

St. George Island State Park

St. George Island is one of the best examples of Florida's Gulf Coast barrier islands. The natural features of St. George Island State Park provide endless opportunities to enjoy abundant bird and marine life. We ask for your assistance in the continued preservation of one of America's best beaches by observing park rules and regulations.

Nine miles of undeveloped beaches and dunes, surrounded by the Gulf of America and Apalachicola Bay, provide the perfect setting for St. George Island State Park. Occupying 2,023 acres at the end of a long narrow barrier island, St. George Island State Park is a combination of sandy coves, salt marshes, shady pines and oak forests.

The natural features of the park include extensive beaches and dunes, forests of slash pines and remnant coastal scrub. The gulf and bay support abundant marine life, while small ponds and sloughs provide a freshwater aquatic habitat. The surrounding waters are some of the most productive commercial and sport fisheries in Florida.

The arid conditions, coupled with the park's island location, limit both the population and diversity of resident animal life. Bald eagles and ospreys nest and rear young in the state park. Sea turtles nest along the park beaches, with loggerhead turtles being the most common. The barrier islands of the Gulf Coast are important "rest stops" for a wide variety of migrating birds and butterflies. The best time to observe migrating birds is after the passage of cold fronts in spring and fall. Shore birds nest and rear their young in summer months.

We hope you enjoy your stay, and if you have any questions during your visit please ask a ranger or contact the ranger station.

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| Resident Ranger | 850-370-6675 |
| Asst. Manager | 850-370-6554 |
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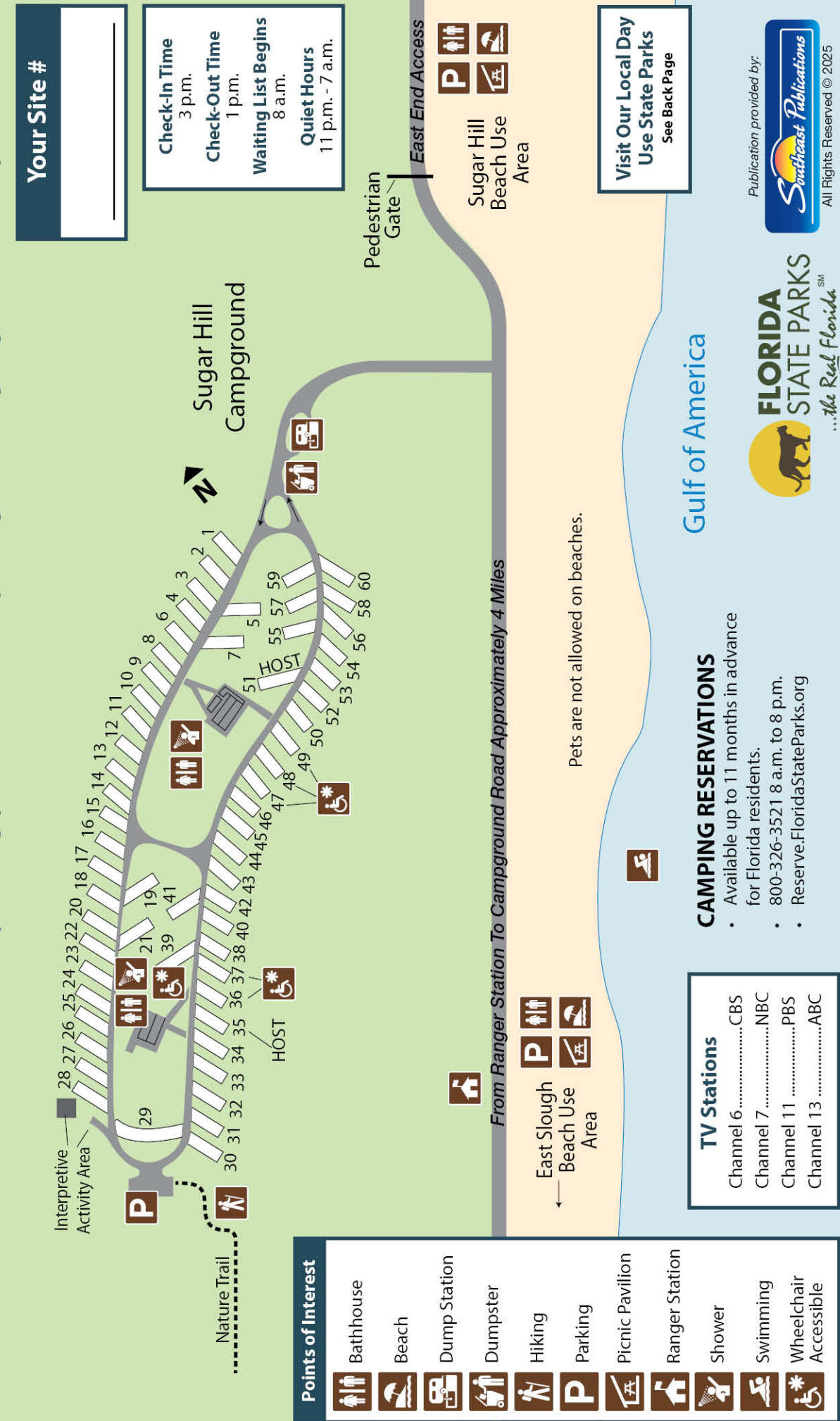
Rules and Regulations

- Hours:** The park opens at 8 a.m. Eastern and closes at sunset, year round.
- Key Pad Lock:** The front gate is closed at sunset. Please do not give the combination to anyone.
- Pets:** Pets are permitted in campground, parking lots, trails and paved roadways, but are not permitted on beaches, in pavilions or buildings. Must be on a 6-foot hand-held leash at all times. Please remember to clean up after your pet.
- Wildlife:** Do not feed the animals. This protects you and the animal.
- Alcoholic Beverages:** Alcoholic beverages are permitted in campsites only.
- Ground Fires:** Please maintain fires in grills only.
- Site Occupancy:** Only one camping rig and two vehicles are permitted at each campsite. Extra vehicles remaining after hours must be registered. If you have an extra vehicle it may be necessary to park the extra vehicle in the extra car parking lot. The following is a partial list of camping rigs which are allowed to occupy a single campsite:
 - Two vehicles and one tent.
 - Two vehicles and a camping trailer.
 - One motorhome and two vehicles.
 - One trailer and two vehicles.
 - Two vehicles, one boat and one tent.
 - Two motorcycles or bikes and one tent.
 - One large tent and two small tents.
 - Two vehicles and four small tents.
- Vegetation:** Please help us protect our vegetation by setting up your site in the cleared areas, avoiding sensitive vegetation. Site set-up may not encroach on vegetation. The seemingly insignificant act of tying ropes, wires or lanterns to trees or living plants will damage and eventually kill the plants. Please do not walk over dunes and vegetation.
- Gray Water:** It is illegal to dump gray water or sewage on the ground. It is to be disposed of at the dump station.
- Garbage:** Dumpsters are located at the front of the camping area. Please do not leave garbage at your campsite or put garbage in restroom trash cans.
- Renewal of Campsite:** Due to incoming reservations, we cannot guarantee re-registration.
- Fishing Licenses:** A saltwater fishing license may be required.
- Speed Limit:** Please observe posted speed limits.
- Canoe & Kayak Rentals:** Please check with the office.

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