



Follow these signs to:

1. Weeks Bay



- The trail begins/ends under the Weeks Bay Bridge on Hwy 98, approximately 4 miles west of the town of Magnolia Springs. Car access is just to the west of the bridge with a turn-in on the north side of Hwy 98. At this location, there is gravel parking and porta-potty facilities. There is a protected public boat launch at this site for canoes and kayaks. The 3-story building is used for events and meetings, but visitors are welcome to climb to the 3rd floor outside deck for views of the bay. Bicycle or walk west from here along the paved Trail to the Reserve building and nature trails. There is no direct access from Trail to the Bog Garden, a natural pitcher plant bog and pedestrian boardwalk, but it's worth the stop (it's located less than ½ mile east of the Weeks Bay Bridge. Look for the sign.).

➤ Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

<http://www.weeksbay.org/>

- ¼ mile west of the Trailhead under the bridge. Free educational interpretive center and two boardwalks. One boardwalk is behind the Reserve Interpretive Center and leads to Weeks Bay; The Reserve is open Mon-Sat from 9 am – 5 pm.
- Nature trail, ½ mile west of the Reserve building and just off the paved Trail, leads down to the Bay and a scenic boardwalk view. Grass parking at this site. Note: this is not a paved trail and there are some wetlands along the way.

2. Mullet Point Park on Mobile Bay

Continue 1.5 miles west on ALT 98 (Scenic Hwy 98), passing the Shell gas station and the 4-way stop where ALT 98 splits from US Hwy 98. Turn left at the big curve, then left again on to County Road 1. The park is ¼ mile down CR 1. The Trail connects to this county-owned park. Picnic pavilion, parking, and views across Mobile Bay. From here, you can bicycle either 5 miles north along the Trail to the Grand Hotel, or to Pelican Point, 5 miles down southeast on County Road 1. Pelican Point park/boat launch is at the mouth of Weeks Bay as it flows into Mobile Bay. Another small park along the way is Mary Ann Beach Park. Although there is no trail along this southbound roadway, many bicyclists ride this route, as it is mostly residential and low traffic. Both directions offer very flat rides.

3. Point Clear

- Casual eatery and fine dining options.

- Grand Hotel:    A Marriott -branded resort has golf, tennis, and a spa. Day visitors can walk the Bayfront through the marina and out to the south pier. Multiple dining options for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. A live cannon firing demonstration and history presentation occurs daily, outdoors at 4 p.m. Live piano music nightly at the Birdcage lounge. A public access sidewalk/boardwalk extends southward, off Hotel property, just past the hotel pier, and gives visitors a peak at luxury waterfront homes, boathouse, and gardens. Walkway dead-ends at a public county access road, just south of Punta Clara Kitchen.

- Confederate Rest Cemetery:  Access is directly across the street from the Grand Hotel entrance. Continue between the golf course and the parking area, down into the Lakewood residential neighborhood. This quiet, divided lane winds through lovely old oaks. Take a right at Pine Grove Drive. (If you miss it, you'll end up at the Golf Clubhouse. Just turn around and come back.) The cemetery is on the left. This side trip is

suitable for casual bicycling. Park across from the Hotel, visit the cemetery, then make a loop by turning to the right just past the cemetery onto the Confederate Rest Road, which takes you back to the Trail. Turn right on to the Trail to return to the Grand Hotel, or left to journey southward along a lovely portion of the Trail.

4. Fairhope

- Municipal Pier:   Take a stroll down the Fairhope Pier, around the rose garden and fountain, or north through the duck pond loop, all located at the bottom of the public bluff. Public parking and bathrooms. A restaurant on the pier. For bicyclists, some on-street parking is at the top of the hill providing easy access to the southbound Trail and into downtown, ½ mile east. At the top of the hill, is a veteran's memorial fountain and a long-leaf pine restoration area with a pine straw lined walkway leading to the top of the bluff.
- Downtown Fairhope:   Boutiques, dining options, book stores and galleries, the Fairhope Museum of History (Tues-Sat 9-5, FREE), the Eastern Shore Arts Center, and an impressive small-town library (Mon-Sat). Stop in the Welcome Center across the street from the Hampton Inn on Section Street to pick up a map. There is public parking deck located just behind the Hampton Inn on Section Street or accessible on Church Street. Visit the resting places of the City's colorful pioneers in Fairhope Colony Cemetery (Section and Oak Street). Shops and dining options continue on South Section Street until you reach St James Episcopal Church.
- The Flower Clock: 1½ miles north of downtown, follow the Trail signs. Just past St. James Church, the clock is on the right. Limited parking available on the north side of the clock, on a side street.
- Bike riding north from Fairhope along the Eastern Shore Trail is hilly, recommended for hearty cyclists.

5. Montrose

Turn left at the intersection just past the Flower Clock to continue on Scenic Hwy 98 (Main Street) into Montrose. This is hilly, but beautiful, shaded and largely residential. There is a resting bench at the Trail kiosk.

6. Daphne

- May Day Park: South of Olde Towne Daphne, look for a small bayfront park at the end of College Ave. Turn west off Scenic Hwy 98 (Main Street in Daphne). Boardwalk and steps down to the water and small public pier.
- Village Point Park Preserve & Jackson's Oak:  <http://villagepointpark.com/> Visitors can park and walk or off-road bicycle into this wildlife area. Trails and dirt road meander down to the Jackson's Oak and to the waterfront beach and pier (connecting with Bayfront Park boardwalk).
- Bayfront Park:  Scenic bay access and boardwalk through the coastal flats. Past the end of the boardwalk, continue right on the dirt road to another boardwalk that leads to a quiet, public beach and pier.
-  Lunch Stops: Options include Italian, pizza and Barbecue. Stop in to visit the local shops.
- Alligator Alley Boardwalk:   Off North Main Street (Trail crosses Hwy 98 four-lane at major intersection, look for a pedestrian crosswalk and signal). Significant hills. Public parking just south of the D'Olive Creek bridge. Boardwalk and Trail continues under the highway, under Interstate-10, and up to the Scenic Overlook in Spanish Fort. Look for alligators below in the muddy creek that leads to the Mobile Delta.
-  Continuing along North Main Street takes you to Jubilee Square Shopping Center (coffee shops, grocery, deli, and a multiplex movie theater). Eastern Shore Cycles, a local bicycle shop, is across the street.