

# Crystal River Preserve and Archaeological State Parks

## Points of Interest

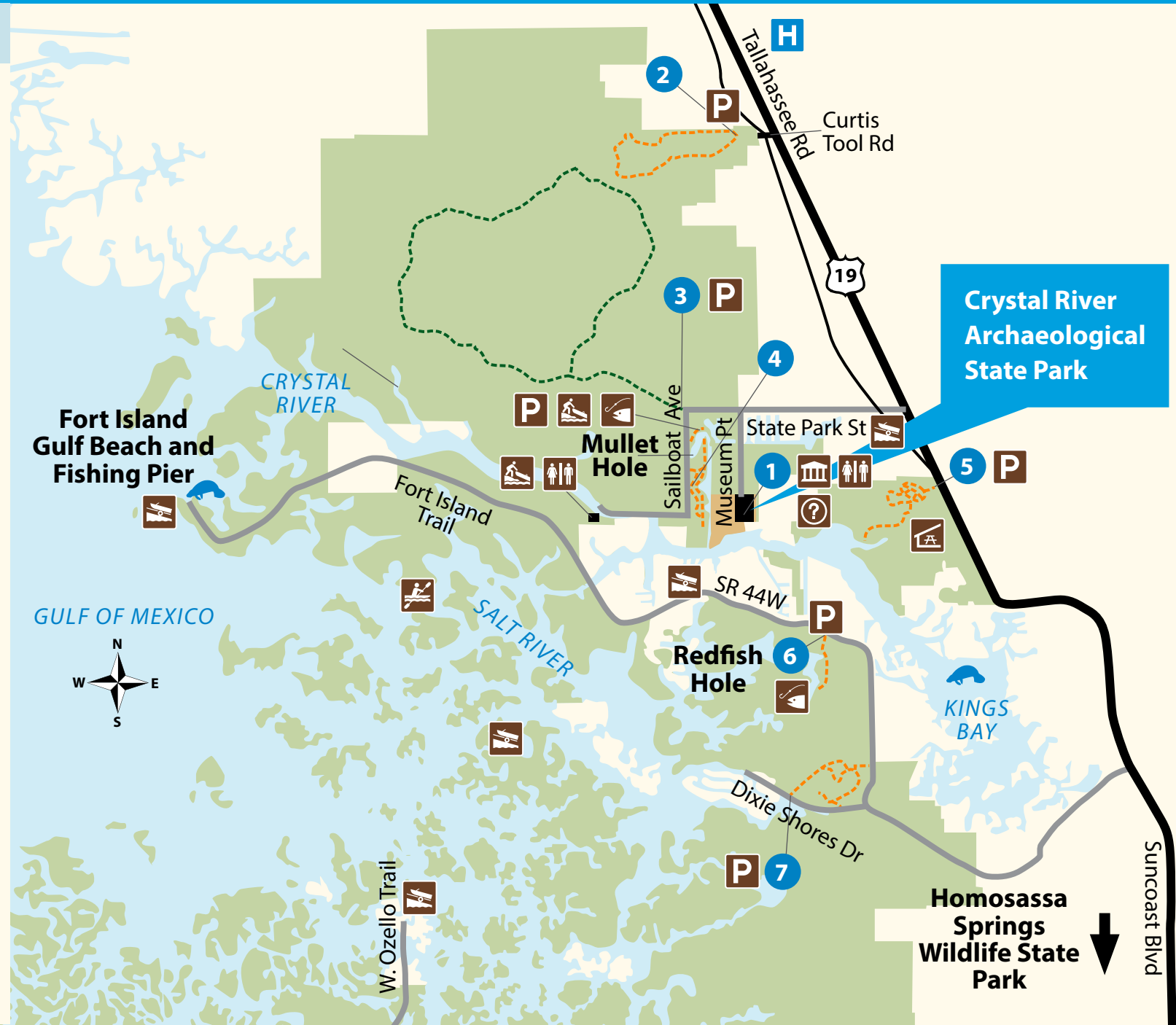


Temple Mound A, the largest mound at the Archaeological site. Observe the salt marsh and Crystal River from the platform or picnic along the river nearby.



Mullet Hole is a popular fishing destination and features a kayak launch.

- Bicycling
- Birding
- Boat Ramp
- Canoe Launch
- Fishing
- Hiking
- Hospital
- Information
- Museum
- Paddling
- Parking
- Pavilion
- Restrooms
- Hiking Trail
- Hiking & Biking Trail
- Sites for possible manatee viewing: Fort Island Gulf Beach, Hunter Springs Park, Kings Bay, Three Sisters Springs, Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park



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## Trail Information

### 1 Archaeological Museum

Explore exhibits and learn more about this National Historic Landmark where Native American cultures gathered to trade, mourn and celebrate along the fertile shores of the Crystal River. Step outside to discover a once bustling ceremonial site that includes burial mounds, a shell midden, a plaza and a towering temple mound.

### 2 Eco-Walk Loop Trail

#### 2.2 MILE LOOP

Wind through prairie, swamp and shady hammock on this loop trail that features a diversity of wildlife as varied as its landscapes.

### 3 Seven-Mile Loop Trail

#### 7.2 MILE LOOP

Bring water, camera and binoculars. This trail transforms around each turn as it crosses three tidal creeks, passes through pine forest and presents stunning vistas of the salt marsh. Sections of trail may be seasonally wet.



River otters are often seen along the 7-mile loop trail.

### 4 Crystal Cove Trail

#### 1.7 MILE ROUNDRIP



Archways of palm, pine and oak line this trail that traces the edge of a marsh and ends with canal views. Great for birdwatching or casting a line.



Sabal palm and salt marsh vistas typify a large portion of the preserve.

### 5 Churchhouse Hammock Trail

#### 1.4 MILES ROUNDRIP

Meander through a recovering pine forest with exposed limestone for a glimpse of the sawgrass marsh that borders Crystal River.

### 6 Redfish Hole Trail

#### 1 MILE ROUNDRIP

This out-and-back trail leads to a tidally affected man-made lake that provides open views and excellent fishing and birdwatching opportunities.

### 7 Dixie Shores Lake Loop Trail

#### 1.4 MILE LOOP

Weave among three quiet lakes on a flat trail that follows the upland forest edge.

