

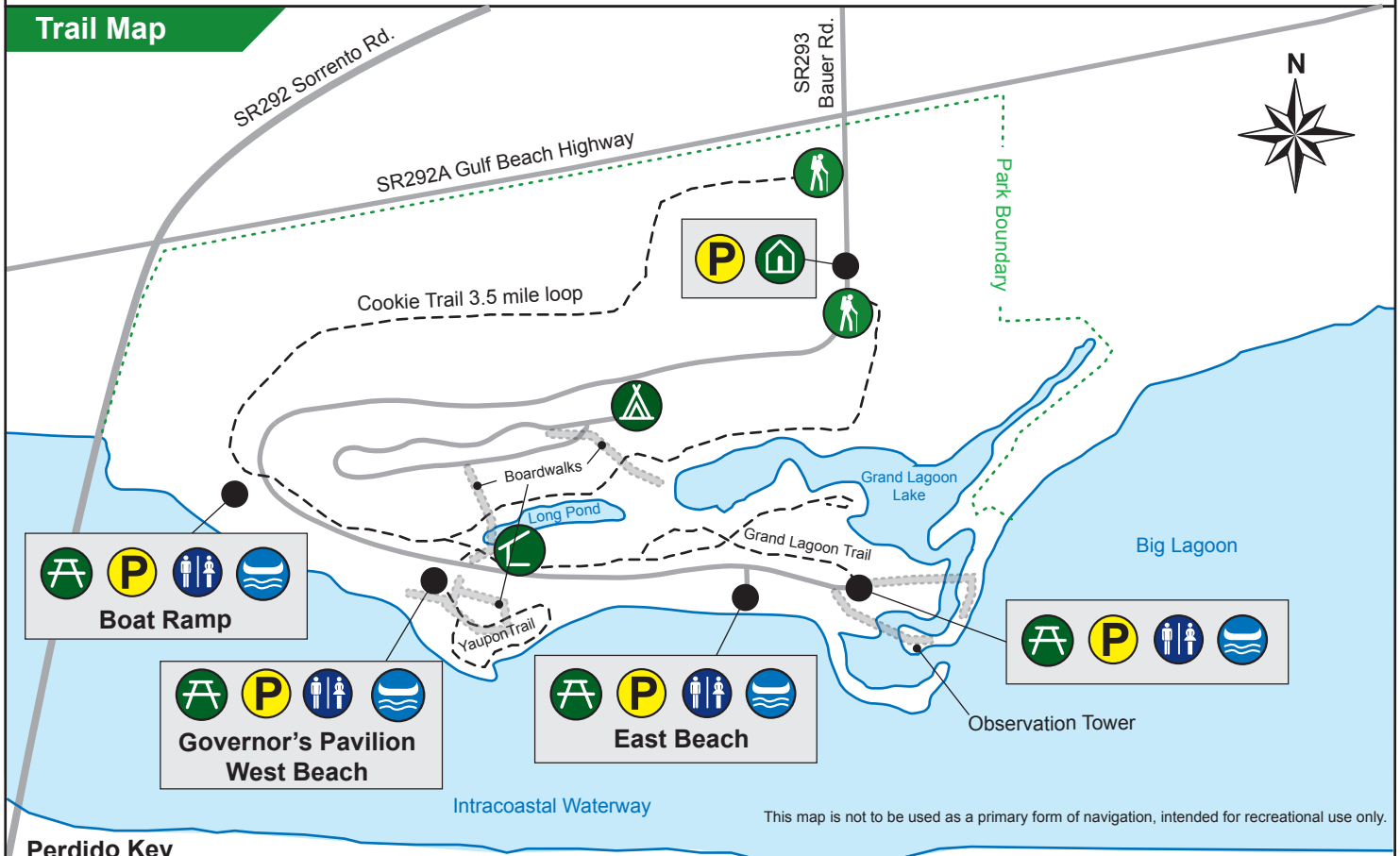
23. Big Lagoon State Park

Legend

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



Trail Map



Perdido Key

Description

Hiking, Boating, Camping, Fishing, Picnicking, Swimming, Birding & Kayaking

This coastal park sits on the northern shoreline of its namesake, Big Lagoon, which separates the mainland from Perdido Key and the Gulf of Mexico. Beaches, shallow bays, nature trails, and open woodlands offer splendid opportunities for nature study. Catch the view of Big Lagoon, the Intracoastal Waterway, woods, marshes, and more from atop a 40-foot tower. The park also beckons visitors with opportunities for camping, swimming, fishing, boating, canoeing, and hiking. Crabbing in the shallow waters of Big Lagoon is a popular activity as well. The West Beach picnic area, shaded by pines and oaks, is just the place to enjoy a relaxing meal.

Landscape & Wildlife: Natural communities, ranging from saltwater marshes to pine flatwoods, attract a wide variety of birds, especially during the spring and fall migrations. Visitors enjoy seeing coastal and aquatic wildlife such as bottlenose dolphins, sea turtles, manta rays, and a variety of shorebirds during the day, and breathtaking sunsets in the evenings.

Access/Directions:

Big Lagoon State Park is located at 12301 Gulf Beach Highway, approximately 10 miles southwest of Pensacola. Interstate 10 Exit #7 (old Exit #2) (Pensacola), south on Pineforest Road follow signs to Big Lagoon State Park. US Highway 98 to CR 293, south on CR 293 to Big Lagoon State Park.