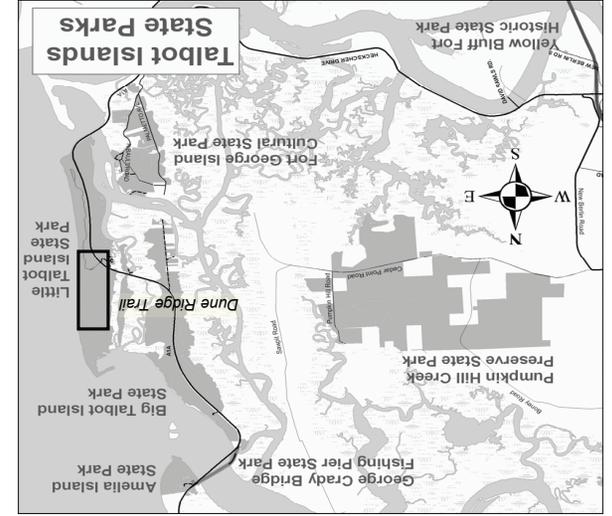


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## Looking For More Trails?



Welcome

The Dune Ridge Trail is a four mile long loop that takes you through picturesque maritime hammock, coastal scrub, dune, and beach habitats. The trailhead is located west of the ranger station north of park drive. **Remember to check in at the Ranger Station before embarking on your hike.**

## Changing Landscape

When these pioneering plants die and decompose they contribute to the creation of a thin, fertile organic soil layer called the humus layer. Most plants require this layer in order to survive and it may take years for it to form in a coastal environment such as this one. As the dunes age, they become more stabilized and form a hearty humus layer, small plants such as scrub oak and cabbage palm begin to take hold. You may notice on your hike that some of these plants have distinctive shapes and growth patterns. This is because they are pruned and flattened by salt spray which is a major limiting factor for plant growth. These plants, although affected, are able to survive and provide a buffer enabling less salt tolerant plants to grow behind them. Eventually, trees such as live oak and slash pine will begin to colonize the dunes, and over time they will become the dominate plants forming a maritime hammock. As you hike the dune ridge trail you will observe all of the successional stages of the ever-changing coastal beach-dune system. Enjoy your walk through time.

## Changing Landscape Continued

## Park Guidelines

- Hours are 8 a.m. until sunset, 365 days a year.
- A park entrance fee and additional fees may be required.
- All plants, animals and park property are protected. The collection, destruction or disturbance of plants, animals or park property is prohibited.
- Pets are permitted in designated areas only. Pets must be kept on a leash no longer than 6 feet long and must be well behaved. **DOGS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE BEACH.**
- Fishing, boating and fires are allowed in designated areas only. Florida fishing license may be required.
- Collection of firewood and driftwood are prohibited.
- Fireworks and hunting are prohibited.
- Alcoholic beverage consumption is allowed only in designated areas.

## Leave No Trace

- Take only pictures, leave only foot prints.

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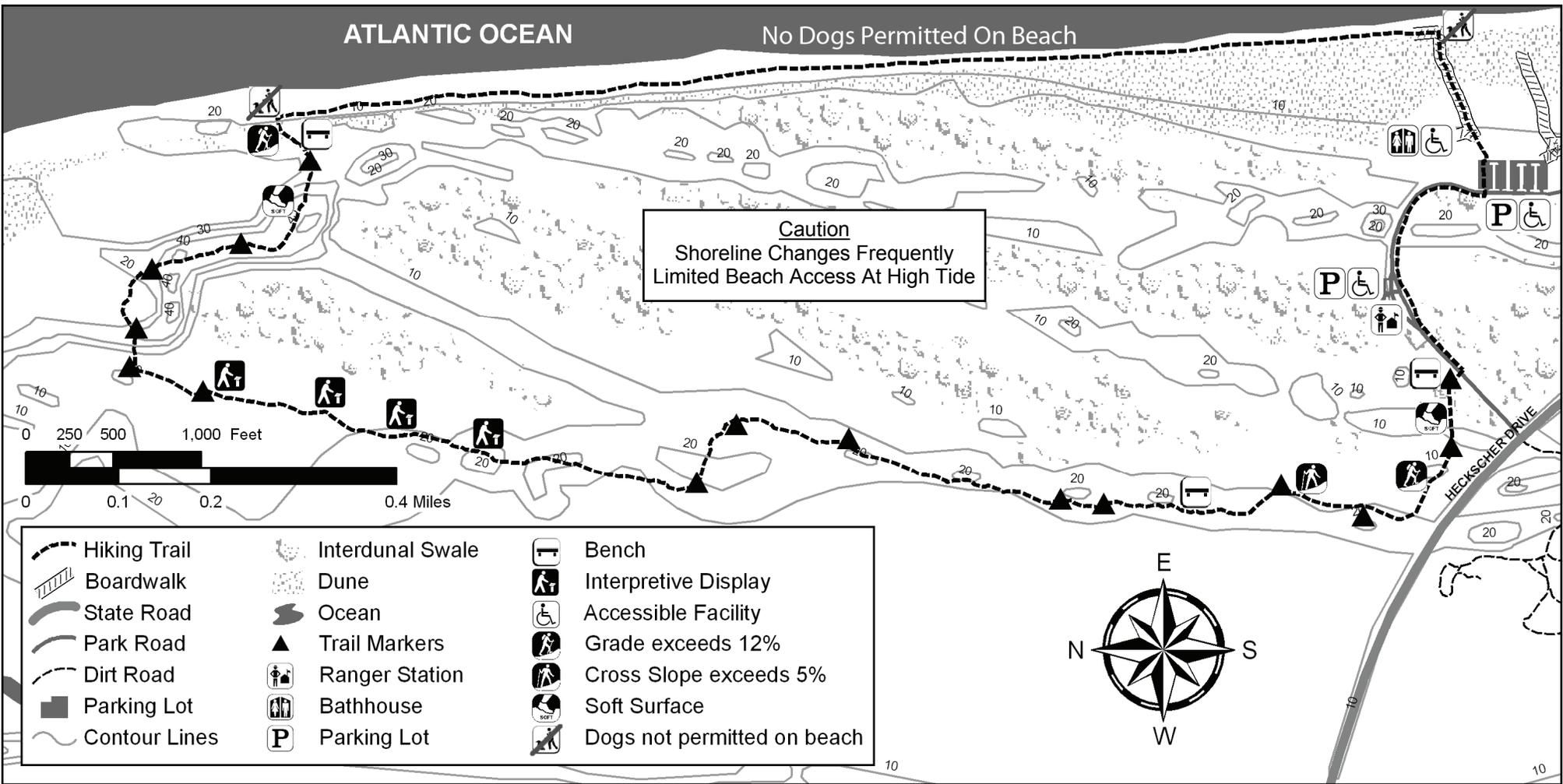
## Dune Ridge Trail Little Talbot Island State Park



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<h2>Dune Ridge Trail</h2>	
Little Talbot Island State Park	
Trail Loop Length	4 miles
Hiking	Bicycling
Pets Allowed No Pets on Beach	
	Grade Typical
2.3%	
4% of trail is 8% to 15%	
65 ft section is 12% to 15%	

	Cross Slope Typical	1.2%
6% of trail is 3% to 12%		
896 ft section is 3% to 12%		
	Tread Width Typical	80 in
Minimum 47 in		
Ranges from 47 in to 138 in		
	Surface Type Typical	Duff
85% of the trail is Firm or Better		
1959 ft of trail is soft or worse		

	Roots	3 in
Warning: Trail conditions may have changed since this trail was assessed. Temporary obstructions (e.g. fallen trees or landslides) may not have been mapped. Maximum grades and cross slopes may vary.		
8% grade is a standard ramp.		
Level surfaces can have up to a 2% cross slope.		
	Trail Access Information	