the 0m mark,
about 30 m from the bridge



100m: 27.90964, -82.18939