

Pine Island Conservation Area Trail Map



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Description:

This 880-acre conservation area provides access to over 7 miles of trails. These moderate walks lead through pine flatwoods and hydric hammock habitats, as well along the restored saltmarsh habitats. Hikers will also see cabbage palm hammocks and hardwood hammocks, with mangrove forests and marshes fringing the Indian River Lagoon. The interior marsh ponds and borrow lakes make great spots for canoeing, kayaking, and fishing. The canoe/kayak trails invite a relaxing way for visitors to observe area wildlife. Cycling and horseback riding are permitted on the established roads and bike trails only. Please do not ride bikes on hiking trails.

Parking:

Parking is located at two points:

North Gate - 2100 Pine Island Road, Merritt Island 32953. This area gives access for the northern section of Pine Island Conservation Area's trails and kayak launches.

South Gate (Sams House) – 6195 North Tropical Trail, Merritt Island 32953. This area gives access to the historical cabin and southern trails including an ADA loop with exhibits.

Trail Instructions:

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At both parking and trailhead locations you will find a kiosk with maps and information about the trail.

North Gate Trailhead: The North Gate Trailhead has three options to begin.

- To the north is the 3.3-mile Equestrian Loop Multi-Use Trail which will pass by the 2-mile Pine Island Creek Kayak Trail, 0.1-mile Shoreline Hiking Trail, and 1-mile Flatwoods Multi-Use Trail before bringing you back to the main trailhead.
- If you take the North Gate Trailhead to the east, you will follow along the 3.3-mile Equestrian Loop until you reach the Indian River Lagoon. Before reaching the Lagoon, you have the option to continue on the Equestrian Loop which turns north, take the 1-mile Flatwoods Multi-Use Trail to the south, or take the short 0.1-mile Shoreline Hiking Trail to the Lagoon. The Flatwoods Trail is an in-and-out trail which brings you to the Indian River Lagoon.
- If you take the North Gate Trailhead to the south, you will embark on the 0.8-mile Multi-Use Lake Trail. There is a small trail shortly after the start of the hike that will

bring you to the 1-mile Sams Creek Kayak Trail. Continuing on the Lake Trail will bring you toward the South Gate Trailhead.

South Gate Trailhead: From the South Gate Trailhead, you can take a walk along the ADA accessible historical loop just north of Sams House.

- From the northern part of the ADA loop, you can take the 1.7-mile Multi-Use Pioneer Trail north, which intersects with the 0.8-mile Multi-Use Lake Trail, and will take you to the North Gate Trailhead. If you stay on the Pioneer Trail, you will loop back down toward Sams House, however at this point the trail is designated for hiking only, and biking/equestrian activities are not permitted.
- From the western part of the ADA loop, you can take a short hiking trail to the 0.5-mile Hammock Loop. The Hammock Loop will bring you to the Pioneer Hiking Trail to the north, the 0.1-mile Lagoon Trail to the south where there is a Lagoon overlook, or you can circle back to the ADA loop and main trailhead.