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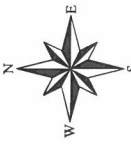
Hilton Head Island Historic Bike Tour

Begin/End at Islander's Beach Park

February 20th, 2024



1 inch = 1,200 feet



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HISTORIC BIKE TOUR POINTS OF INTEREST

HISTORIC CIVIL WAR CEMETERY From the book, "Hilton Head Island Cemeteries", Compiled by Karen Marsh Gobrecht And John Griffin: "This land was originally used as burial grounds for the Union soldiers during the Civil War. Civil War soldiers and military personnel were moved to the National Cemetery in Beaufort or to their home cemeteries after the war."

ST. JAMES BAPTIST CHURCH/CHERRY HILL SCHOOL The church was established in 1886 to serve the Mitchelville community, and has served as caretaker for the historic Cherry Hill School across Dillon Road. The original church was destroyed by fire in 1945. The present sanctuary was constructed in 1972. Due to the church's location in close proximity to the end of the Hilton Head Airport runway, the church is scheduled to be relocated by the Town to a location on Union Cemetery Road within the next several years. The Cherry Hill School was built in 1937 and was the first school-house building dedicated to the educational needs of African-American children on Hilton Head Island.

MITCHELVILLE FREEDOM PARK The Union army occupied Hilton Head Island during the Civil War as part of their blockade of the Confederate states, leading to Hilton Head Island becoming a refuge for people that had escaped from or were freed from slavery. General Ormsby Mitchel of the Union Army established the first self-governing community of freedmen in the south on this site in 1862, complete with stores, schools, and places of worship. The boardwalk and observation deck that extends toward Fish Haul Creek is breathtaking and provides an opportunity to view native wildlife. A free observation scope is provided. Restrooms are provided.

PORT ROYAL SOUND OBSERVATION DECK Another boardwalk and observation deck is located at the end of the asphalt pathway that runs along the east side of the Barker athletic fields, offering stunning views of the large brackish estuary Port Royal Sound and its commercial fishing vessels. Look to the west to view the Broad River Bridge that connects northern and southern Beaufort County, and the water towers that mark the location of Parris Island, the U. S. Marine Corps' recruitment depot. To the northeast are Saint Helena Island and Bay Point Island. Again, a free observation scope is provided.

FISH HAUL BEACH PARK Visit the island's remotest public beach park, and the only one that is located on Port Royal Sound instead of the Atlantic Ocean. Restrooms are provided.

HISTORIC BIKE TOUR POINTS OF INTEREST (continued)

OLD FORT HOWELL The fort was built in 1864 by the 32nd Colored Infantry and the 144th New York Infantry under the direction of General Joshua B. Howell. The fort was built to defend the nearby freedmen's community of Mitchelville from Confederate raids. While the fort did not see any significant combat action, it was significant for its innovative design and construction, and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2011.

QUEEN CHAPEL AME CHURCH This church originated in the nearby freedmen's village of Mitchelville as a result of visits by A.M.E. missionaries in 1865 and one from D. A. Payne, the A.M.E. bishop in Charleston. The denomination expanded rapidly in this area in the years following the Civil War, and Queen Chapel A.M.E. Church was one of the first established A.M.E. congregations. The current church was constructed in 1954 and significantly expanded in 2002.

FIRST AFRICAN BAPTIST CHURCH This church was also established in the Mitchelville community, and its first pastor, Rev. Abraham Murchinson, was a former slave. The congregation of approximately 120 members began worship in 1862, making it the oldest church on Hilton Head Island, and was established on this site by 1898. The present church was constructed in 1966.

CENTRAL OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH A parcel of land in this vicinity was conveyed to Good Will Baptist Church in 1887, and the church originally stood on the old foundations of the former Zion Chapel of Ease church. The church was eventually renamed with its present name. A land deal with Honey Horn Plantation in 1956 resulted in the church moving to its present location. Then-future first lady Michelle Obama spoke here in 2008.

ZION CHAPEL OF EASE CEMETERY / BAYNARD MAUSOLEUM This cemetery was established in the late 18th century by island plantation owners next to the Zion Chapel of Ease, a church constructed in 1788 that was destroyed in 1868. The Baynard Mausoleum was constructed by William Baynard in 1846, and is the oldest existing structure on Hilton Head Island. A Revolutionary War ambush by British royalists on patriot militia in 1781 occurred just north of here, and two Revolutionary War soldiers remain buried here.



HILTON HEAD ISLAND HISTORIC BICYCLE TOUR MAP

PATHWAY SAFETY and ETIQUETTE

-  **KEEP RIGHT, PASS LEFT**
Stay to the right then pass other pathway users on their left.
-  **ANNOUNCE TO PASS**
Use your bell or voice ("passing on your left") when passing others.
-  **WATCH YOUR SPEED**
When cycling, observe a 12 MPH speed limit on pathways and the beach.
-  **KEEP THE WAY CLEAR**
If you stop, get off the path or move to the side.
-  **APPROACH INTERSECTIONS WITH CAUTION**
Stop, look, listen. Make eye contact with turning traffic.
-  **WEAR A HELMET WHEN CYCLING**
Especially children 12 and under.
-  **BE KIND**
Respect ALL pathway users on wheels or on foot.



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