



ST. PHILLIPS ISLAND TRAILS

PLEASE LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND BUT YOUR FOOTPRINTS

Airplane Pond Trail (Pink) = 0.1 mile – This short trail ends at the west side of a brackish pond. Be on the lookout for egrets, herons, wood storks, alligators and the remains of a small airplane that crash-landed in our pond. This trail sneaks between two sloughs, so be prepared to get mud on your boots.

Beach Trail (Teal) = 0.5 mile – This trail provides the only access on the island to our beach during high tides. The hike takes you southwest from the main road, through wetland habitats and ends in our beach boneyard.

Halfway Trail (Orange) = 0.7 mile – This trail begins and ends at the trailhead beside the main road and will take you to the most western part of the island accessible by foot. It is a moderate hike that will take you over several ancient sand dune ridges providing beautiful views of the freshwater ponds and a great salt marsh vista.

High Bluff Trail (Purple) = 0.3 mile – This horseshoe-shaped trail has multiple entrance points on the main road. This short but moderate hike is packed with three distinct ecosystems including an expansive saltmarsh that overlooks the beach, an intimate saltwater creek and a picturesque interdunal swale. Watch your step—there are a lot of saw palmetto roots on this hike.

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Long Pond Trail (Red) = 1.4 miles – Beginning at the main road, our longest trail takes you deep inside our maritime forest. One of the best opportunities to see wildlife, this trail passes by osprey nests, towering oaks, magnolia trees and several open vistas of the pond. Watch out for saw palmetto roots and mud as you get closer to the pond.

Marsh View Connector (Navy) = 0.3 mile – Beginning at the main road, this short trail connects at the center of the Marsh View Trail and nears a freshwater swale. Bring your binoculars to take advantage of the many opportunities to spot wildlife.

Marsh View Trail (Green) = 0.5 mile – This trail is accessible by the Long Pond Trail or the Marsh View Connector trail via the main road. Enjoy views of our maritime forest of live oak trees as you walk to the end of our salt marsh at the edge of Trenchards Inlet.

To ensure that your state park experience is enjoyable, please be aware of the dynamic characteristics of the natural environment. There are some areas that may be potentially hazardous. All visitors should exercise caution when visiting any state park. Anyone who is unsure about possible hazards should contact a park ranger.

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