



Park Hours:

6 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily
(extended to 9 p.m. during Daylight Saving Time)

Office Hours:

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday
11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday – Sunday

HUNTING ISLAND TRAILS

PLEASE LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND BUT YOUR FOOTPRINTS

Breach Trail (Pink) = 0.2 mile – This down-and-back trail introduces you to the breach in the lagoon caused by hurricanes Matthew and Irma. Due to the dynamic nature of this ecosystem, the trail is always changing. Look for the pink trail blaze to help navigate.

Diamondback Rattlesnake Trail (Orange) = 1.9 miles – This trail is accessible from the Nature Center Scenic Trail and “J” Parking via the Palmetto Pass and Maritime Forest Trail. This trail was re-routed in 2019 after several large storms. It is for experienced walkers and mountain bikers only. It is a moderately strenuous trail and has some difficult spots.

Lagoon Trail (Purple) = 1.4 miles – This trail starts at “J” Parking and winds along the lagoon. It leads you through the maritime forest while providing scenic views of the lagoon and the various wildlife habitats between.

Little Hunting Island Loop Trail (Red) = 0.5 mile – This easy loop trail explores the area called “Little Hunting Island” that was caused by hurricanes Matthew and Irma. The breach of the ocean caused this section of beach to become its own island. Enjoy the interior of a barrier island ecosystem. This loop trail may experience some flooding periodically due to the dynamic nature of this island.

Magnolia Forest Trail (Gray) = 1.2 miles – With natural terrain and some hilly surfaces, this trail will take you from the campground to the entrance gate of the daily beach access areas, lighthouse, Visitors Center and lagoon access. From the entrance gate, you will walk the roads of the park to reach the areas within, so be prepared for vehicle traffic. You are sure to see plenty of beautiful magnolia trees along the way.

Maritime Forest Trail (Green) = 2 miles – This trail takes you deep into the interior maritime forest. You will see dense vegetation that provides protected habitat for many animals, including deer, raccoons, owls, hawks and squirrels.

Marsh Boardwalk Crossover Trail (Burgundy) = 0.3 mile – This connector trail intersects the Lagoon Trail, Maritime Forest Trail and Diamondback Rattlesnake Trail to provide a path leading to the Marsh Boardwalk Trail.

Marsh Boardwalk Trail (Brown) = 0.25 mile – Designated as a National Recreational Trail, this wooden boardwalk mixed with a crushed hardened surface is great for observing life in the salt marsh. The dock on the end provides an area for viewing magnificent sunsets.

Nature Center Scenic Trail (Navy) = 0.7 mile – This trail provides access from the Nature Center to the Diamondback Rattlesnake, Maritime Forest and Lagoon trails. Make sure to walk the pedestrian bridge to gain access to the two trails on our Little Hunting Island. Experience the ever-changing views of a wild barrier island.

Palmetto Pass Trail (Yellow) = 0.2 mile – This trail offers easy access from “J” Parking to the Maritime Forest and Diamondback Rattlesnake trails.

Pine Pass Trail (Teal) = 0.2 mile – This easy trail connects the Lagoon Trail with the Maritime Forest Trail.

Pond Overlook Trail (Blue) = 0.6 mile – This moderately difficult down-and-back spur trail follows several ancient dune ridges and valleys, ending at a large natural pond. Stand on the peak of a ridge and look down to see alligators, herons, egrets and other wading birds.

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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- Park Office
- Campground
- Nature Center
- Parking
- J Parking Lot
- Comfort Station
- Park Store
- Lighthouse
- Wildlife Viewing Area
- Russ Point Boat Landing
- Primitive Camping

- Fishing Pier
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- Lagoon Trail = 1.4 miles
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- Maritime Forest Trail = 2 miles
- Marsh Boardwalk Crossover Trail = 0.3 mile
- Marsh Boardwalk Trail = 0.25 mile
- Nature Center Scenic Trail = 0.7 mile
- Palmetto Pass Trail = 0.2 mile
- Pine Pass Trail = 0.2 mile
- Pond Overlook Trail = 0.6 mile
- Park Road
- US Hwy 21