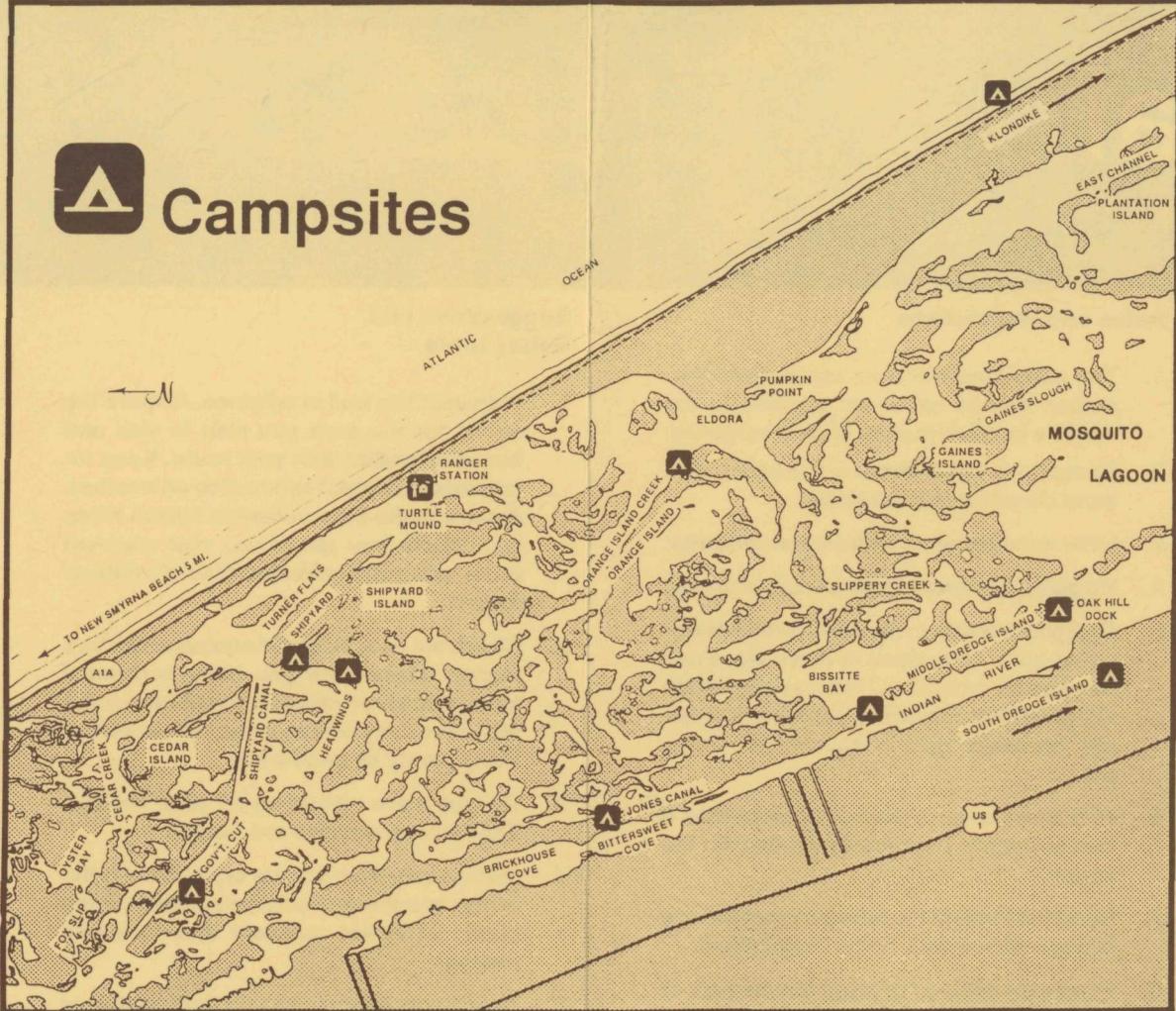


Backcountry Camping



Campsites



For more detailed information, please call
Canaveral National Seashore
Information Center 904-428-3384.
Have a safe and enjoyable trip

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Information

Planning to camp overnight in the Park?
Before you start, please consider the following:

Most of Canaveral's back country camping sites are located among the many islands in the northern part of Mosquito Lagoon. These can be reached only by boat or canoe.

The entire length of the beach is closed to back country camping from May 1st to September 30th, to protect the sea turtle during its nesting period.
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A back country permit is required to stay overnight at a campsite. There is no fee for obtaining this permit.

Camping is permitted on designated Islands and beach sites only, due to NASA security requirements, no camping is allowed south of the Volusia county line on the beach. **Beach camping is prohibited the night prior to a shuttle launch.**

To obtain a permit:

1. Stop by the Information Center, located 1/4 mile south of Turtle Mound on A1A, hours 9:00 to 4:30 p.m.
2. Call the Information Center 904-428-3384; the permit must be picked up during Information Center hours or can be mailed to you if we are given enough notice.

The camping areas are very primitive, lacking fresh water and sanitation facility. All necessities need to be packed in and all trash packed out.

Rules and Regulations

1. The permit system is for visitor use information and to serve as a guide to the visitor's location in case of an emergency.
2. Camping is not allowed on or behind the sand dunes of the seashore.
3. Litter must be removed from the campsite.
4. No glass is allowed at the beach campsite.
5. Campfires are permitted only within designated grills. Only dead or down wood can be used for campfires. Fires on the beach are permitted only within containers (hibachi, barbecue grill, chemical fuel stove, etc.)
6. Pets must be on a leash, not more than 6 feet in length. Pets are prohibited on the beach.
7. Sport fishing and the taking of shellfish are in accordance with State Regulations.
8. Please do not feed or harm the animals or remove plant life within the Seashore; they are protected by Federal law.
9. Firearms are prohibited within park boundaries.

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Suggestions and Safety Hints

1. Plan your trip well in advance. Acquire the charts for the area you plan to visit and become familiar with your route. Keep informed of the latest information on weather. Always make sure someone knows when and where you launched, your planned route, and your estimated date of return or arrival.
2. Check out your boat and equipment before launch. Make sure you have necessary tools, a spare propeller, enough fuel for the trip and extra paddles if you are canoeing. Bring plenty of fresh water.
3. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. Thefts from vehicles are frequent.
4. Insects vary from a minor annoyance in the winter to unbearable in the summer. Bring plenty of insect repellent and mosquito netting.
5. Keep items sealed in an air tight container and, accessible locations. Wildlife from mice to raccoons may otherwise be attracted.
6. If you are operating a power boat, be particularly careful of your wake when you approach or pass canoeists, they appreciate it.