Wilderness Preserve Access
St. Joseph Peninsula State Park

The northern end of St. Joseph Peninsula is designated as a Wilderness Preserve. The preserve was established to preserve the unique and sensitive natural features of this area and provide an area for a true wilderness experience.

A permit is required for access to the Wilderness Preserve. Wilderness camping is limited and registration is required.

Obtain day permits and camper registration at the Ranger Station.

The wilderness area is eight miles to the tip of the peninsula, there is no water or facilities available. Carry in, carry out all items including trash.
Wilderness Preserve Rules

Visitors must be out of the wilderness area one hour before sunset unless registered to camp.

Please stop at the entrance station as you leave to checkout so the park staff knows you have returned safely.

All plants, live shells, birds and wildlife are protected.
Stay on designated trails.
Camp in designated area only or as specified on permit.

Pets, intoxicants, fireworks, and ground fires are prohibited.

Access beach and bay on designated trails only.

Do not enter posted shorebird nesting areas or disturb turtle nests.

Ranger Station phone number (850) 227-1327
Wilderness Preserve Hiking Trail

Boat access to wilderness preserve authorized as specified on permit.

Boaters accessing the wilderness use caution due to shallow waters and protected sea grass.

- Stay on designated trails.

- Please do not walk, climb, sit or camp in the beach vegetation or dunes.

- Do not enter posted shorebird protection areas.

Wilderness trail is marked by yellow posts with reflective eight by eight (8 X 8) inch Florida Park Service signs. **Mile markers are indicated in brown.**

GPS position are 500 feet east of shore access path.
• Alcoholic beverages are prohibited.
• No pets, fireworks or ground fires.
• Cook stoves and fires are permitted in designated fire rings only.
• Collection of down or dead wood prohibited.
• No flashlights, lanterns or other light sources on the beach from May 1st through October 31st.
• Removing or damaging natural and cultural resources is prohibited.
• Camping allowed by registered, paid visitors in designated sites only.

**Site Markers are Blue with White Numbers**
Site one is three-fourths of a mile hiking distance.
Site two is one mile hiking distance.
Site three is one mile hiking distance.
Site four is one and a half miles hiking distance.
Site five is three miles hiking distance.
Site six is five miles hiking distance.
Site seven is six miles hiking distance.
Anderson’s Flat Boat Access
N 29 51.741’
W 85 23.806

Five Pine Bend Boat Access (non-motorized boats only)
N 29 48.371’
W 85 24.518’

Parking Lots

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Bay View Parking

1 Mile