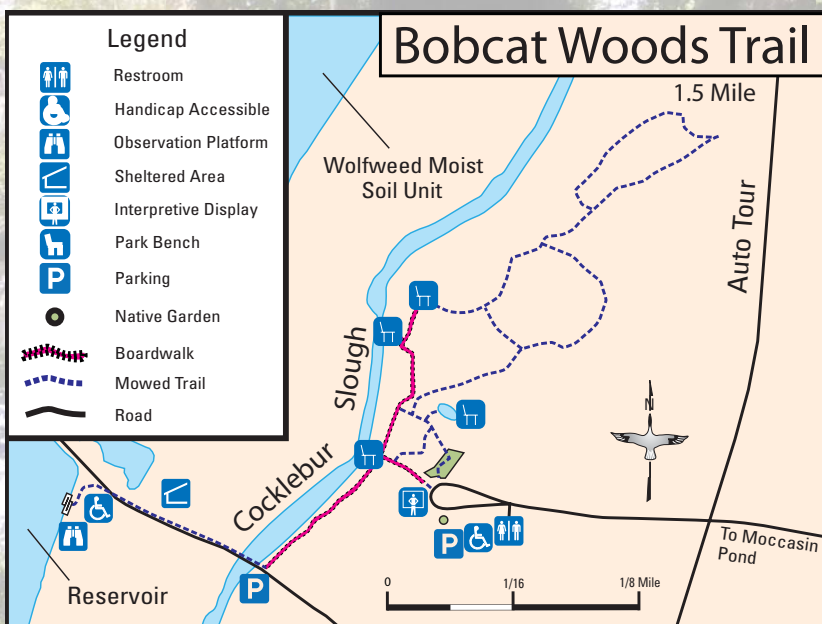


Bobcat Woods

Discover a Shady Oasis

Feel the cooler air? You are entering a rare habitat here at San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge: A unique coastal woodland. This is the closest forested habitat to the Gulf Coast. Walk slowly along a boardwalk beneath a wild arbor of live oaks, dripping with Spanish moss. Relax at the benches or overlooks. Listen for rustles and birdsong. You are not alone.

If you are lucky, you might spot a bobcat or coyote padding across the trail. Butterflies sip forest wildflowers. Barred owls glide overhead. Red-eyed vireos, painted buntings, orchard orioles, and other birds find nesting nooks here. Each spring and fall, thousands of migratory songbirds fly into the welcoming shelter of Bobcat Woods.



Mosquito Banquet?

In daylight birds snap up these pesky insects. Bats do the same by night. Mosquitoes add to the rich food banquet of the trees and wetlands. However, they do not need to feast on you! Be prepared - bring your mosquito repellent.

Take a Nature Walk

The boardwalk is wheelchair accessible. Allow 45 minutes for a leisurely pace. The trail continues from the boardwalk off the south end to an observation platform to view the Wolfweed Wetlands. This complex of reservoirs and moist soil units provide habitat for thousands of wintering waterfowl.

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