

Maritime Hammock Sanctuary / Beachside



3.7 miles - GPS: N27 57.378 W80 30.166

Directions and path:

The hike starts at a small parking area off A1A where you will find a trail map board. The trail winds into the woods along a fence that separates the sanctuary from a neighborhood the trails are private, tranquil and peaceful. As you walk along you'll forget civilization is so close and lose yourself to your thoughts. There are benches along the trail as well as bridges and boardwalks (boards thrown down to walk over) to keep your feet dry. One bench is located just off the trail and has a perfect view of a canal. You'll pass thru a small wooded section and then into a large open area with a beautiful pond. We saw ducks, small birds and wading birds. All of the sudden we found a new entrance that later we found was Pelican Drive. This entrance I call the driftwood entrance - you'll see why! After looping around the pond the trail leads down and then along the mangroves. The views of the lagoon are amazing. The trail then turns back into a grass/dirt road which we find all around the river/lagoons. Next you'll come to a bridge over the canal that will lead you back to the foot trail. This section is worth a stop to look over the rails. You will be walking over boardwalks, some salt marshes, and maybe a snake or gator as you wander along the trail. Then a lookout area appears with a great view of a small pond in the woods. The rest of the trail is shaded and soft with benches to stop and sit or even eat a snack! At the end you'll find yourself back on A1A, where your can walk back along A1A to your car or back on the trail again.

***Bring lots of water, sunscreen, and lunch as we will eat on location! BYOB optional.