



La Florida

and the **Other Florida**

Tallahassee/Big Bend Area
Suggested Itinerary

With this itinerary you will discover the rich history of Spanish *La Florida*, including one of America's most significant Hispanic and Native American National Historic Landmarks, Mission San Luis. With Florida's capital city as your headquarters, you will follow country roads until they end at the Gulf of Mexico, take a dip into a crystal spring (or at least take a boat ride), and enjoy the "Other Florida," a place few tourists experience.



MORNING



Lake Jackson Mounds Archaeological State Park

Begin your day early with a visit to this beautiful archaeological park. The Lake Jackson Mounds are believed to have been home to the ancestors of the Apalachee people. Of the four earthen

temple mounds on the property, two are available for viewing by the public. There is also a historical interpretive trail and a nature trail through the woods with opportunities for wildlife viewing and bird watching.

Hours 8 am until sundown, 365 days a year. **Address** 3600 Indian Mounds Road, Tallahassee, FL. **Admission** Vehicle of 1-8 occupants: \$3. Take U.S. 27 two miles north of I-10 in Tallahassee. Take Crowder Road east to Indian Mounds Road. **Phone** (850) 922-6007. **Website** floridastateparks.org/park/Lake-Jackson



Mission San Luis

(Allow 2 hours for a full tour of the site)

Next, explore a 17th-century Spanish mission at Mission San Luis. This was home to a community of Apalachee Indians and Spanish colonists from 1656 to 1704, and also served as the western capital of Spanish Florida. Time travel to the past and encounter guides

in period dress, interactive exhibits, and the spectacular Apalachee council house and other reconstructed buildings. Mission San Luis is a National Historic Landmark and an archaeological research site administered by Florida Department of State.

Hours Tuesday—Sunday, 10 am—4 pm. **Address** 2100 West Tennessee Street, Tallahassee, FL. **Admission** Adults: \$5; Seniors 65+: \$3; Ages 6–17: \$2; Children under 6, Members & Active Duty Military: FREE. It is approximately 11 miles from Lake Jackson to Mission San Luis. From Lake Jackson Mounds Archaeological State Park follow Indian Mounds Road and Crowder Road back to U.S. 27 and head south. At the intersection of U.S. 27 (Monroe St.) and U.S. 90 (Tennessee St.) turn right and head west. The entrance is on your right about a mile past Florida State University. Bus pull-in parking spaces are available. **Phone** (850) 245-6406. **Website** missionsanluis.org



LUNCH

Take time out for a picnic lunch under the trees at Mission San Luis. Pick up tasty offerings from one of the many establishments close by, or San Luis staff can advise you on ones that deliver. If you would like to continue with the Hispanic flavor of your trip try Tallahassee's local Cuban and Mexican restaurants. Lunch is also available at the Lodge at Wakulla Springs State Park, which is your the next stop on this itinerary.



AFTERNOON

Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park

Spend the afternoon exploring the natural Florida at Wakulla Springs State Park which features one of the world's largest and deepest fresh water springs.

The site is beautiful and serene, and was the shooting location for several films, including *Tarzan and the Leopard Woman* and *Creature of the Black Lagoon*. Park visitors may observe the natural beauty of the Wakulla Spring and river from boat tours offered daily, weather permitting, You can spy on alligators, wading birds, snapping turtles and other flora and fauna among the majestic bald cypress trees. Swimming or wading in the cool waters of the spring are also an option!

Hours 8 am until sundown, 365 days a year. **Address** 550 Wakulla Park Drive, Wakulla Springs, FL. **Admission** Vehicle with 2-8 occupants: \$6; Vehicle with 1 occupant: \$4; Extra vehicle occupants: \$2. It is approximately 18 miles from Mission San Luis to Wakulla Springs. From Mission San Luis take U.S. 90 back to (U.S. 27 Monroe Street) and turn right. Follow U.S. 27 south to Capital Circle and turn right. Follow Capital Circle to the next light and turn left onto U.S. 319/S.R. 61 (Crawfordville Hwy) South for 2 miles. Bear left onto S.R. 61 (Wakulla Springs Road) for 6 miles. Turn left onto S.R. 267 at flashing stoplight. Turn right into park entrance. Advance reservations needed for group tours. **Phone** (850) 926-0700. **Website** floridastateparks.org/park/Wakulla-Springs





San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park

Before ending your day, continue south for a tour of San Marcos de Apalache Historic State Park. Located at the confluence of the Wakulla and St. Marks rivers, the park was the site of the primary port for Mission San Luis and the Apalachee region of *La*

Florida. It is also the site of both a Spanish fort and a Civil War fort, illustrating the strategic importance of the St. Marks inlet. Evidence of the Confederate fort is visible and there are exhibits in the on-site museum.

Hours Thursday—Monday, 9am—5pm. **Address** 148 Old Fort Road, St. Marks, FL. **Admission** Park: Free; Museum: \$2 (Children 5 and under: free) San Marcos is located a little over 12 miles from Wakulla Springs. From the Wakulla Springs State Park entrance turn right and take S.R. 267 to S.R. 363. Turn right onto S.R. 363 and head south to St. Marks. Then turn off of S.R. 363 onto Old Fort Road. **Phone** (850) 925-6216. **Website** floridastateparks.org/park/San-Marcos

STAYING MORE THAN ONE DAY?

Visit some of Tallahassee's other star attractions in the historic downtown & beyond



The Museum of Florida History provides visitors with the chance to explore Spanish and Native American artifacts found in the area, as well as artifacts from other important historical periods in Florida's past. The museum has a wealth of stories and hands-on activities for all ages. **Hours** Monday—Friday: 9am—4:30 pm, Saturday: 10am—4:30 pm, Sunday & Holidays: Noon—4:30 pm. **Address** 500 South Bronough Street. **Admission** Free. **Phone** (850) 245-6400. **Website** museumoffloridahistory.com/



The Florida Historic Capitol Museum has two floors of exhibits and restored areas focusing on Florida's political history. Originally completed in 1845, the building is restored to its 1902 appearance. Architectural highlights include an elaborate art glass dome, striped awnings, and a grand staircase. **Hours** Monday—Friday: 9am—4:30 pm, Saturday: 10am—4:30 pm, Sunday & Holidays: Noon—4:30 pm. **Address** 400 South Monroe Street. **Admission** Free. **Phone** (850) 487-1902. **Website** flhistoriccapitol.gov/



Things to See & Do in Tallahassee



The Florida Capitol (Florida's current capitol building, right behind the Old Capitol) is open for self-guided and guided tours. Don't miss the spectacular views of Tallahassee from the 22nd floor. Hours **Monday—Friday: 8 am—5 pm** Admission **Free.** Phone (850) 488-6167. Website visitfloridacapitol.com



The Challenger Learning Center offers space mission simulations for school kids to teach math and science skills. The Challenger Learning Center is also home to Tallahassee's IMAX Theater and a planetarium. Show times for each vary but include daytime and nighttime showings. Center Hours **Monday—Thursday: 9 am—8 pm, Friday & Saturday: 9 am—10 pm, Sunday: 11 am—8 pm.** Address 200 South Duval Street. Admission See website for prices. Phone (850) 645-7872. Website challengertlh.com/



The Knott House Museum was constructed in 1843, probably by George Proctor, a free black builder. The house is preserved as the Knott Family kept it in 1928. This uniquely furnished home of a poet and a politician inspires the telling of many tales of Tallahassee's past. Guided Tour Hours **Wednesday—Friday: 1, 2, and 3 pm. Saturday: 10 am, 11 am, noon, 1, 2, and 3 pm. Closed in August.** Address 301 East Park Avenue. Admission Free (donations accepted). Group tours available by reservation (\$1 per person for 10 or more people). Phone (850) 922-2459. Website museumoffloridahistory.com/knotthouse



John G. Riley Center/Museum The Riley House was constructed circa 1890 on the fringe of a community called Smokey Hollow. Its owner, John Gilmore Riley, rose to prominence as an educator and civic leader. Tours of the historic Riley house offer visitors the chance to experience a living testament of the rich cultural heritage of African Americans in the south during the Reconstruction era. The Center hosts a variety of events and changing exhibits throughout the year. Hours **Monday—Thursday: 10am—4 pm, Friday & Saturday: 10 am—2 pm.** Admission **Adults & Children: \$5; Leon County Public School Students & Teachers: \$2.** Address 419 E. Jefferson Street. Phone (850) 681-7881. Website rileymuseum.org/



Goodwood Museum & Gardens began in the 1830s as a cotton and corn plantation. Today Goodwood is restored to its turn-of-the-century country estate era, the main house complete with original family furnishings, porcelain, textiles, glassware and art. The gardens feature heirloom plants and flowers. Tour Hours **Tuesday—Friday: 10am, 11:30 am, 1 pm, and 2:30 pm. Saturday: 10am, 11:30 am, and 1 pm.** (Call to confirm. Tours by volunteers.) Address 1600 Miccosukee Road. Admission **Adults: \$12; Active Military, Seniors, Students: \$10; Ages 6–12: \$6; Members: Free, Groups of 10 or more: \$8 per person.** Phone (850) 877-4302. Website goodwoodmuseum.org

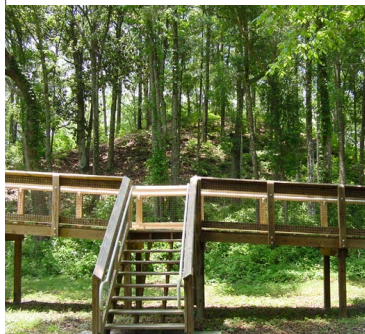
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The Tallahassee Museum is a place for guests to discover and learn about North Florida's natural environment, rich history and diverse cultural communities. Set on 52 acres with native animals, historic buildings, beautiful natural scenery, special events, changing exhibits, and educational programs, there is something for everyone. **Hours Monday—Saturday: 9 am—5 pm, Sunday: 11am—5 pm** **Address** 3945 Museum Drive. **Admission Adults: \$10.50; Seniors 65+ and College Students: \$10; Ages 4–15: \$7.50; Members, children 3 and under: Free. Group rates available. Phone (850) 575-8684; Info line: (850) 576-1636 . Website** museumoffloridahistory.com/



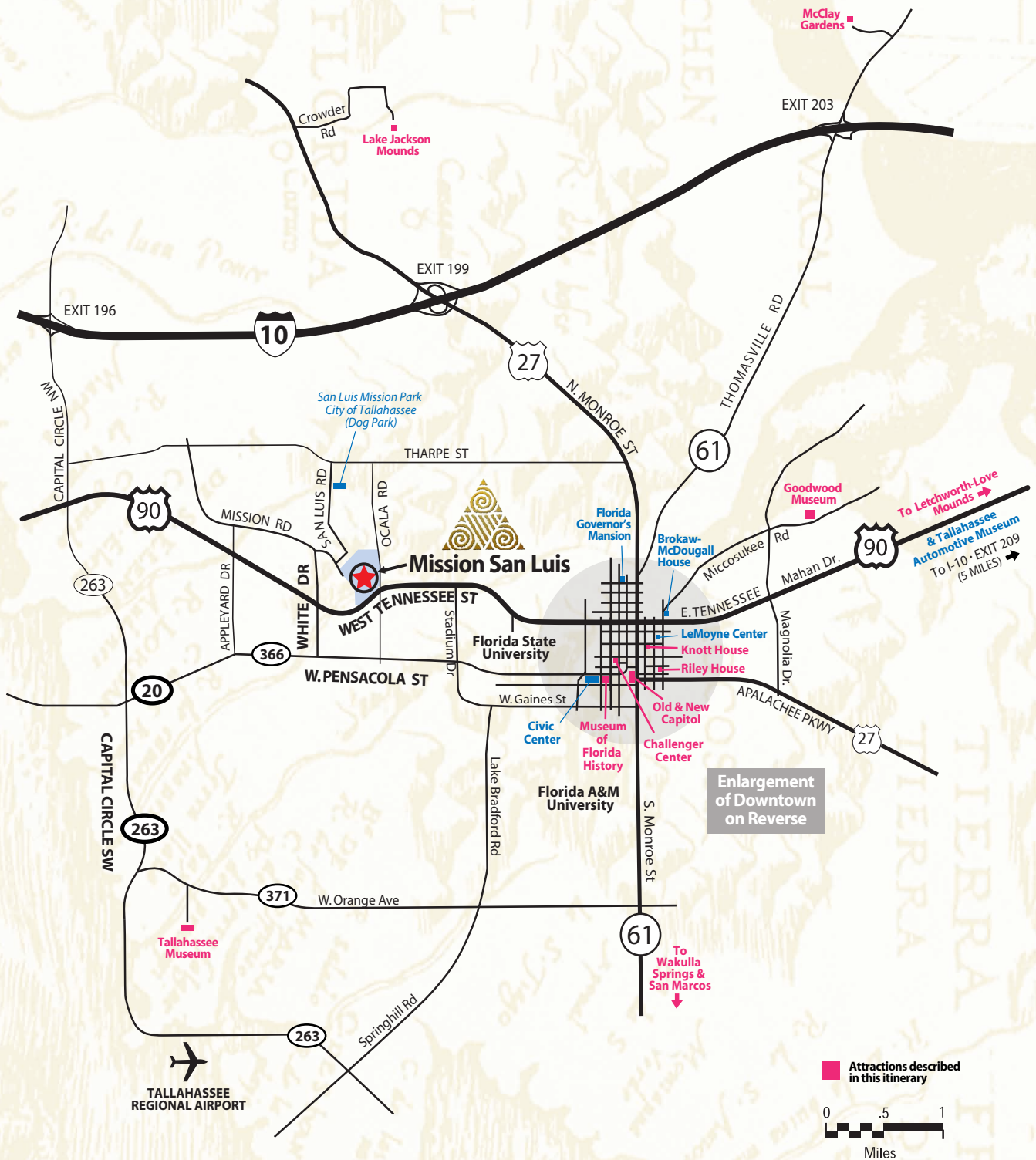
Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park ornamental gardens were first planted in 1923 and feature a picturesque brick walkway, a secret garden, a reflection pool, a walled garden and hundreds of camellias and azaleas. Lake Hall provides opportunities for swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking. Two short nature trails meander through the woods overlooking the lake. High blooming season is from January 1-April 30 with the floral peak in mid-to-late March. **Hours Park: 8 am until sunset daily. Gardens: 9 am—5 pm daily. Maclay House: January—April, 8 am—5 pm daily. Address** 3540 Thomasville Road. **Admission Vehicle with 2-8 occupants: \$6; Vehicle with 1 occupant: \$4. Gardens January—April: \$6/\$2. Phone (850) 487-4556. Website** floridastateparks.org/park/Maclay-Gardens



Letchworth-Love Mounds Archaeological State Park offers views of Florida's tallest Native American ceremonial mound (46 feet) built between 1800 and 1100 years ago. Visitors can also picnic, bird watch, hike, and follow an interpretive trail that winds past the ceremonial mound and several smaller mounds. The picnic area and mound platform viewing area are wheelchair-accessible. Located 15 miles east of Tallahassee and 6 miles west of Monticello, off U.S. 90. **Hours 8 am until sundown, 365 days a year. Address** 4500 Sunray Road. **Phone (850) 922-6007. Website** floridastateparks.org/park/Letchworth



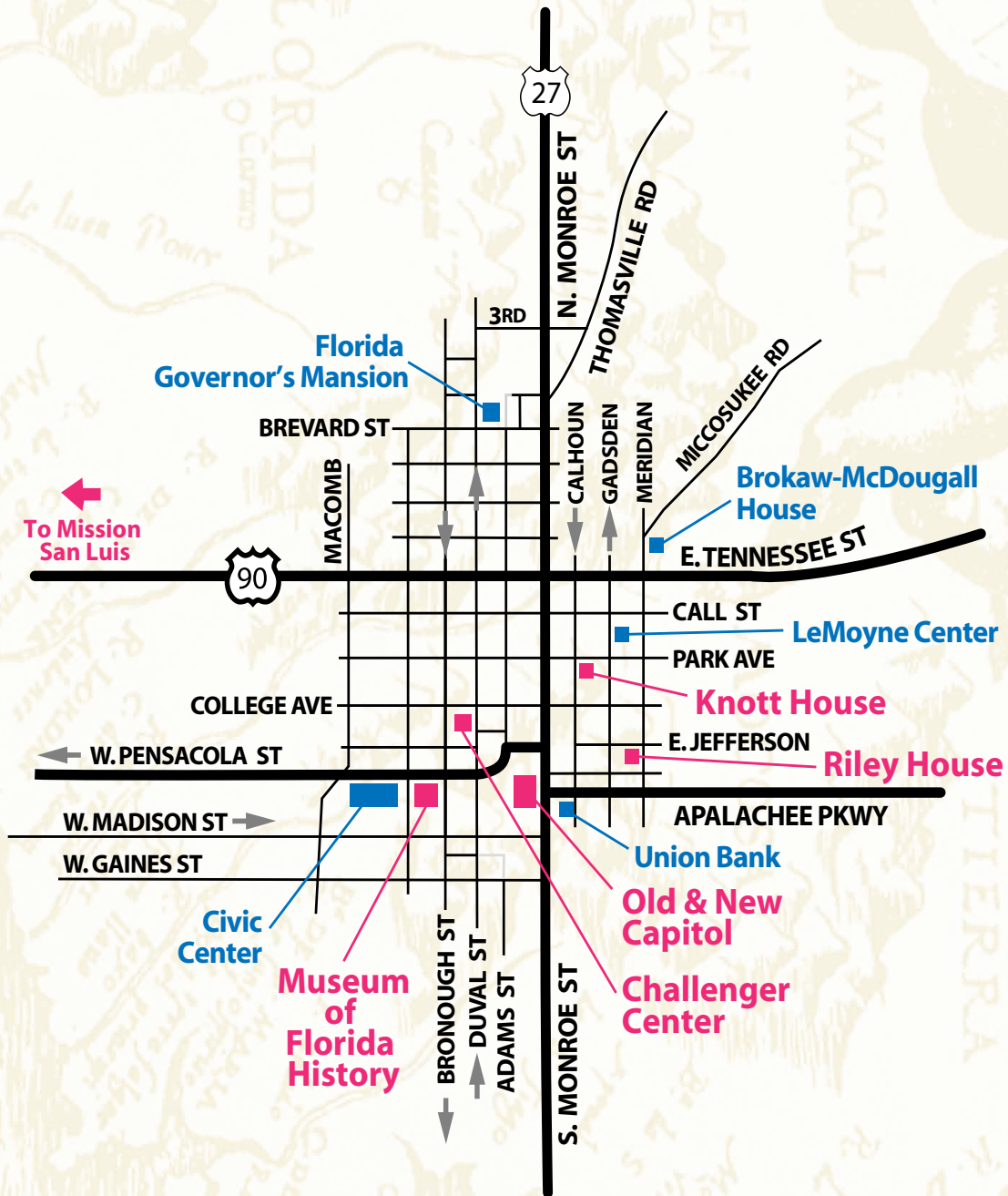
Tallahassee Area Attractions Map



Mission San Luis: 2100 West Tennessee Street ~ 850.245.6406 ~ missionsanluis.org



Downtown Tallahassee ~ Historic & Other Attractions



■ Note: Some historic properties may not be open to the public.

