

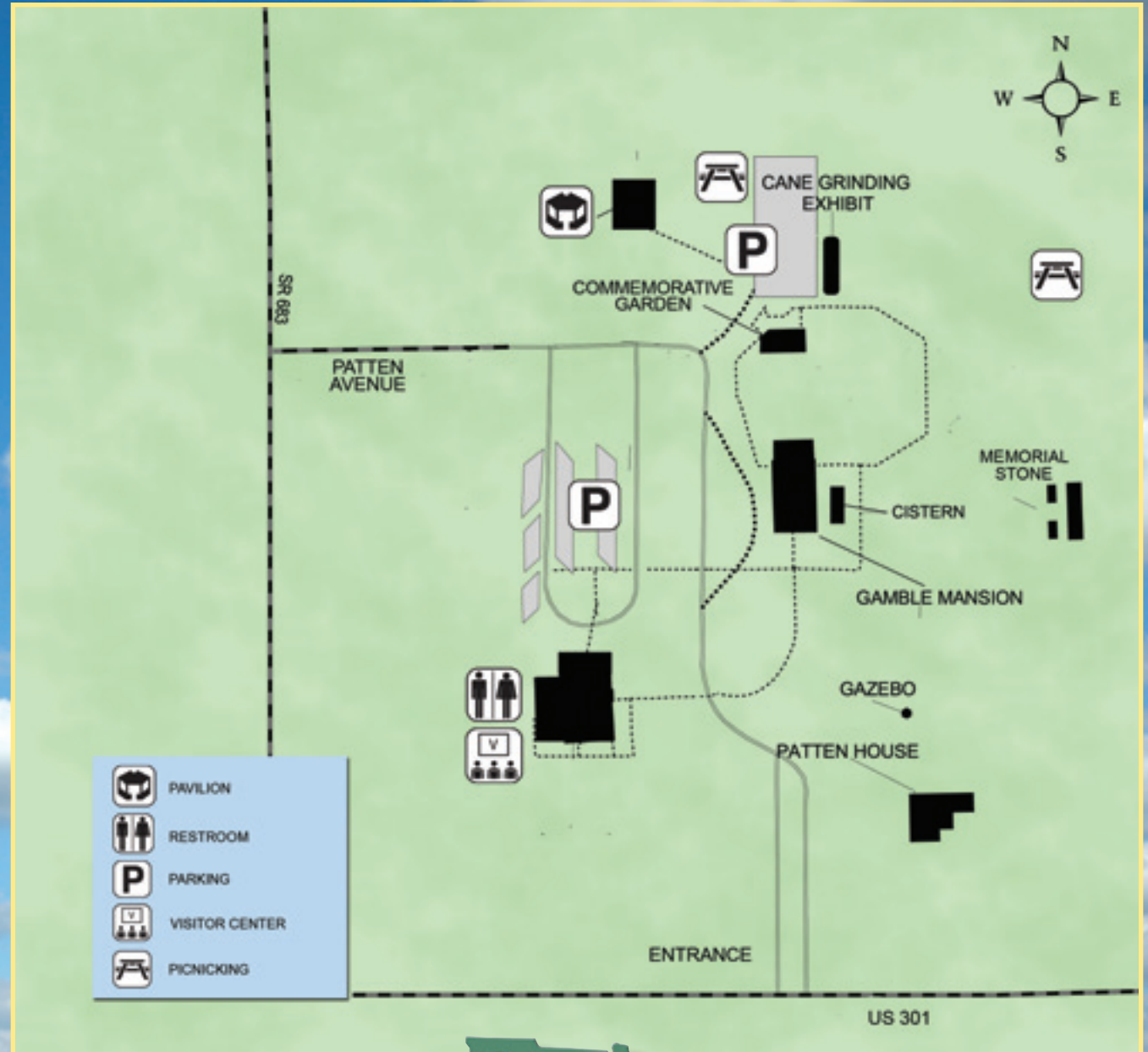
Real Fun in ...the Real FloridaSM

Gamble Plantation Historic State Park preserves the mansion of an antebellum sugar plantation. Built in the mid-1800s, the mansion is the only one of its kind on Florida's west coast and is the oldest building in Manatee County. Visitors will learn about a way of life and an economic system that were swept away by the Civil War.

Join park staff for a **guided tour** of the Gamble Mansion. Learn about the challenges of living on a 19th century Florida frontier sugar plantation. Guided tours of the mansion are offered six times daily at 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. & 4 p.m., Thursday through Monday. A **visitor center** with a **museum** is open Thursday through Monday, 8 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. The visitor center is closed and tours are not available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

Special events held throughout the year include open houses, reenactments, demonstrations and period crafts. Hosts wearing period clothing interpret the lives of people who lived and worked here. Ask for a schedule of these events.

The park grounds, picnic areas and **gazebo** at Gamble Plantation are available for private weddings, receptions, picnics and other social events. There are fifteen acres of manicured lawn with two **picnic areas**: one among the majestic live oaks, the other under a spacious, covered **pavilion**. Reserve space by calling (941) 723-4536.



Directions

From I-75, take exit 224. Head west for 1 mile on U.S. Highway 301. Look for the landmark white picket fence and turn right into the main park entrance.