Enjoy this scavenger hunt as you explore our site!

**Take a moment and sit in the shade of the big tree.**

**Look all around you, what sights do you see?**

*Make your way to the large strangler fig tree surrounded by picnic tables.*

What is the scientific name (in italics) of this tree?  

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What was one use of this tree by ancient people?

Go down towards the water, your path will become clear.

**Behold the Estero Bay, as you explore the Observation Pier!**

Not too far north of here is Matanzas Pass. Who named it?

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What year was the first bridge built to cross this body of water and connect this island to the mainland?

They grow in the water and close to shore

Looking out they are almost all you can see

There are many of them, but we could always use more

Do you know what kind of tree this could be?

5

How many species of these trees grow locally?

The estuary water is a mixture of freshwater and saltwater. What is that mixture called?

Many migratory birds visit or pass through Florida. What flyway path do they take?

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*Embrace your inner naturalist spirit,*

*Shield your eyes from the sun and strike a pose!*

*Estero Bay's Wildlife is all around, can you hear it?*

*Can you see which way the water flows?*

This house is historic many people have lived here.

There are many stories within and the answers to these clues are near.

*Explore around the house to find the answers to these questions.*

What was the name of the family that first started building this house here on the mound?
What did the family build in order to catch and hold rainwater? 2

Columns help to support the weight of the porch. How many are there? 6

Along this path, useful plants abound. Can you find them all as you look around?
Read the signs along this pathway about several crop plants that are important to Florida history.

Many plants on this path make fruit. What is one that is not native to Florida?

What is one that is native?

Which fruit was a major cash crop of Florida in the early 1900s?

Many plants grow well in Florida, that’s just our reality. Can you find the plant that is the symbol of hospitality? 3

What native plant is the state tree of Florida?

This plant is not a tree! What group of plants is it most closely related to?

Where do sharks go on vacation?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Write the letters that match each number to find the answer!

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