



Welcome to Weedon Island Preserve, where you can explore boardwalks, paved trails and natural pathways. Scenic views can be seen from three observation platforms and a 45-foot high observation tower.

Weedon Island Preserve's mission is to balance ecological and cultural conservation with public, recreational appreciation. Approximately 3,200 acres are managed by Pinellas County Parks & Conservation Resources. The Preserve comprises rich mangrove forests, pine/scrubby flatwoods, maritime hammocks, and mudflats and salterns. The Preserve was once home to indigenous peoples of the Weeden Island culture that thrived across the southeastern United States from roughly 500 to 1000 CE. In more recent times, the area has served as an airport, speakeasy, and Hollywood movie studio. In July 1972, Weedon Island was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It officially opened as Weedon Island State Preserve in 1980. What remains today is the direct result of a long-term commitment to protect this land for its ecological and cultural richness. To hear an audio about Weedon Island Preserve, scan the QR code below, or visit: ***Gulf Islanders: The Story of Weedon Island***, for a short video.



Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center

Designed with the help of Native Americans and completed in 2002, the Cultural and Natural History Center blends the past and present into a vibrant, hands-on experience.

The Center features a welcome video, an indigenous dugout canoe radiocarbon-dated to be over 1,000 years old, and an interactive, 6,000 square foot museum gallery that explores Weedon Island's ancient and modern history. Understanding the natural and cultural history of the Preserve demonstrates how people and the natural world shape each other. Visitors may also enjoy:

- Guided interpretive tours.
- Educational programs and classes.
- Guest lectures and workshops.
- Permanent and seasonal exhibits.
- Special events and youth camps.



Discover Weedon Island Preserve

Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center
1800 Weedon Drive NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

Center Hours:

Thursday – Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Closed Monday – Wednesday and all County holidays.

Preserve Hours:

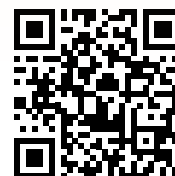
Open daily, 7 a.m. to time posted, approximately 15 minutes before sunset.

Daily closing time is posted at the entrance to the Preserve.

Closed the day after Thanksgiving and Dec. 25.



Wild animals live here, so please leave your pets at home. Thank you for helping us protect their home.



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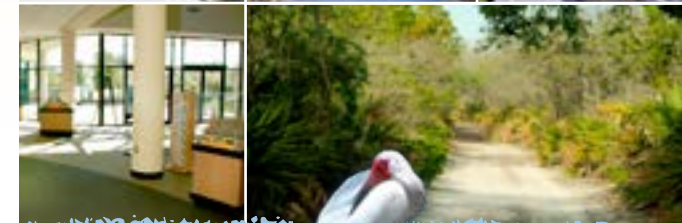


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Weedon Island Preserve

Hiking Trails & Cultural and Natural History Center



Discover Paradise in 

The Hiking Trails of Weedon Island

Distance reflects the round-trip mileage to complete a trail and return to a trail head.

Hiking Time is an approximation based on average adult walking pace, distance, elevation gain and terrain.

Bay Boardwalk

Distance: 1.6 miles Hiking Time: 25-30 minutes

- Raised boardwalk through mangrove forest
- Two observation platforms, one overlooking Old Tampa Bay and one overlooking a salt pond

Boy Scout Trail

Distance: 1.6 miles Hiking Time: 45-60 minutes

- Natural path through xeric & maritime hammock, pine/scrubby flatwoods, and mangrove forest
- Path crosses several wooden footbridges
- Trail may flood during heavy rain or high tide events

Lookout Trail

Distance: 0.8 miles Hiking Time: 25-30 minutes

- Natural path through xeric hammock and mangrove forest

Riviera Trail

Distance: 0.5 miles Hiking Time: 15-20 minutes

- Natural path through pine/scrubby flatwoods

Tower Boardwalk

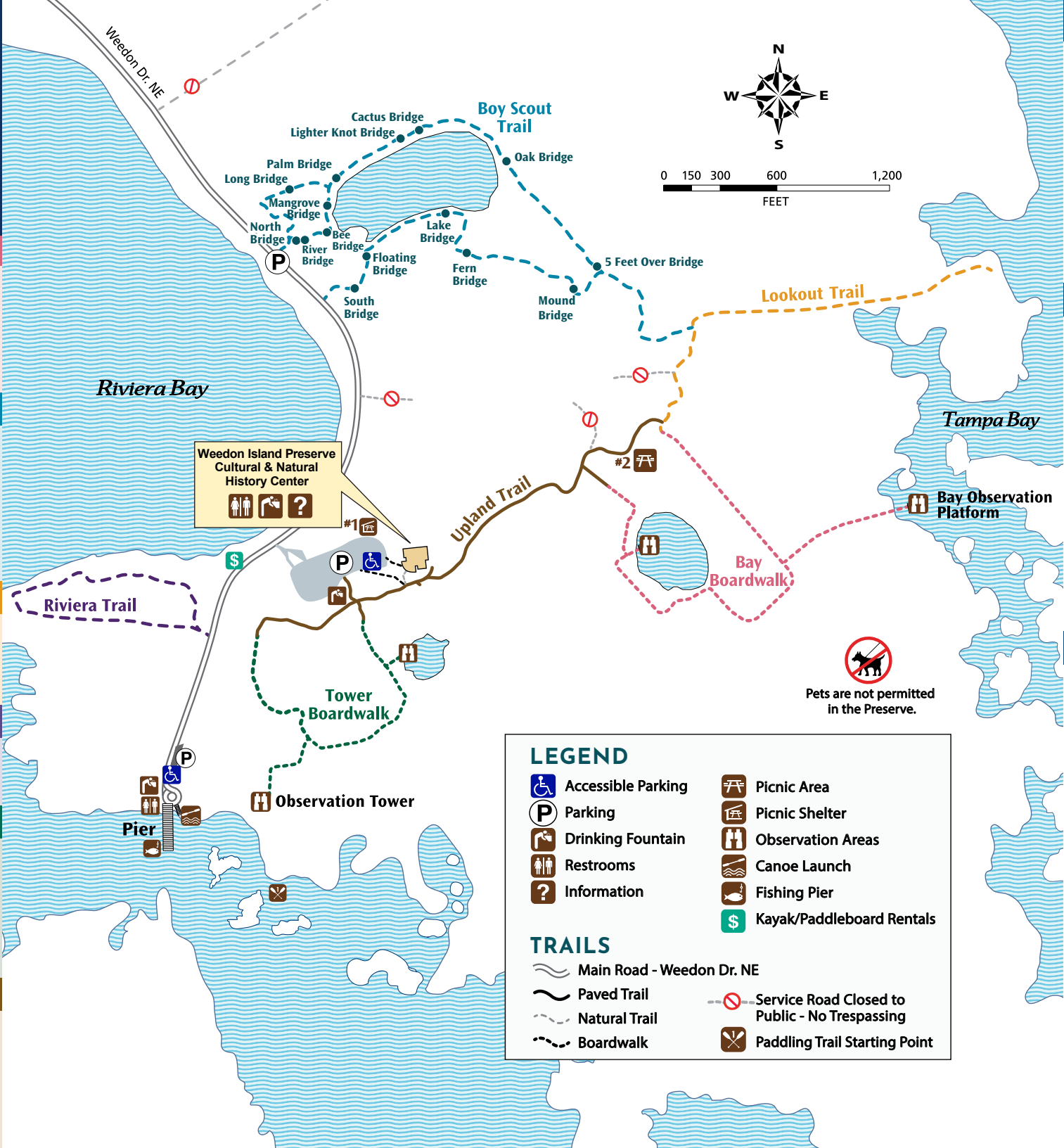
Distance: 0.6 miles Hiking Time: 15-20 minutes

- Raised boardwalk through mangrove forest, tidal marsh and saltern
- 45' Observation Tower with 360° view
- One observation platform over a salt pond

Upland Trail

Distance: 0.5 miles Hiking Time: 15 minutes

- Paved path through pine/scrubby flatwoods and xeric hammock
- Picnic area available as first come, first served



The Rules

- All plants and animals are protected under Pinellas County Code (PCC), Chapter 90-50.
- Releasing animals into the Preserve is illegal.
- Stay on marked trails.
- Fishing only on pier.
- Park only in designated areas- no parking on grass or roadside.
- Place trash in designated containers.

The following are PROHIBITED

- Smoking in Preserve
- Pets
- Alcohol
- Weapons as defined in PCC Chapter 90 - 60
- Fireworks and unauthorized campfires
- Unauthorized motor vehicles
- Overnight parking or camping
- Bicycles on trails or boardwalks
- Fishing on the Bay and Tower Boardwalks
- Drones
- Feeding the wildlife

Paddling Trail

- State and federal fishing regulations apply
- 4-mile loop, self-guided
- Canoe/kayak launch site near pier
- Wash station for canoes/kayaks
- All water activity must end 30 minutes prior to Preserve's posted closing time.
- Trail accessibility is tide dependent. Best access on incoming high tide. Access limited during low tide.
- Pull off here to access the Preserve's trails and picnic area.

Paddling Trail Guide available online and in Center.

For more information about the paddling trail guide scan here:

