





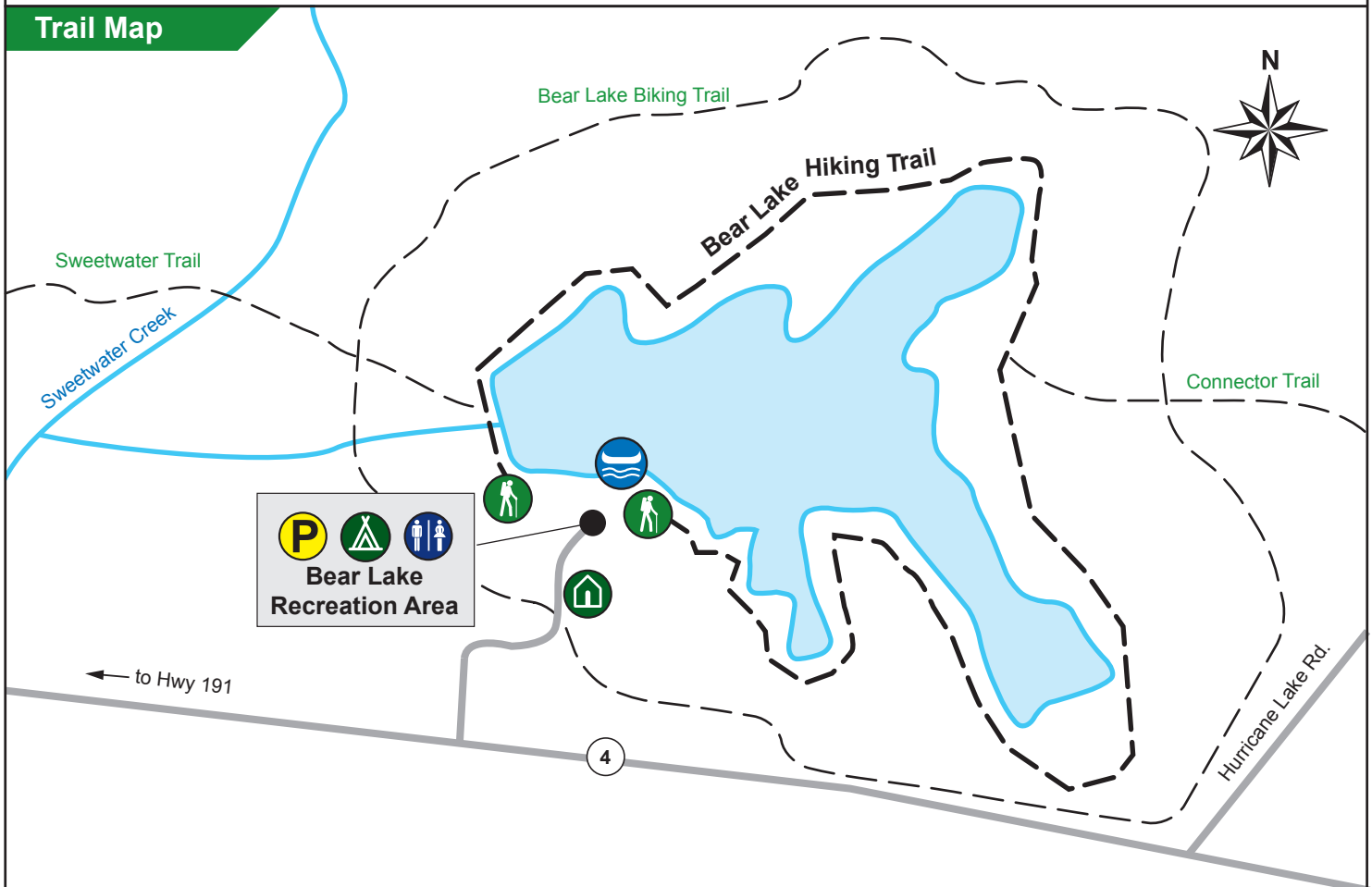
# 5. Bear Lake Hiking Trail

## Legend

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|  Trailhead (Hiking) |  Rest Rooms  |  Canoe Launch |
|  Ranger Station     |  Camping     |  |
|  Parking            |  Picnic Area |  |



## Trail Map



This map is not to be used as a primary form of navigation, intended for recreational use only.

## Description

*Hiking only • 4 miles, unpaved • Blue Blaze*

Sparkling waters will capture your attention as you enjoy a hike around Bear Lake, a 107-acre lake with camping and picnicking facilities as well as a kitchen pavilion. The lake is popular with anglers in spring and fall.

**Birding:** From the camping area, hike the 4-mile trail that rings the lake, watching migrants like ovenbirds and swallow-tailed kites in springtime. Red-shouldered hawks echo across the lake and pied-billed grebes dive, hunting for fish. There is no hunting on the trail or in the vicinity of the lake. Nearby uplands can be good for chuck-will's widows and turkey.

### **Access/Directions: Bear Lake Recreation Area (main access for Bear Lake Loop Trail):**

From I-10, take the Avalon Boulevard Exit (Exit 22). Follow Avalon Boulevard to US 90. Take a right and continue to Burger King. Take a left at Stuart Street (Hwy 87). Go to Milton High School. Take a right across from Milton High School on Hwy 191. Follow for approximately 20 miles to Munson crossroads (Hwy 191 and SR 4). Take a right on SR 4 and continue for 2.5 miles to the Bear Lake Recreation Area sign. Go to kiosk in campground for information.