



Please observe the following while you enjoy visiting the Island!

- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.
- No motorized vehicles.
- Camp in designated areas only, stay on marked trails and keep fire in rings at campsites.
- Practice Leave No Trace: If you carry it in, carry it out!
- Observe wildlife from a distance. Respect posted signs March-August to limit disturbance on nesting shorebirds and sea turtles.
- Contact FWC's Wildlife Alert at 888-404-3922 if you suspect a fish, wildlife, boating, or environmental violation. Use this line to also report dead, sick, or injured sea turtles, birds, and marine mammals.

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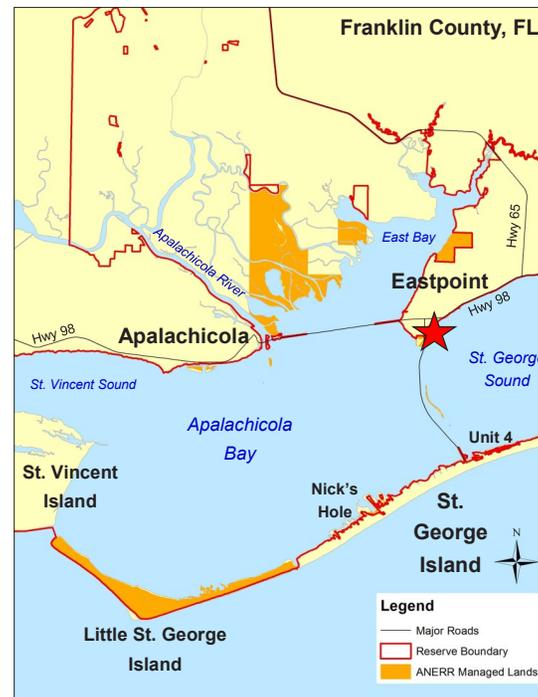
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★ Visit Our Nature Center

Open Tuesday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aquatic tanks, historical and cultural exhibits, and outdoor boardwalks are featured and admission is free. Come check us out!



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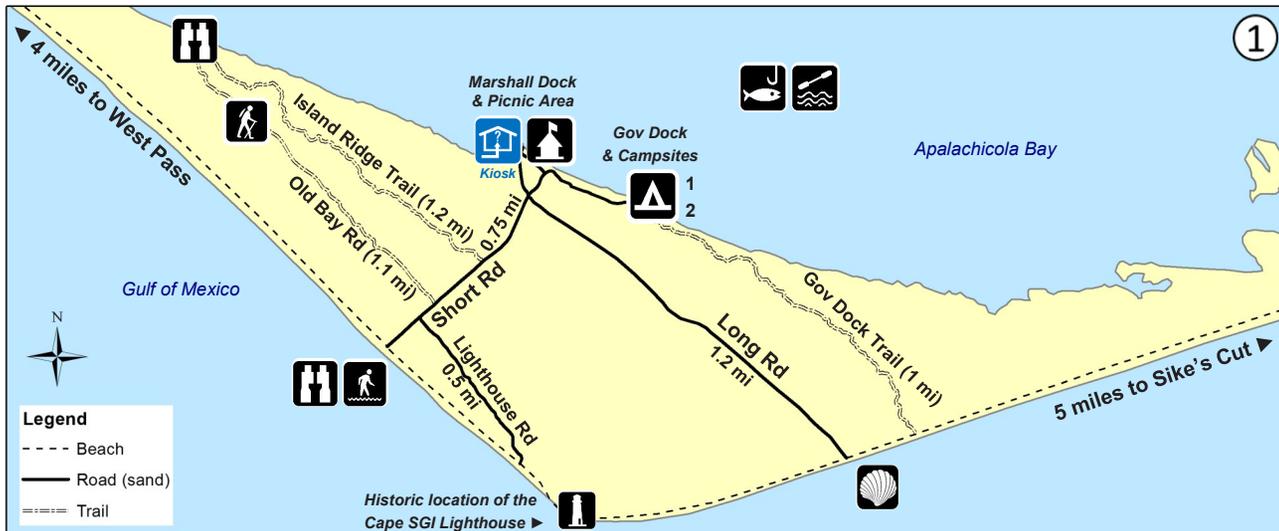


Welcome to the Island

Little (Cape) St. George Island (LSGI) is approximately seven miles south of the town of Apalachicola, Florida. The island is separated from St. George Island by Sikes Cut, a man-made pass dredged in 1954, and St. Vincent Island by West Pass, a natural inlet into Apalachicola Bay.

The state purchased LSGI in 1977 through the Environmentally Endangered Lands Program of Florida's 1972 Conservation Act in order to protect the island from development and contribute to the protection of Apalachicola Bay. The property was incorporated into the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) in 1979 and is currently managed by DEP's Florida Coastal Office.

In addition to nine miles of undeveloped beach front, the island consists of 2,300 acres of pine flatwoods, rosemary-oak scrub, salt marsh, freshwater wetlands and dunes. LSGI offers a tremendous variety of recreational opportunities including boating, kayaking, fishing, hiking, primitive camping, wildlife viewing and beach activities.



Exploring LSGI

Depending on the time of year and weather, the island can be a challenging environment. ANERR encourages visitors to practice these safety tips:

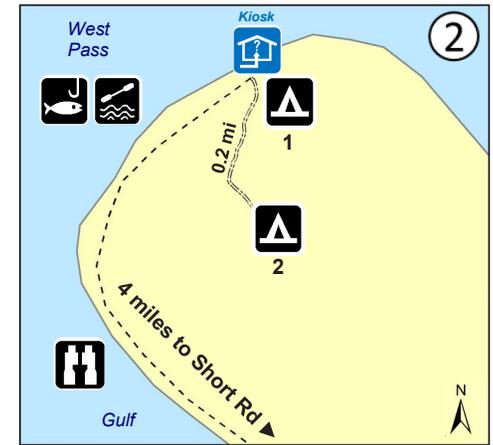
- Beware of venomous snakes and biting insects. Wear bug spray and closed shoes.
- Protect yourself from the sun. Apply sunscreen frequently and cover up.
- Bring plenty of water and food for the day.
- Be conscious of where you are located and follow maps, road signs or a compass to navigate.
- Keep a sharp eye on the ever-changing weather.
- Use caution when fishing from the jetties.

① Marshall House Area

The center of the island can be explored on foot via sand roads and trails. From the Marshall Dock, take the Short Road (0.75 miles) or Long Road (1.2 miles) south to access the Gulf Beach. The primitive Island Ridge Trail extends west (1.2 miles) from the Short Rd and meets up with Old Bay Road (1.1 miles) at the bayshore to make a moderate 3-mile loop from the house. Two primitive campsites are available at the Government Dock area as well as a trail that meanders about 1 mile to the beach.

② West Pass

At the kiosk on the beach, look across West Pass to see the cabin on St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge. A short trail (0.2 miles) gives access to two primitive campsites in the dunes and pines.



③ Sike's Cut (Gov Cut)

The east end of LSGI is a great place to fish from shore, the jetties, or by boat and kayak. On the land side, Sike's Cut Trail coupled with the Gulf beach makes an easy hiking loop (1.6 miles). Two primitive campsites can be accessed from the bayshore or by landing at the cut and crossing back behind the dunes on the designated trails.

