

HANCOCK COUNTY MARSH COASTAL PRESERVE

ANSLEY NATURE TRAIL



MISSISSIPPI COASTAL PRESERVES

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) Coastal Preserves Program was created in 1992 by authority of the Wetlands Protection Act. The Coastal Preserves Program's objective is to acquire, protect, and manage sensitive coastal wetland habitats along the Mississippi Gulf Coast, therefore ensuring the ecological health of Mississippi's coastal wetland ecosystems.

The tracts in the Hancock County Marsh Coastal Preserve were acquired by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and the Mississippi Secretary of State. These lands are now part of the Public Trust Tidelands and shall be preserved and maintained in the Mississippi Coastal Preserves System. They shall be maintained forever as natural areas for the preservation, protection, restoration and sustenance of their natural features and ecological functions.

This site is monitored and managed with assistance from the Mississippi Habitat Stewards, trained volunteers who dedicate themselves to protecting, enhancing and promoting the natural areas of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

TRAIL RULES

- * Obey all signs.
- * Stay on designated trails
- * The following are prohibited:
 - Motorized vehicles
 - Littering
 - Camping
 - Fires
 - Target shooting
 - Digging
 - Removing historical artifacts
 - Removing or releasing any live plants and animals
 - Cutting, injuring, or defacing any tree, shrub, plant, rock, mineral or historical artifact
 - Livestock, horses and mules



At the Ansley Unit of the Hancock County Marsh Coastal Preserve, there are walking trails, great plant diversity and a beautiful view of the marshes from the live oak maritime forest. The Preserve offers quiet solitude and a connection with nature.

MISSISSIPPI COASTAL PRESERVES FOLLOW LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES

1. Plan ahead and prepare
2. Stay on trails to minimize impacts
3. Dispose of waste properly
4. Leave objects as you find them
5. Camping and fires are prohibited
6. Respect wildlife by observing from a distance
7. Be considerate of other visitors