The following trails are covered with a compact shell/sand base material to provide better accessibility. These trails are 6’ wide and have no more than a 5% slope, with the exception of the Marsh Boardwalk Crossover Trail, which has a maximum slope of 10%. These trails were constructed with the assistance of the Recreational Trails Program in cooperation with the South Carolina State Trails Program, Federal Highway Administration, Beaufort County Government and the Friends of Hunting Island State Park Inc.

**Lagoon Access Recreation 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.

**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.

**Palmetto Pines Pass (Yellow)** = .2 miles – This trail connects the Lagoon Access Recreation Trail and the maritime forest.

**Marsh Boardwalk Crossover Trail (Burgundy)** = .3 miles – This connector trail intersects the Lagoon Access Recreation Trail, Maritime Forest Trail and Diamondback Rattlesnake Trail to provide a path leading to the Marsh Boardwalk Trail.

**Marsh Boardwalk Trail (Brown)** = .25 miles – Designed 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 (Blue)** = .7 miles – This trail provides access from the Nature Center to the Diamondback Rattlesnake, Maritime Forest and Lagoon Recreation Access trails. It also provides access from the cabin area to the trail system. Make sure to walk the pedestrian bridge over the lagoon to see its beauty from a different perspective.

The following trails are natural earth trails with various degrees of slope, width and uneven terrain and may flood in periods of excessive rain.

**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 in order to reach the areas within, so be prepared for vehicle traffic. You are sure to see plenty of beautiful magnolia trees along the way.

**Lighthouse Magnolia Forest Connector (Pink)** = 6 miles – This trail starts from the Magnolia Forest Trail and ends at the lighthouse parking area, providing campers with a route to the lighthouse without the worries of high tide or vehicle traffic. Featuring ancient rows of dunes as well as flatlands and populated by most of the island’s native plant and animal species, it is sure to provide enjoyment for hikers and bikers alike.

**Lighthouse Nature Trail (Gold)** = .4 miles – This natural surface trail takes you along the edge of the forest to the oceanfront. Hunting Island’s maritime forest of live oak, Spanish moss and palmetto trees can be easily seen along this trail.

**Diamondback Rattlesnake Trail (Orange)** = 2.3 miles – This trail is accessible from the Nature Center Scenic Trail and the park’s Visitors Center. It is for experienced walkers and mountain bikes only. It is a moderately strenuous trail and has some difficult spots.

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.