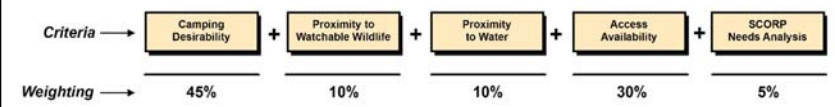


Tent Camping - Suitability Mapping on CERP Project Lands

In order to quantify the suitability of lands in South Florida for specific recreation purposes, The Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District, and G.E.C., Inc. have conducted a weighted overlay spatial analysis of the region. CERP Project lands were measured for suitability for several types of resource-based recreation.

The Corps of Engineers, South Florida Water Management District, and G.E.C., Inc. have developed criteria for project lands which will aid in selecting locations for tent camping as a form of recreation. The following diagram shows the criteria upon which the suitability map to the left was based, along with the weightings, or importance, of each criterion as a factor in measuring suitability.



Suitability Scoring Breakdown

Each criterion used to develop this suitability map was scored using a scale rating ranging from "unsuitable" to "highly suitable". Ratings were based on factors such as distance, land cover quality, and need. The following key can be used to explain how various factors were rated for this type of recreation.

<p>HS Highly Suitable MS Moderately Suitable PS Poorly Suitable US Unsuitable</p>	<p>CRITERION: Proximity to Water</p> <p>HS Within 0.25 mile of water MS From 0.25 to 1.0 mile of water PS From 1.0 to 3.0 miles of water US Over 3.0 miles from water</p> <p>CRITERION: Access Availability</p> <p>HS Within 0.25 mile of a road or trail MS From 0.25 to 0.50 mile of a road or trail PS From 0.50 to 0.75 mile of a road or trail US Over 0.75 mile from a road or trail</p> <p>CRITERION: Camping Desirability based on Cover Type</p> <p>HS Rated as having "High" Desirability MS Rated as having "Moderate" Desirability PS Rated as having "Low" Desirability US Rated as having "Very Low" Desirability</p>	<p>CRITERION: SCORP Needs Analysis</p> <p>HS Stated Need in SCORP US No Stated Need</p> <p>CRITERION: Naturalness Values</p> <p>HS High natural value US Extremely low natural value</p> <p>CRITERION: Proximity to Watchable Wildlife</p> <p>HS Within a 7.5 mile radius of Audubon CBC circle US Outside a 7.5 mile radius of Audubon CBC circle</p>
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