HUNTING ISLAND TRAILS

PLEASE LEAVE NOTHING BEHIND
BUT YOUR FOOTPRINTS

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 marine and wildlife habitats. Water access for canoeing, kayaking, fishing and bird watching.

Palmetto Pines Pass (Yellow) = .2 miles - This trail connects the Lagoon Access Trail and the Maritime Forest.

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

Marsh Boardwalk Trail (Brown) = .25 miles - Designated a National Recreational Trail. This ADA compliant wooden boardwalk mixed with a crushed hardened surface is great for observing life in the salt marsh. The dock on the end provides for fishing, crabbing and viewing magnificent sunsets.

Nature Center Scenic Trail (Blue) = .7 miles - This trail provides access from the Nature Center to the Diamond Back Rattlesnake, Maritime Forrest, 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.

Magnolia Forest Trail (Grey) = 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, Visitor Center, and lagoon access. From the entrance gate, you will use 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 Nature Trail (Gold) = .4 miles - This natural surface trail takes one along the edge of the forest to the ocean front. Hunting Island’s maritime forest of Live Oak, Spanish moss and Palmetto trees can be easily seen along this trail.

Maritime Forest Trail (Green) = 2 miles - This trail starts at the park office & takes you deep into the interior maritime forest. You will see the dense vegetation that provides protected habitat for many animals including Deer, Raccoon, Owls, Hawks, and Squirrel.

Diamondback Rattlesnake Trail (Orange) = 2.3 miles – This trail is accessible from the Nature Center Scenic Trail and the Park Office. 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.