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Tranquility and Solitude Prevail at St. George

Island (Dr. Julian G. Bruce) State Park

The two words that best describe St. George Island State Park are “tranquility” and “solitude.”

There are miles of miles of undeveloped beach with the Gulf of Mexico on one side and Apalachicola Bay on the other - the perfect setting for this 2,023-acre park. Two boat ramps provide access to Apalachicola Bay where anglers can fish for flounder, redfish, sea trout, pompano, whiting and Spanish mackerel.

Or if you prefer, you can wade the flats and fill your creel with all kinds of species. Or fish the surf.

Few parks offer better opportunities for gulf coast shelling while enjoying the beauty and natural antics of the shore birds, such as the great blue heron, snowy plover, least tern, black skimmer and willet who often nest along the park's sandy shores and grass flats. Frequent expert park “birders” have recorded more than 300 species that frequent the island – either calling it home or visiting while on migratory trips.

Visitors have ample opportunities for sunbathing, swimming, canoeing, boating, hiking, camping and nature study. The park has six large picnic shelters equipped with grills, tables and restrooms, and the campground features full-facility campsites. A primitive campsite can be accessed by trail or by private boat.

The formal address of St. George Island State Park is 1900 E. Gulf Beach Drive, St. George Island, Florida 32328 and the phone number is (850) 927-2111. The less formal address is the entire eastern end of the magnificent Franklin County 28-mile-long barrier island.

The park is open from 8:00 a.m. until sundown, 365 days a year. The Admission Fee: \$6.00 per vehicle. (Limit 2-8 people per vehicle); \$4.00 (Single Occupant Vehicle) and \$2.00 (Pedestrians, bicyclists, extra passengers, and passengers in vehicle with holder of Annual Individual Entrance Pass). It is \$6.00 per person, plus tax, for East End access for Adults while children 12 and under are free (limited to 20 car access, upon

availability). Two boat ramps are available for shallow draft boats under 24 feet. Charge to use the boats ramps is \$4.00.

The park gates close at sunset. Those who plan to arrive late should contact the park prior to 5 PM on the day of your arrival. Visitors may make reservations from a minimum of one day, up to eleven months in advance of their arrival date. Camping is available year round.

The main 60-site campground is equipped with water, electric and a dump station. Campsites are within a 15-minute walk to the beach or the bayside. All campsites are provided with a picnic table, fire ring with grill, and a post with lantern hook. Pets are allowed in family camping areas overnight and pet rules apply. To make reservations contact www.reserveamerica.com

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