



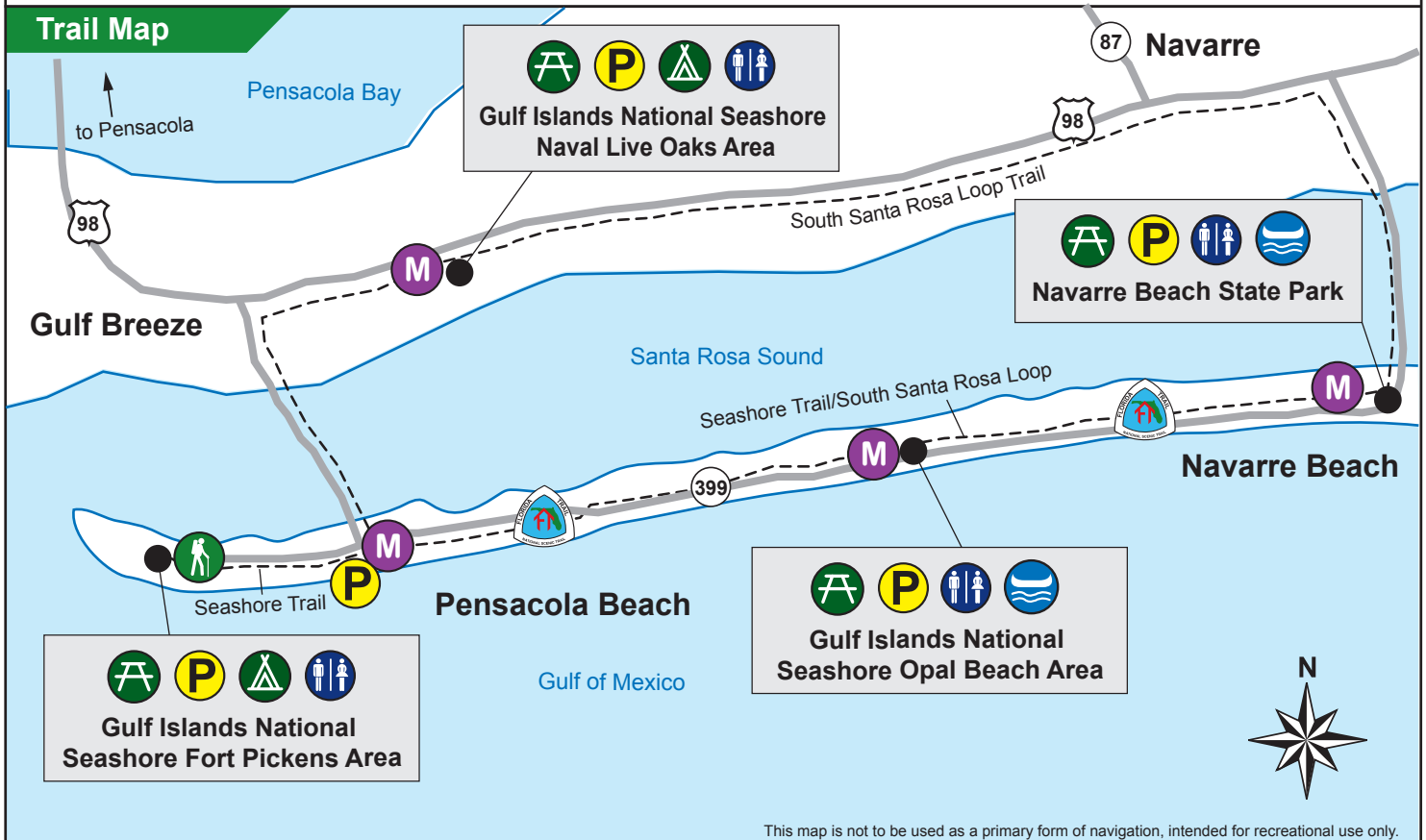
17. Opal Beach Area (Gulf Islands National Seashore)

Legend

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|  Trailhead (Hiking) |  Rest Rooms |  Shelter |
|  Ranger Station |  Camping |  Florida Trail |
|  Parking |  Picnic Area |  Canoe Launch |



Trail Map



This map is not to be used as a primary form of navigation, intended for recreational use only.

Description

Fishing, Hiking, Biking, Swimming, & Kayaking

As part of the Gulf Islands National Seashore, 8 miles of protected shoreline, Opal Beach provides a great rest stop to enjoy wildlife, take a dip in the Gulf waters and definitely take a picture. Opal Beach offers restrooms, showers, and picnic pavilions, and thus is a great stop for hikers and bikers who are taking in the beautiful dune landscape between Pensacola Beach and Navarre Beach on the Seashore Trail or the South Santa Rosa Loop Trail. The Opal Beach Area can also be reached by motorists via 399, which runs parallel to the multi-use trail through the National Seashore.

Landscape & Wildlife: This unspoiled beach stretch between Navarre Beach and Pensacola Beach is known for its breathtaking white quartz sand, and clear emerald Gulf waters. Gulf Islands National Seashore offers nature lovers eight miles of federally protected, undeveloped shoreline – the longest continuous stretch of protected beach in Northwest Florida, perfect for sun seekers, birdwatchers and outdoor enthusiasts. The shoreline boasts sand so clean and powdery white it literally squeaks under traveler’s toes. The warm Gulf waters also attract a plethora of fish, making the region famous for the beloved pastime of fishing. Gigantic dunes and clusters of sea oats border the way for hikers and bikers.

Access/Directions:

From Pensacola Beach, drive east toward Navarre Beach on S.R. 399. Opal Beach will be on the Gulf side (right). From Navarre Beach, drive west toward Pensacola Beach on S.R. 399. Opal Beach will on the Gulf side (left).