


EXPERIENCE  
*the* NATURAL  
ENVIRONMENT  
*of*  
ST. JAMES PLANTATION<sup>SM</sup>





*“Every flower is  
a soul blossoming  
in nature.”*

*Gerard de Nerval*

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HOME AT ST. JAMES INCLUDES A WHOLE WORLD  
OF BIG, BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR LIVING.

Native wildlife thrives among our ecosystem. Home to rare Venus Flytraps, St. James is a natural paradise. Whether it's a morning power walk with a friend to Waterway Park as the sun rises, riding bicycles with the grandkids to the marina for an ice cream cone, stopping to watch a Great Blue Heron glide over a sparkling marsh, or listening to a big band concert under a giant starry sky at the lakefront Amphitheater...

*...this is the place where memories are made every day.*

A watercolor illustration of various green leaves, including some with yellowing edges, framing the central text. The leaves are scattered around the top, bottom, and sides of the page, creating a natural, organic border.

*Our*  
mild, coastal weather is  
a constant invitation to explore  
and discover our  
awe-inspiring environment.

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The page is framed by a watercolor illustration of various green leaves, including some with yellowing edges, suggesting seasonal change. The leaves are scattered around the perimeter of the page, with a solid green vertical bar on the right side.

# *Visit*

the trails throughout the year  
to enjoy seasonal changes  
in the native plants.

# 1. PLANTS & GARDENS



## SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF WATERWAY PARK NATIVE PLANT TRAIL

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Native Plant Trail was marked in 2015 through the cooperative efforts of the **POA, St. James Plantation, the Garden Club at St. James and the Extension Master Gardeners**. This guide will help familiarize visitors with some of the most common native trees, shrubs and flowers thriving here in our unique ecosystem of St. James.

These plants meet the needs, including food and cover, of native wildlife without causing long-term damage to local plant communities. Over time, native plants and insects have evolved together, acting and reacting to each other. Natives provide seeds, nuts and fruits for birds, squirrels and other animals as well as nectar for hummingbirds and butterflies.

*Aesthetically and spiritually, native plants enhance our sense of place.*

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# garden club

“Delight in the beauty that surrounds you” is engraved so appropriately on the bench plaque. The bench marks the midpoint on the trail. It was donated by the Garden Club at St. James.

The club meets monthly, September through April, at the St. James Community Center. Experts discuss topics such as making the most of outdoor spaces using ideas adapted from professional landscapers, attracting birds and butterflies to the garden and reaping the benefits of using native plants. The club helped beautify a trail from Waterway Park to the Marina, donating a bench and identifying native plants.



*Vitis rotundifolia*

## Wild Grape

Muscadine is our most common North Carolina grape, with roundish leaves and very sweet thick-skinned berries that ripen in late summer.



*Ilex vomitoria*

## Yaupon Holly

Yaupon is a native evergreen shrub with small red berries on female plants. Native Americans in the southeast used this plant to make a purifying tea drink that induced vomiting (vomitoria).



*Callicarpa americana*

## American Beautyberry

Beautyberry is an open shrub with bright violet berries encircling the stem. These fruits and seeds are important foods for many species of birds.



*Gelsemium sempervirens*

## Carolina Jessamine

This is one of the most beautiful vines of the South. The yellow flowers signal that winter is ending. It is the state flower of South Carolina.



*Juniperus virginiana*

## Red Cedar

An aromatic evergreen native that produces rounded fruit that is gray/blue in color and resembles a berry but is actually a cone made of fused cone scales. The fruit is eaten most extensively by cedar waxwing birds.



*Morella cerifera*

## Wax Myrtle

An evergreen with inconspicuous flowers in spring and grayish fruit in summer. Female plants produce berries on second year growth. The waxy berries, Bayberry, were used for making candles in Colonial times.





*Magnolia virginiana*

## Sweet Bay Magnolia

(Loblolly Bay or Swamp Magnolia)

Fragrant semi-evergreen native flowers are white, cup shaped and appear in the spring and summer. Blossoms open in morning and close at night for 2 or 3 days and produce red seeds. The fall fruit is eaten by gray squirrels, mice and songbirds.



*Pinus taeda*

## Loblolly Pine

In the South, the common name "loblolly" is given because the pine species is found mostly in lowlands and swampy areas. The often-paired cones are 3 to 6 inches long, red/brown color, and have very sharp spines. They remain on the tree for several years, maturing in the fall.



*Acer rubrum*

## Red Maple

This tree buds in winter, flowers in spring, leafstals in summer, and displays brilliant foliage in autumn. It is the most common variety of tree in America. The fruit along with the buds are a primary food source for gray squirrels in late winter and early spring.



*Toxicodendron radicans*

## Poison Ivy

A native vine recognized by its leaf pattern that is clusters of three leaves. The leaf color varies with the seasons and the plant's berries are a grayish-white color. Poison Ivy is best known because most people are allergic to its sap.



*Onoclea sensibilis*

## Sensitive Fern

This fern occurs in wet woods near water, forming large colonies due in part to the full shade provided. The name comes from the observation by early American settlers that it was very sensitive to frost.



*Ilex Opaca*

## American Holly

A small tree with dark green, tough leaves with "prickles" on the edges. Small white flowers arrive in spring followed by red berries in the winter. Holly sprigs are known as the everlasting symbol of Christmas cheer.



*Liquidambar styraciflua*

## Sweet Gum

This native tree has star-shaped leaves that turn shades of yellow, orange, red and purple in autumn. It is a large tree with a straight trunk found near stream banks. Its bur-like fruit, which contain seeds that take 20 years to produce are eaten by animals and birds.



*Quercus nigra*

## Water Oak

Water Oak is a fast-growing tree that starts producing acorns before its tenth year and supports wildlife that enjoys the fall crop. The fruits are biennial, maturing in their second year. Its timber has been sold in the South as "red oak" since the 17th century.



*Asarum shuttleworthii*

### Wild Ginger

Wild ginger is an evergreen shade-loving groundcover with heart-shaped shiny leaves that are often marbled. Its brown-purple "little brown jug" flowers hide beneath foliage that is less than 6 inches tall.



*Campsis radicans*

### Trumpet Creeper Vine

Native to the southeast, trumpet vine is covered in summer with orange-red flowers in clusters. They are often visited by hummingbirds and butterflies. As flowers fade, they produce large bean-like seedpods.



*Passiflora incarnate*

### Passion Vine

Passion Vine or Maypop, is a southeast native. Its lavender flowers last all summer with an edible oval fruit in the fall. The fruits are used in medicines, beverages and jams. Passionflower leaves are the only food source for gulf fritillary caterpillars.



*Parthenocissus quinquefolia*

### Virginia Creeper

This plant has inconspicuous green flowers in small clusters during spring and small clusters of fruit in early summer. In the fall, leaves turn a bright red to maroon color. It is often confused with poison ivy but the Virginia creeper has five leaflets, while poison ivy has three.

## ST. JAMES GARDENS

### Plant list of natives in the sunny beds:

- Butterfly Milkweed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- Swamp Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- Ironweed (*Vernonia noveboracensis*)
- Gayfeather (*Liatris spicata*)
- Coastal Joe Pye Weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*)
- Mouse Ear Coreopsis (*Coreopsis auriculata*)
- Bee Balm (*Monarda didyma*)
- Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- Black-Eyed Susan (*Rubeckia fulgida*)
- Blue Mistflower (*Conoclinium coelestinum*)
- Coral Honeysuckle (*Lonicera sempervirens*)
- Aster "October Skies" (*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*)
- Aster "Raydon's Favorite" (*Symphyotrichum oblongifolium*)

### Plant list of natives in the woodland beds:

- Coastal Azalea (*Rhododendron atlanticum*)
- Dixie Wood Fern (*Dryopteris australis*)
- White Wood Aster (*Eurybia divaricata*)
- Indian Pink (*Spigelia marilandica*)
- Solomon Seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*)
- Green and Gold (*Chrysogonum virginianum*)
- Woodland Phlox (*Phlox divaricata*)
- Weeping Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria 'Pendula'*)
- Virginia Sweetspire (*Itea virginica*)
- Lady Fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*)
- Maiden Hair Fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)
- Christmas Fern (*Polystichum acrostichoides*)
- Log Fern (*Dryopteris celsa*)

## 2. BIRD WATCHING & NATURE TRAIL



### SELF-GUIDED TOUR OF THE FOUNDERS CLUB MARSH LOCAL BIRDS AND NATURE TRAIL

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**The Founders Club Marsh Nature Trail** begins behind the Founders Club pool, meanders through a maritime forest, across a small bridge and into an uplands marsh.

Benches are available in the marsh area, giving visitors a place to sit and enjoy this peaceful trail. Signs placed along the trail show visitors the way in and the trail itself. It's a rough and uneven trail, so wear sturdy shoes.

The trail includes a nesting platform in the marsh, which bird lovers hope will attract a pair of ospreys.

*Plan to check out our own St. James osprey cam if a pair builds a nest.*

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# local birds

Birdhouses have been built and installed along the trail. Members from the St. James Birders Group will help monitor the trail and nesting boxes. Bring your binoculars and cameras, as many types of local and migratory birds visit this area.

The mission of the St. James Birders Group is to provide information about birds, conduct field trips, and present programs for the enjoyment and education of members and guests. The group is open to novices and experienced birders – all are welcome.

## birds found in brunswick county, nc

Season	Residence
Winter Visitor	WV
Winter Resident	WR
Permanent Resident	PR
Summer Visitor	SV
Summer Resident	SR
Transient (Migrant)	T
Fall Visitor	FV

Habitat	Habitat Key
Estuary	E
Marsh	M
Thicket	T
Ocean	O
Beach	B

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Blackbirds, Orioles</b>		
Bobolink	T	M, T
Red-Winged Blackbird *	PR	M, T
Eastern Meadowlark	PR	B, M, T
Rusty Blackbird	T	T
Common Grackle *	PR	B, M, T
Boat-Tailed Grackle *	PR	B, E, M, T
Brown-Headed Cowbird *	PR	T
Orchard Oriole *	SR	T
Baltimore Oriole *	WV	T

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Starlings, Waxwings</b>		
European Starling *	PR	T
Cedar Waxwing *	WV	T
<b>Finches</b>		
House Finch *	PR	T
Pine Siskin	WV	T
American Goldfinch *	WV	T

\* Denotes they have been seen within St. James

Species	Residence	Habitat
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### Ducks, Geese, Swans

Snow Goose	WV	E
Canada Goose *	PR	E
Wood Duck *	PR	E, M
Gadwall	WR	E, M
American Wigeon*	WR	E, M
American Black Duck	WR	E, M
Mallard *	WR	E, M
Blue-Winged Teal	T, WR	E, M
Northern Shoveler *	WR	E, M
Northern Pintail	WR	E, M
Green-Winged Teal	WR	E, M
Canvasback	WR	E
Redhead *	WR	E
Ring-Necked Duck *	WR	E
Greater Scaup	WR	E
Lesser Scaup *	WR	E
Surf Scoter	WR	E, O
White-Winged Scoter	WR	E, O
Black Scoter	WR	E, O
Bufflehead *	WR	E, O
Common Goldeneye *	WR	E
Hooded Merganser *	WR	E
Red-Breasted Merganser	WR	E
Ruddy Duck *	WR	E

### Loons, Grebes

Red-Throated Loon	WR	E, O
Common Loon *	WR	E, O
Pied-Billed Grebe *	WR	E
Horned Grebe *	WR	E

### Gannets, Cormorants, Darters, Pelicans

Northern Gannet	WR	O
Double-Crested Cormorant *	WR	E, O
Great Cormorant	WR	O
Anhinga *	PR	Pond
American White Pelican	WV	E, B, O
Brown Pelican *	PR	E, B, O

### Cuckoos, Doves

Rock Pigeon	PR	T
Mourning Dove *	PR	T
Yellow-Billed Cuckoo	SR	T

Species	Residence	Habitat
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### Bitterns, Herons, Egrets, Ibis

American Bittern	WR	M
Least Bittern	SR	M
Great Blue Heron *	PR	E, M
Great Egret *	PR	E, M
Snowy Egret *	PR	E, M
Little Blue Heron *	PR	E, M
Tricolored Heron *	PR	E, M
Reddish Egret	SV	E, M
Cattle Egret	SR	M
Green Heron *	SR	E, M
Black-Crowned Night Heron *	PR	E, M
Yellow-Crowned Night Heron	PR	E, M
White Ibis *	PR	E, M
Glossy Ibis	SR	E, M

### Shorebirds

American Oystercatcher	PR	B, E, M
Black-Bellied Plover	T	B, E,
Wilson's Plover	SR	B
Semipalmated Plover	T	B, E
Kildeer *	PR	B, E
Spotted Sandpiper *	T	E, M
Greater Yellowlegs *	T, WR	E, M
Willet	PR	B, E, M
Lesser Yellowlegs	T	E, M
Whimbrel *	T	B
Ruddy Turnstone	T	B
Red Knot	T	B
Sanderling	WR, T	B
Dunlin	WR, T	B, E, M
Least Sandpiper*	T	E, M
Semipalmated Sandpiper	T	E, M
Western Sandpiper	T	E, M
Short-Billed Dowitcher	T, WV	E, M
Wilson's Snipe	WV	E, M
American Woodcock	WV	T



Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Rails, Coots Turkey</b>		
Clapper Rail *	PR	M
King Rail	T	M, Fresh Water
Virginia Rail	T	M
Sora	WR	M
American Coot*	WV	M
Wild Turkey*	PR	

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Gulls, Terns</b>		
Bonaparte's Gull	WV	O
Laughing Gull *	PR	B, E, M
Ring-Billed Gull *	T, WV	B, E
Herring Gull	T, WV	B, E
Great Black-Backed Gull	T, WV	B, E
Least Tern	SR	B, E
Caspian Tern	T	B, E
Black Tern	T	B, E
Common Tern	SR	B, E
Forster's Tern	WR	B, E
Royal Tern	SR	B, E
Sandwich Tern	SR	B, E
Black Skimmer	SR	B, E

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Goatsuckers, Swifts, Hummingbirds</b>		
Common Nighthawk	SR	E
Chuck-Will's Widow	SR	T
Chimney Swift	SR	T
Ruby-Throated Hummer*	SR	T
Rufous Hummingbird *	SV	T

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Kingfisher, Woodpeckers</b>		
Belted Kingfisher *	WR	E
Red-Headed Woodpecker *	PR	T
Red-Bellied Woodpecker *	PR	T
Yellow-Bellied Sapsucker *	WR	T
Downy Woodpecker *	PR	T
Hairy Woodpecker*	T	T
Northern Flicker *	PR	T
Pileated Woodpecker *	PR	T

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Cardinals, Grosbeaks</b>		
Summer Tanager	T	T
Scarlet Tanager	T	T
Northern Cardinal *	PR	T
Rose-Breasted Grosbeak*	T	T
Blue Grosbeak	SR	T
Indigo Bunting	T	T
Painted Bunting *	SR	T

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Flycatchers</b>		
Eastern Wood-Pewee *	SR	T
Yellow-Bellied Flycatcher	T	T
Acadian Flycatcher	T	T
Eastern Phoebe*	WR	T
Great Crested Flycatcher *	SR	T
Eastern Kingbird *	SR	T

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Vultures, Eagles, Hawks, Falcons, Osprey</b>		
Black Vulture *	SR	Open
Turkey Vulture *	PR	Open
Bald Eagle *	T	B, E
Northern Harrier *	WR	B, M
Sharp-Shinned Hawk	WR	T
Cooper's Hawk *	PR	T
Red-Tailed Hawk *	PR	T
Red-Shouldered Hawk*	PR	T
Broad-Winged Hawk	T	T
American Kestrel *	WR	B, M, T
Merlin *	WR	B, E, M
Peregrine Falcon	WR	B, E, M
Osprey*		B, E, M

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Vireos</b>		
White-Eyed Vireo	SR	T
Yellow-Throated Vireo	SR	T
Blue-Headed Vireo	T	T
Red-Eyed Vireo	T	T

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Jays, Crows, Chickadees, Titmouse</b>		
Blue Jay *	PR	T
American Crow *	PR	E, M, T
Fish Crow *	PR	B, E, M, T
Carolina Chickadee *	PR	T
Tufted Titmouse *	PR	T

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Nuthatches, Wrens</b>		
Brown-Headed Nuthatch *	PR	T
Brown Creeper	WV	T
House Wren *	WR	M, T
Sedge Wren	WR	M
Marsh Wren	PR	T
Carolina Wren *	PR	T

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Thrushes</b>		
Eastern Bluebird *	PR	T, M
Veery	T	T
Gray-Cheeked Thrush	T	T
Swainson's Thrush	T	T
Hermit Thrush	WR	T
American Robin *	PR	T
<b>Gnatcatcher, Kinglet</b>		
Blue-Gray Gnatcatcher *	SR	T
Golden-Crowned Kinglet*	WR	T
Ruby-Crowned Kinglet *	WR	T
<b>Sparrows</b>		
Eastern Towhee *	PR	T
Chipping Sparrow *	W, T	T
Field Sparrow *	T	T
Vesper Sparrow	T	T
Savannah Sparrow *	WR	M, T
Saltmarsh Sparrow	WV	M
Nelson's Sparrow	WV	M
Seaside Sparrow	PR	M
Fox Sparrow	WV	T
Song Sparrow *	WV	T
Swamp Sparrow	WR	M, T
White-Throated Sparrow *	WR	T
White-Crowned Sparrow	WV	T
House Sparrow*	PR	T
Dark-Eyed Junco *	WR	T
<b>Owls</b>		
Eastern Screech-Owl	PR	T
Great Horned Owl *	PR	T
Barred Owl	PR	T
<b>Mockingbirds, Thrashers</b>		
Gray Catbird *	PR	T
Brown Thrasher *	PR	T
Northern Mockingbird *	PR	T
<b>Swallows</b>		
Purple Martin	SR	B, E, M
Tree Swallow	WR	B, M, T
N. Rough-Winged Swallow*	SR	B, M
Bank Swallow	T	M
Cliff Swallow	T	E, M
Barn Swallow	SR	B, E, M

Species	Residence	Habitat
<b>Warblers</b>		
Ovenbird *	T	T
Worm-Eating Warbler	T	T
Louisiana Waterthrush	T	T
Northern Waterthrush *	T	T
Black-and-White Warbler *	T	T
Prothonotary Warbler	T	T
Orange-Crowned Warbler	WR	T
Common Yellowthroat *	PR	M, T
Hooded Warbler	T	T
American Redstart *	T	T
Cape May Warbler	T	T
Northern Parula	S	T
Magnolia Warbler	T	T
Bay-Breasted Warbler	T	T
Blackburnian Warbler	T	T
Yellow Warbler	T	T
Black-Throated Blue Warbler	T	T
Palm Warbler *	T	T
Pine Warbler *	PR	T
Yellow-Rumped Warbler *	WR	T
Yellow-Throated Warbler	T	T
Yellow-Breasted Chat	SR	T
Prairie Warbler	SR	T



Bluebird



Bird Viewing Deck



Beaver Dam Creek Marsh



Sabal Palms



Coastal Fringe Forest



Coastal Salt Marsh

Bridge

Maritime Forest

Founders Pool



 = Scenic Views

Signs are placed along the trail to show visitors the way in and out. It's a rough and uneven trail, so wear sturdy shoes.



# 3. MILES OF TRAILS



## MAPS TO EXPLORE ST. JAMES BIKE AND WALKING TRAILS

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For the most part, these routes explore the different sections of St. James by staying on lightly traveled roads with speed limits of **20 mph**. All the routes have many cul-de-sacs, allowing for additional miles and further exploring.

### **6** Bicycling Tips

1. Wear your helmet. Follow this simple rule and reduce your risk of serious injury by as much as 85 percent.
2. Plan ahead if you ride in a group. Agree on the route ahead of time.
3. One person per bike. Riding with unsecured passengers puts you at risk for injury to yourself and others.
4. Ride in single file with space between bikes.
5. Keep chains clean and lubricated and periodically inspect brake pads.
6. Keep your head up and look ahead, not at the ground. You need to see what is coming up so you have time to react and maneuver.

*The maps are intended as a resource for visitors, new and experienced cyclists to explore St. James on their bikes.*

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# bike trails

Three of the routes have easily accessed short connectors to other routes. The Georgetown/Members loop and the Reserve loop can be connected by using the bicycle/pedestrian bridge at the intersection of Gleneagle Dr. and Irwin Dr. in Members Club that connects to Wynston Lane in the Reserve.

The Woodlands loop and the Georgetown/Members loop can be connected by using Morningdale Dr. from the Woodlands traffic circle to West Medina Ave. **Front gate access:** Cut through to the Reserve with the route to get to St. James Drive near the front gate.

## LEGACY PARK

- 🚲 Go straight through Legacy Park to Wyndmere Dr. using the emergency vehicle gate.
- 🚲 Take Wyndmere Dr. to Ridgecrest Dr.
- 🚲 Turn right on Ridgecrest Dr.
- 🚲 Go to the end.



2.2 MILES

# GEORGETOWN/MEMBERS LOOP

The route starts at the Members Club lower parking lot on Members Club Blvd.  
(Across the street from the driving range parking lot.)

- 🚲 Take a left out of the parking lot and make the first left onto West Medina Ave.
- 🚲 Take a right on Scarborough Way to the end and then a left on Legends Dr.
- 🚲 At the end of Legends Dr., cross over Medina Ave. onto Mashie Way.
- 🚲 At the end of Mashie Way, turn right on Members Club Blvd.
- 🚲 Turn left on Members Club Blvd. and head up the gradual hill. At the top of the hill, turn right on Irwin Dr.
- 🚲 At the end of Irwin Dr. turn right on Gleneagle Drive, go to the end. Turn right on Sanderling Dr.
- 🚲 Make the first left onto Cormorant Circle and then the first left onto Hornbill Lane.
- 🚲 At the end of Hornbill turn right onto Georgetown Place.
- 🚲 Turn right on Silverleaf Dr., followed by a right onto Sanderling Dr.
- 🚲 Turn left onto Gleneagle Dr. and then turn left onto Irwin Dr.
- 🚲 That will take you back up "Mount St. James" to Members Club Blvd., take a right and finish at the parking lot.



8.7 MILES

# THE PLAYERS CLUB LOOP

The route starts and finishes at the Players Club Sports Center. It then goes around the traffic circle onto Skeffington Ct., which goes to Regency Crossing.

- 🚲 From the parking lot at the Players Club Sports Center go straight across Regency Crossing onto Wyckford Lane.
- 🚲 Turn right on Ashfield Place and go around the pond.
- 🚲 Continue on Ashfield Place, then turn right onto Finley Court, going around another pond, followed by a right turn back onto Ashfield Place.
- 🚲 Turn right on Wyckford Lane to the end.
- 🚲 Turn right on Regency Crossing, go around the traffic circle and turn right on Skeffington Court.
- 🚲 At the end of Skeffington Court turn right onto Regency Crossing. At the four-way stop go straight across, taking Regency Crossing to the end.
- 🚲 From there it's straight back through the four-way stop to the Players Club Sports Center.



 4.1 MILES

# WOODLANDS LOOP

The route starts and finishes at the Woodlands Park amphitheater main parking lot by the dog park.

- 🚲 Take a right out of the parking lot going to the end of Pepperbush Dr. and then back past the parking lot.
- 🚲 Turn right on Parkridge Dr., which makes a loop back to Woodlands Park.
- 🚲 Cross over the covered bridge and make the first right on Shady Pine Circle.
- 🚲 Turn right on Bristlecone Bend, taking it around the traffic circle and back to Shady Pine.
- 🚲 Turn right on Shady Pine, followed by a right onto Parkridge Dr.
- 🚲 Turn first left on to Oak Forest Dr. Go around the island at the end and back to Parkridge Dr.
- 🚲 Turn right and cross the covered bridge.
- 🚲 Make the first right onto Holly Harbor Dr., go to the end and back. When you get back to Parkridge Dr., turn right and then take the next right onto Pepperbush Dr. to return to parking lot.



4.9 MILES



# THE RESERVE CLUB TOUR

The route starts and finishes at the Reserve Club parking lot.

- 🚲 Take a right out of the parking lot and make the first right onto Ridgecrest Dr. Just before the end of Ridgecrest Dr. make a right on Brookfield Way.
- 🚲 Stay to the right on Brookfield Way and loop around the large island and back to Ridgecrest Dr.
- 🚲 Take a left on Ridgecrest Dr. and then take the first right onto Marshfield Dr. At the end of Marshfield Dr. go left onto Wyndmere Dr. and go past the Reserve clubhouse.
- 🚲 Turn left on Fenwick Lane and then right on Bancroft Place. At the intersection of Herndon Lane make a loop around the island and head back up Bancroft Place to the end.
- 🚲 Turn right on Wyndmere Dr., go past the Reserve clubhouse again and make a left on Bridgewater Dr.
- 🚲 Turn Left on Essex Dr., go to the end and turn left on Moss Hammock Wynd. Turn left on Aston Lane and then right back onto Moss Hammock Wynd. Turn right on Essex Drive and then right on Bridgewater Dr.
- 🚲 At the end, cross over Wyndmere Dr. into the Reserve parking lot.



7.5 MILES



# LOWER FOUNDERS CLUB TOUR

The route starts and finishes at the St. James Marina parking lot.

- 🚲 Take a left out of the Marina parking lot onto St. James Dr.
- 🚲 Turn right on Trailwood Dr., going almost to St. James Dr. before turning left onto Loblolly Circle.
- 🚲 Follow Loblolly Circle around the pond and back to Trailwood Dr.
- 🚲 Turn right on Trailwood, going back toward the Marina.
- 🚲 At the end, turn right on St. James Drive, followed by a right onto Moorings Way.
- 🚲 Take Moorings Way to end and back again, turning right on St. James Dr.
- 🚲 Take the next right onto Inverness Circle, which goes to St. James Dr., where you will turn right once again.
- 🚲 Take the second left onto Brummel Dr., turn left on Chadsworth Lane and then right on Harbormaster Dr.
- 🚲 Turn right on Cedarcrest Dr. to the end and back to Harbormaster Dr. Turn right, which will go back to St. James Dr.
- 🚲 Turn right on St. James Dr., followed by a right onto Pinecrest Dr. to the end and back.
- 🚲 Turn right on St. James Dr. and you're back at the Marina.



# walking trails

St. James features walking trails that meander through a nature preserve and gardens, past tidal creeks and along the Intracoastal Waterway. On the following pages are five maps that delineate over 15 miles of walking trails.

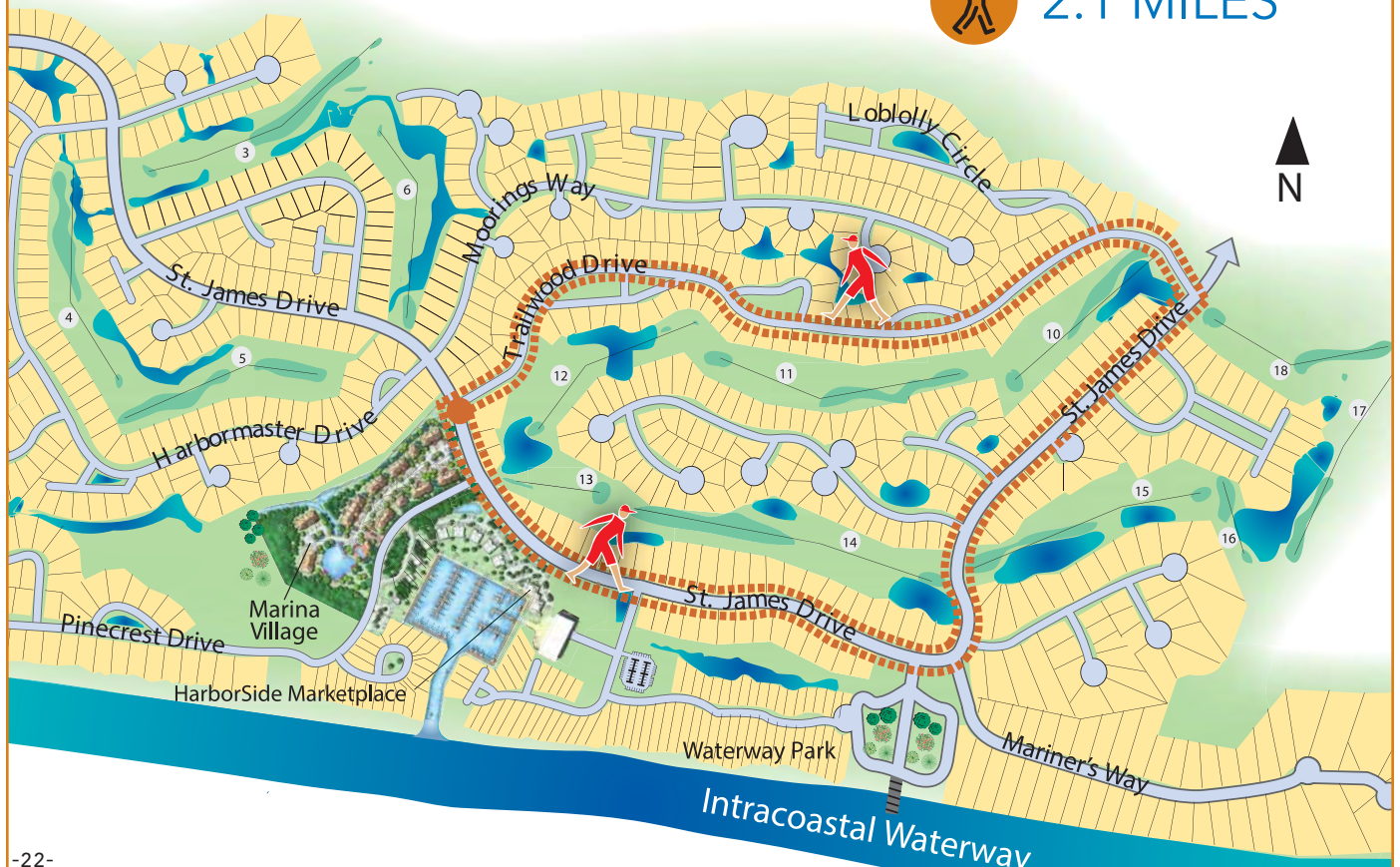
## MARINA VILLAGE WALKING TRAIL

Begin your walk at the corner of Trailwood Drive and St. James Drive at the Marina Village.

- 🚶 Walk east on St. James Drive.
- 🚶 Turn left on Trailwood Drive ending at St. James Drive.



2.1 MILES





# "HARBOR WALK" WALKING TRAIL

Begin at the corner of Trailwood Drive and St. James Drive at HarborWalk.

- Walk south and then turn right on to Pinecrest Drive.
- Follow on down the side of Marina Village and then go west to the end of the street just past Glenscape Lane.
- Turn and go back the same path to your starting point.



2 MILES



# MARINA VILLAGE EXTENDED WALKING TRAIL

Begin your walk at the corner of Pinecrest Drive and St. James Drive at Marina Village.

- 🚶 Walk east on St. James Drive.
- 🚶 Turn right on Beaver Creek Drive and follow the road to St. James Drive.
- 🚶 Turn left.
- 🚶 Follow St. James Drive back to your starting point at Pinecrest Drive.



5 MILES



# MARSH WINDS WALKING TRAIL

Begin your walk at Marsh Winds.

- ♣ Go north on St. James Drive and then make a slight left on Members Club Blvd.
- ♣ Follow to The Members Club and turn right on Wingfoot Drive and travel it westward then turning right on Wingfoot Drive.
- ♣ Go right on Morningdale Drive, around the roundabout turning, right on Parkridge Drive.
- ♣ Follow it to the north side of Woodlands Park and turn left on Pepperbush Drive.
- ♣ Turn left on Parkridge Drive back to the roundabout.
- ♣ Turn right on Morningdale Drive and go up to Medinah Ave. West.
- ♣ Turn left on Members Club Blvd. Go pass the Club Villas and end at the Marsh Winds.



4.25 MILES



# LEGACY PARK WALKING TRAIL

Begin your walk at the corner of Wyndmere Drive and Traditions Court in Legacy Park.

- 🚶 Travel west on Wyndmere Drive, turning north on Bancroft Drive.
- 🚶 Turn around at the end of the street, heading back the way you came on Bancroft.
- 🚶 Turn right (going north) onto Wyndmere Drive.
- 🚶 Walk past the Reserve Club to the street Bridgewater Drive.
- 🚶 Turn and go back down Wyndmere Drive until you get to your starting point at Traditions Court.



# 4. WATER ACTIVITIES



## KAYAKING, BOATING, FISHING AND ECO-EVENTS GETTING OUT ON THE WATER IS EASY

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Our hometown of **Southport** is perched at the mouth of the **Cape Fear River and the Intracoastal Waterway**, where it meets the big, blue Atlantic Ocean. That means major accessibility and enjoyment. And the 475-slip St. James Marina is the perfect homeport for all your excursions.

PERCHED ALONG THE SHIMMERING INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY, YOUR HOMEPORT AWAITS...

Living in a community with its own full-service Intracoastal Waterway marina has its benefits! Access to the Atlantic is just five minutes away. It's a safe harbor and the ideal homeport for local St. Jamesians. The marina makes darting to Southport for a quick excursion a piece of cake... crabcake, that is.

*Watch the boats come in at sunset, while you dine  
outdoors at Tommy' Thompson's and take in live entertainment.*

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**OUR KAYAK LAUNCH IS LOCATED AT WATERWAY PARK, AND THE LAUNCH RAMP IS TO THE LEFT OF THE DOCK AREA, WHICH PROVIDES ACCESS TO THE I.C.W.**

You must carry or use a manual cart to get your kayak from your vehicle to the ramp. There is no road to drive the kayak to the dock.



# WATER ACTIVITIES



## KAYAKING, BOATING, FISHING AND ECO-EVENTS KAYAKING

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**St. James Kayakers ([www.stjameskayakers.com](http://www.stjameskayakers.com))**, is a group of about 60 kayak enthusiasts from St. James and Brunswick County.

Kayak through the black water rivers like the Lockwood Folly and Rice/Town Creek, which usually run through forested areas. The water has the iced tea color from the leaching of tannins from the decaying leaves of shore vegetation. The waters are usually slow moving further upstream and you only begin to feel the tides as you travel downstream.

Then there are the tidal marsh creeks. These are heavily affected by the tides, which can rise and fall as much as 5 feet in our area. Dutchman's Creek, our own Beaver Creek and the areas on either side of the Oak Island Bridge are good examples. You're advised to paddle two or three hours on either side of high tide, otherwise you're likely to get stuck in the muck.

*What's the allure of kayaking?  
It combines a good workout with the beauty of nature.*

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A white sailboat is shown from a low angle on the deck, looking towards the bow. The large white sails are fully deployed and catching the wind. The boat is moving across a deep blue body of water, leaving a white wake. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**CRUISES ON THE WATER OF THE CAPE FEAR  
RIVER FILLED WITH HISTORICAL INSIGHTS!**



# WATER ACTIVITIES



## KAYAKING, BOATING, FISHING AND ECO-EVENTS BOATING

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St. James residents have been enjoying their proximity to the water for years. In the late 1990s, a fun-loving group waged an annual summertime flotilla war to claim the right to free passage on the water. Launching their decked-out fleets of canoes, kayaks and a few small motorboats, they headed down Beaver Creek to the ICW and into open waters.

For those who want another type of boating experience, the marina at St. James was started in 1999 with wet slips only. The first dry stack building was opened in 2001, and the marina now has a capacity of more than 450 wet slips and dry stacks.

If you've ever spent a summer evening in a cockpit with drinks and appetizers, you know how pleasant that can be. Area yacht clubs such as the **Southport Yacht Club** and the **Cape Fear Yacht Club** provide a number of events and activities, including social events, sailing races, cruises and educational programs for mariners who want to connect with other boaters. For instance, for armchair yachters, did you know there's a **St. James Model Yacht Club**? Members race boats manufactured by Nirvana, the original choice of the club's founding fathers in 2012, as well as the recently introduced DragonFlite 95.

*Some club members race competitively on the lake at SeaSide, while others take to backyard ponds.*

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**ST. JAMES PLANTATION IS THE PERFECT PLACE  
FOR FISHERMEN TO LIVE AND VISIT.**



# WATER ACTIVITIES



## KAYAKING, BOATING, FISHING AND ECO-EVENTS FISHING

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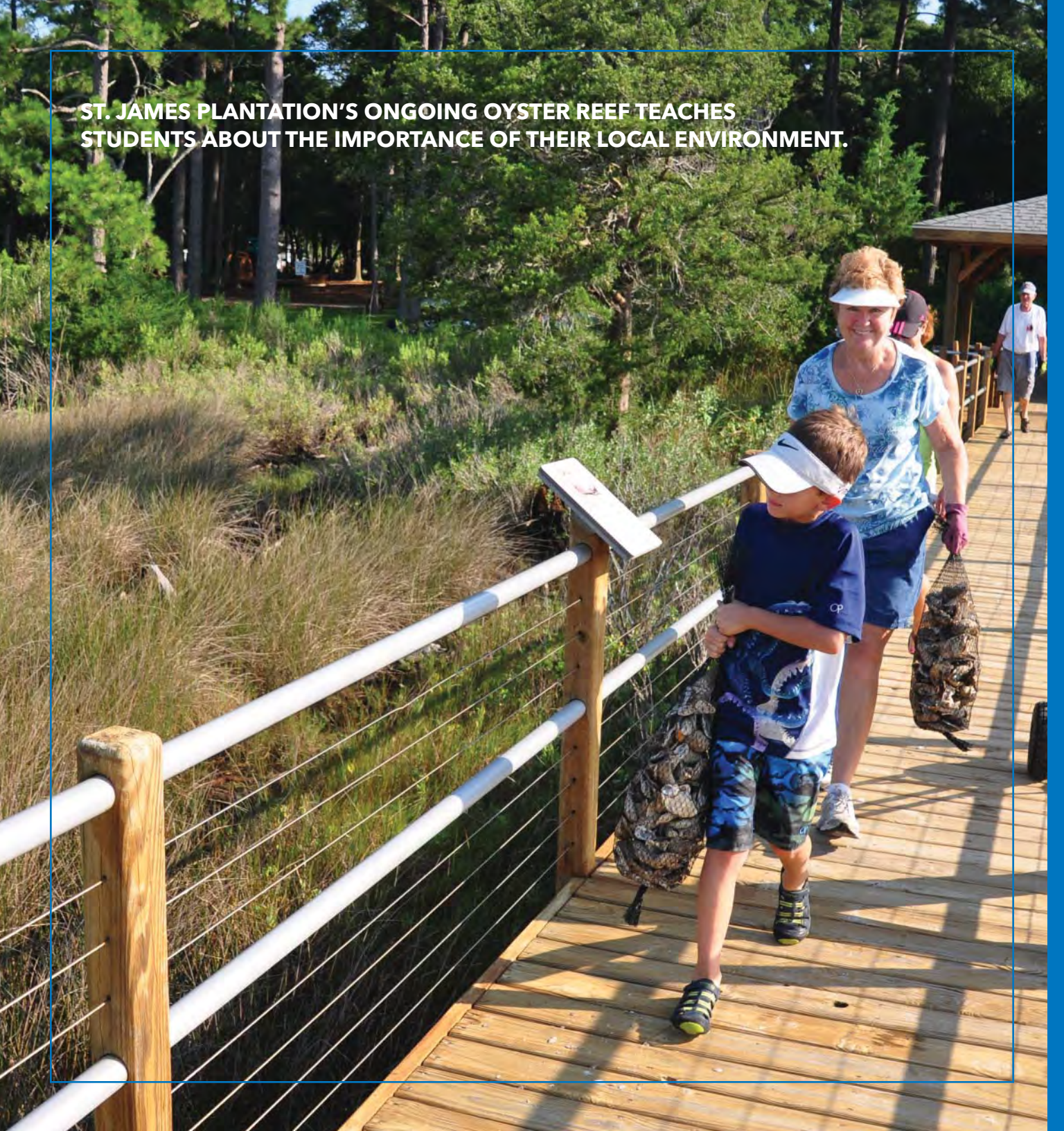
St. James Plantation fishing is top-notch! Boasting a fantastic location right on the Intracoastal Waterway, there's easy access to the Atlantic Ocean, plenty of ponds and even a fishing and kayak fishing club.

The North Carolina coast is home to a large variety of fish, and the kind that you will encounter varies depending on how far away from the shore you venture. Surf fishing is best done in the fall and there you will find flounder, bluefin, red drum, cobia, tarpon, and amberjack. Along the tidal creeks you will find redfish, flounder, sea trout and groaker to name a few. Approximately three miles out there are Spanish mackerel and bluefish. Offshore, which is designated as more than three miles out and up to fifty miles offshore, you can find king mackerel, amberjack, cobia, grouper, sea bass and snapper. 50 miles from the coast is the Gulf Stream, where fishermen can find some of the larger fish like yellowfin tuna, white and blue marlin, sailfish and wahoo. St. James Plantation has several beautiful ponds that can be fished with the proper license. **The St. James Plantation Fishing Club** meets monthly to discuss its mission to "promote fellowship, knowledge, sportsmanship and conservation practices involved in the art of salt water and fresh water sport fishing."

*Because St. James Plantation residents live so close to so many great waterfront towns, they have plenty of tournaments to choose from.*

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**ST. JAMES PLANTATION'S ONGOING OYSTER REEF TEACHES STUDENTS ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT.**



# WATER ACTIVITIES



## KAYAKING, BOATING, FISHING AND ECO-EVENTS OYSTER REEF

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St. James Plantation's ongoing artificial oyster reef program not only cleans the waterway but also serves as a research sanctuary and teaches students about the importance of their local environment.

St. James currently possesses a beautiful waterway and marsh creek that twists through the neighborhoods and golf courses. To preserve this environment, one rich with life: fish, shrimp, and oysters, crabs and birds, even fishermen, an army of volunteers has built reefs of oyster shells.

Also the **St. James Oyster Enrichment Program** partners with the **University of N.C. Wilmington (UNCW) Center for Marine Science and N.C. Coastal Federation**, along with other supporting groups.

Each helps to establish five large reefs of bagged oyster shells at St. James' Waterway Park and four reefs of unbagged shells at Beaver Creek for live oysters to grow on. Each live oyster can filter 30-50 gallons of seawater daily, dispose pollutant materials and expel clean water.


*Thousands of oyster shells are recycled. It's a big job but St. James residents and area groups team up to get it done.*

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*“It doesn't matter how slow you  
go as long as you don't stop.”*

*Confucius*





*“Look deep into nature, and  
then you will understand  
everything better.”*

*Albert Einstein*



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