



# Please observe the following while you enjoy visiting Nick's Hole

- *The Plantation* is a private community with private roads. Public access for non-residents is permitted by water only.
- Motorized vehicles are allowed only on the entrance road.
- Practice Leave No Trace: If you carry it in, carry it out!
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times.
- Camp in designated areas only and keep fire in rings at campsites.
- Hike on blazed trails only.
- Contact FWC's Wildlife Alert at 888-404-3922 if you suspect a fish, wildlife, boating, or environmental violation.
- Plantation Security (24/7): 850-927-2362

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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!



# Nick's Hole

on St. George Island

## Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve

### Recreational Opportunities



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## Welcome to Nick's Hole

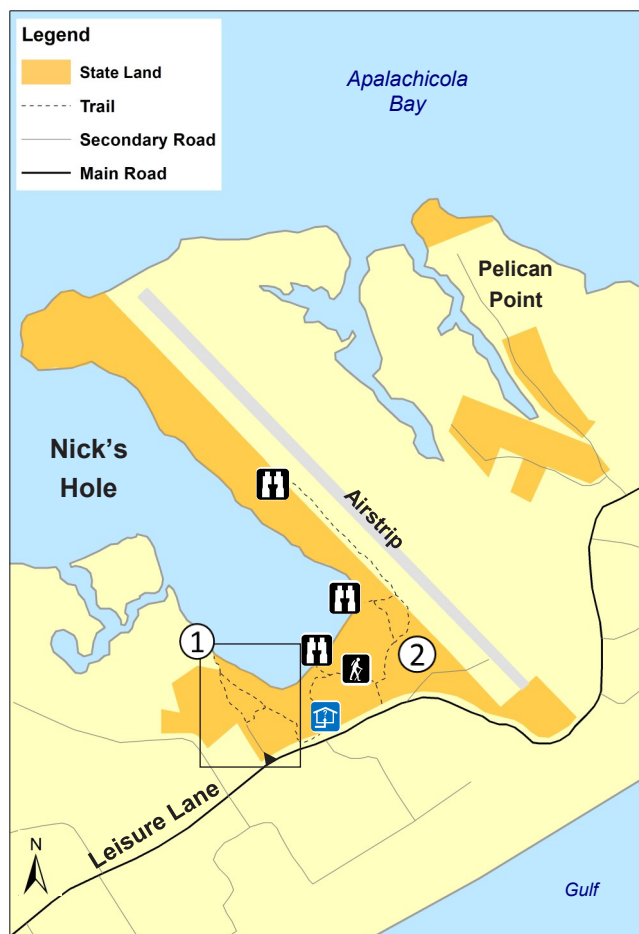
Nick's Hole is approximately 3.5 miles west of the center of St. George Island, Florida. The property is located within *The Plantation*, a private, gated community that stretches along the western end of St. George Island. Nick's Hole, a natural and shallow bayside inlet, is located on Apalachicola Bay.

From 1993 to 2003, the state acquired the parcels that make up Nick's Hole and Pelican Point\* in order to conserve the shoreline and contribute to the overall protection of Apalachicola Bay. The properties were incorporated into the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (ANERR) and are currently managed by DEP's Florida Coastal Office.

Nick's Hole consists of about one mile of bayshore and 40+ acres of pine flatwoods, coastal hammock, rosemary-oak scrub and tidal marsh. The property offers a variety of recreational opportunities including kayaking, fishing, hiking, primitive camping, picnicking and wildlife viewing.



*Kiosk at the kayak and camp area entrance.*



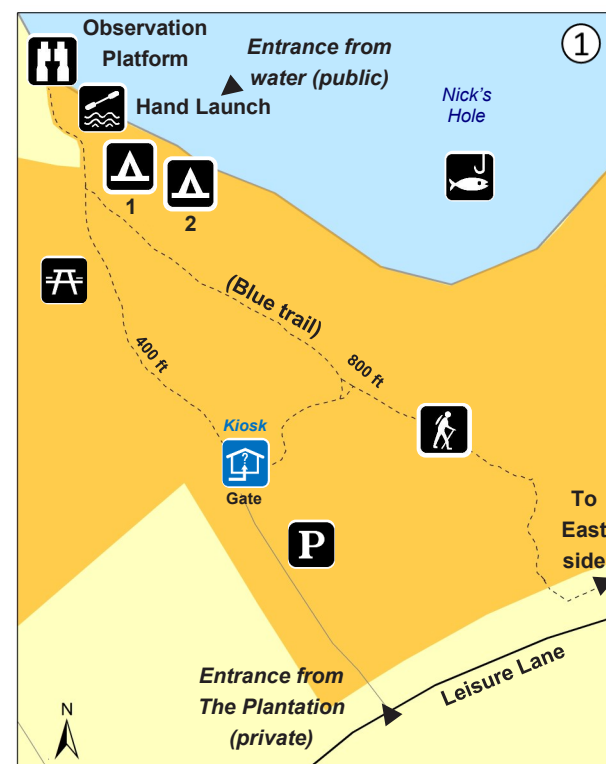
Depending on the time of year and weather, island life can be a challenging environment. ANERR encourages visitors to practice these safety tips.

- 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 snacks.

\*The "Pelican Point" tract consists of 14 residential building lots also within *The Plantation*. Public parking is not currently available at this site.

## ① Kayak and Camp Area

A gravel entrance road leads to the main gate with an information kiosk. Continue toward the water to access the observation boardwalk, hand launch (non-motorized), and primitive campsites. Fire-rings and picnic tables are also available. Paddlers traveling along Florida's Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail have priority at the sites. The sites are free but registration with ANERR is recommended. There are no facilities or potable water.



## ② Trails & Observation Points

Approximately 1 mile of trail extends throughout the upland habitats. Foot-traffic only paths are marked with blue blazes. Three observation points allow visitors to look out to the water. Please stay on blazed trails and avoid restoration areas.