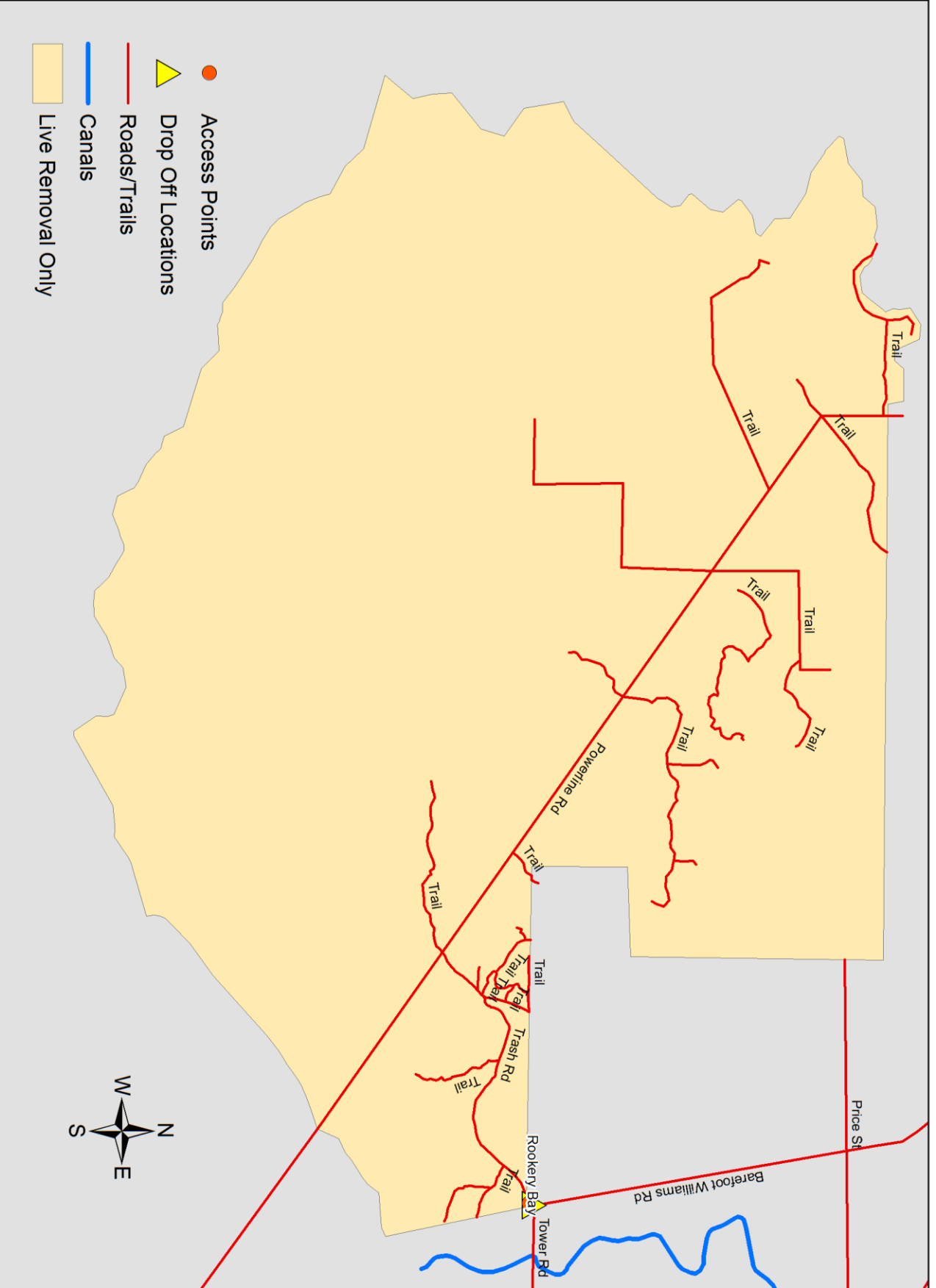


2016 Python Challenge™ Participating Areas Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve





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Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Specific Area Rules

- a. Possession of a 2016 Python Challenge™ permit is required to participate in the Python Removal Competition portion of the 2016 Python Challenge™ and allows for the removal and transport of live Burmese pythons from the [specified area](#) on the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.
- b. Participation is limited to roads or trails in the [designated area](#) in the Reserve from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.
- c. This area of Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will only be open to participants in the 2016 Python Challenge™.
- d. All participants must check in and out at the locked gate at the official FWC [drop off location](#).
- e. Any pythons removed from Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve must be surrendered at the gate to the drop off location operator by 5 p.m.
- f. **Only live capture of pythons is allowed.** Taking wildlife with guns or weapons of any kind (including bow or crossbow, bang-sticks, air-guns, or slingshots) is prohibited.
- g. Snake hooks, snake tongs, snake bags and long-handled non-motorized tools may be used to capture Burmese pythons.
- h. Use of traps, bait, explosives, chemicals, smoke and motorized tools is prohibited.
- i. Please use bright fluorescent colored orange flagging tape and tie it at eye-level to the nearest tall vegetation to mark the spot where a snake has been found. (Bright Orange flagging tape will be provided by the drop off location operator.)
- j. Motorized vehicle access is not permitted.
- k. No digging into burrows of any kind as they may belong to gopher tortoises. Gopher tortoises and their burrows are protected by law and all tortoise burrows in the reserve are closely monitored.
- l. Reserve Management retains the right to close access to Reserve lands due to impacts to resources and/or visitor experience.
- m. If the weather is right for planned prescribed burns then parts of or all of the participation area may be closed for a period of a few days up to a week.

Make sure to follow all of the [Python Challenge™ General Competition Rules](#) as well as the Specific Area Rules.