



Ft. Caroline YRE #1524



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Event related assistance:
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Distance: 7K

Difficulty Level: 1C

AVA Challenges: Walking the United States (States/Capitals); Walking the USA A-Z (Jacksonville, FL); cc: Duval County.

Start Point: 12713 Ft. Caroline Road; Jacksonville, FL. **Restrooms** in the Visitors Center.

Lat: 30.38531, Lng: -81.50063

Driving Directions: I95 to exit I295 (exit 362). I295 crosses St. Johns River via Napoleon Bonaparte Broward Bridge at Dames Point. Exit at Monument Rd. Follow brown signs to left. Travel to Ft. Caroline. Right, follow Ft. Caroline Rd. as it curves to the left at bottom of hill. Entrance to Ft. Caroline Nat'l. Memorial ahead on left. Park at the Visitor Center. If parking lot is full, park across from entrance to Ft. Caroline Nat'l. Memorial.

1. From the Visitor Center walk to the river observation deck and enjoy the view of the St. Johns River. Exit observation deck toward Visitor Center and follow the path to the

right with purple markers. Follow the signs to the Fort.

2. Upon leaving the Fort, walk past earthen oven, turn **RIGHT** and follow signs for the Nature Trail (orange markers, also named Hammock Trail Loop). This trail goes through various habitats. Informative signs are available on the trail.

3. Exit Nature Trail at the Visitor Center sign (bear right). Proceed toward parking area. When you reach the parking area, turn **RIGHT** and follow the access road to the park entrance gate. (2.4K)

4. At the gate, **Cross** Ft. Caroline Rd. and go through the small parking lot. Look for Spanish Pond entrance kiosk. Walk on the boardwalk leading to the Spanish Pond Trail (red markers).

5. At the boardwalk "T", turn **RIGHT** and follow the Spanish Pond Trail. Follow the path for about 1K until it joins the Timucuan Trail (green markers). **Caution:** Path may be slippery. Watch for roots on path.

6. At Timucuan Trail, stay to **RIGHT** to **Continue** on the Spanish Pond Trail (red markers).

7. At 4-way intersection, go **straight** on what is now the Willie Brown Trail (blue markers).

8. At the end of the Willie Browne Trail (blue markers) is the Browne Cabin Site.

9. Turn **LEFT** on Other Trail (black markers) a short distance and turn **RIGHT** again to **Continue** on the Black Marker Trail. **(Note: If tide is blocking trail to right, take trail to left to connect to Green Trail.)**

10. Turn **RIGHT** on Other Trail (black markers). Walk ahead to the Round Marsh Observation Platform. Climb up and enjoy the view.

11. Turnaround from the Round Marsh Platform and turn **LEFT** at the split to Other Trail (black markers).
12. At the Willie Browne Cabin Site, turn **RIGHT** on Hammock Trail (blue markers) and **Continue** straight ahead as the Hammock Trail turns into the Spanish Pond Trail (red markers).
13. **Continue** until you return to the Spanish Pond Boardwalk which leads to the parking lot.
14. From the parking lot, return to the Ft. Caroline Park Entrance and follow the access road to the Visitor Center.
(Start/Finish)
15. **NOTE: To view the Ribault Monument, drive to the monument by turning left onto Ft. Caroline Rd. when exiting the Visitor Center. The monument will be on your left. The view is not to be missed.**

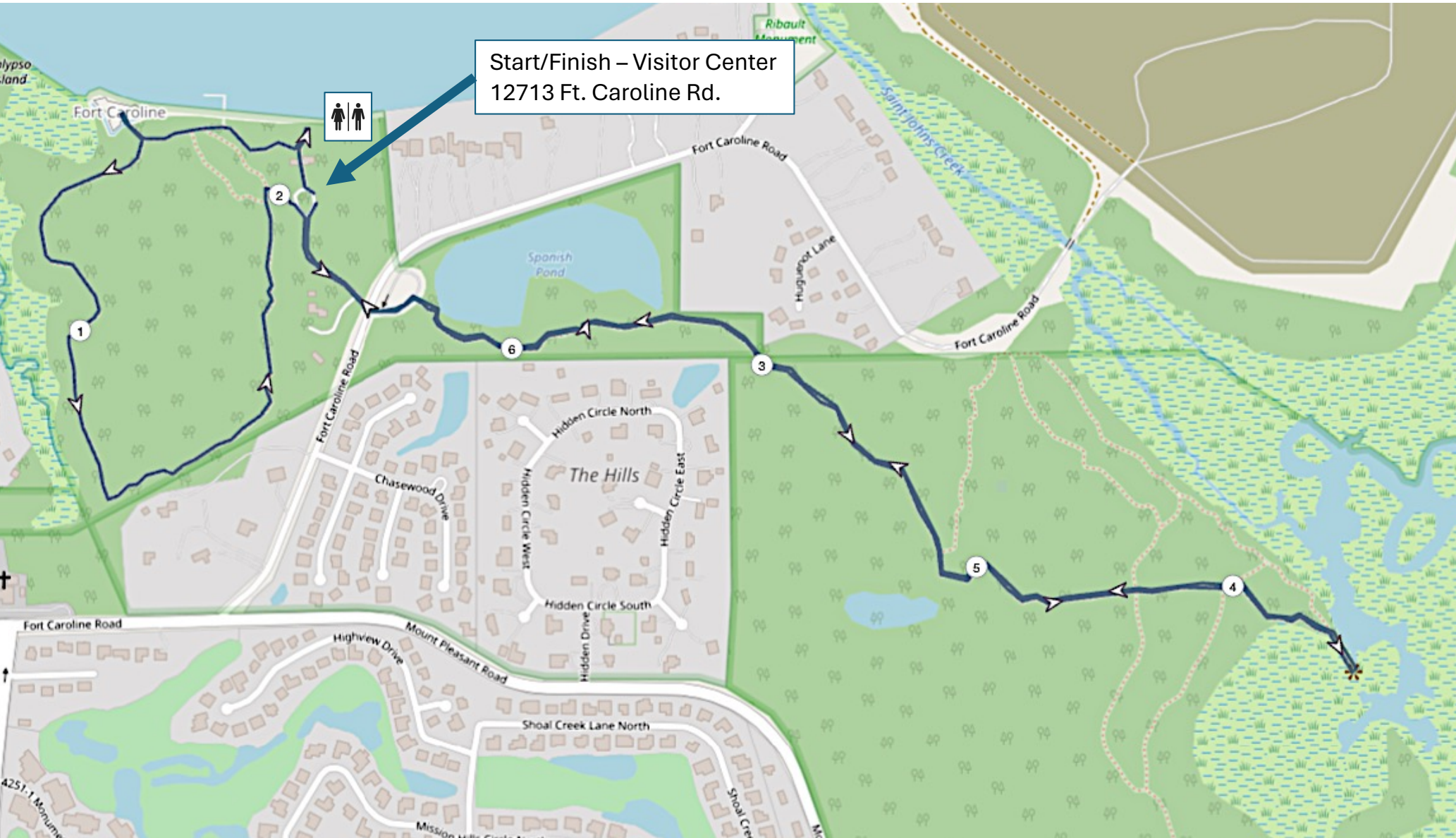
Congratulations! You have completed the Ft. Caroline 7K Walk. The First Coast Trail Forgers hope you enjoyed your walk.

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7Km Walk©; YRE #1524



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6. At the fork in the path, take the Timucuan Trail (green markers) to the **LEFT**. Follow the Timucuan Trail to the closed trail sign. Turn **RIGHT** to detour around - black markers. When you reach the "Y" split, turn **LEFT** - black markers. Follow along to the other closed trail sign, turn **RIGHT** back to the green markers. The St. Johns River will appear on your left. You will encounter oyster shell mounds (middens) made by the Timucuan.

7. After reaching an area with a bench where many paths intersect, **go straight ahead** (green markers). (Trail eventually leads to black once you are in view of observation deck.) Walk ahead to the Round

Marsh Observation Platform. Climb up and enjoy the view

8. Turnaround from the Round Marsh Platform and return to the bench. After passing the bench, take the **LEFT** path (black markers).

9. At the “Y”, turn **LEFT** to view the Willie Browne Cabin Ruins site. Keep the cabin ruins to your left and follow the Willie Browne Loop. Bear **LEFT** on the trail with blue markers.

10.**Continue** to the Theodore Roosevelt Area kiosk at the intersection of the Willie Browne Loop and Willie Browne Main Trail. Turn **LEFT** at this point and walk **straight ahead** as the trail crosses over a small wooden bridge (Hammock Creek Bridge).

11.**Continue** along this trail to the parking area. **Restrooms and covered shelter** are available.

12. Retrace path from the parking area along the Willie Browne Trail. After you cross the Hammock Creek, bear **LEFT** (left of the kiosk). The return trail passes the Browne Family Cemetery (on your right). The small cemetery is fenced and gated, but can be visited.

13. After passing the cemetery, the trail leads back to the 4-way intersection. (Willie Browne Loop, Timucuan Trail, and the Spanish Pond Trail). Turn **LEFT** and follow the Spanish Pond Trail (red markers). When you encounter forks on the trail, stay on the trail with the red markers.

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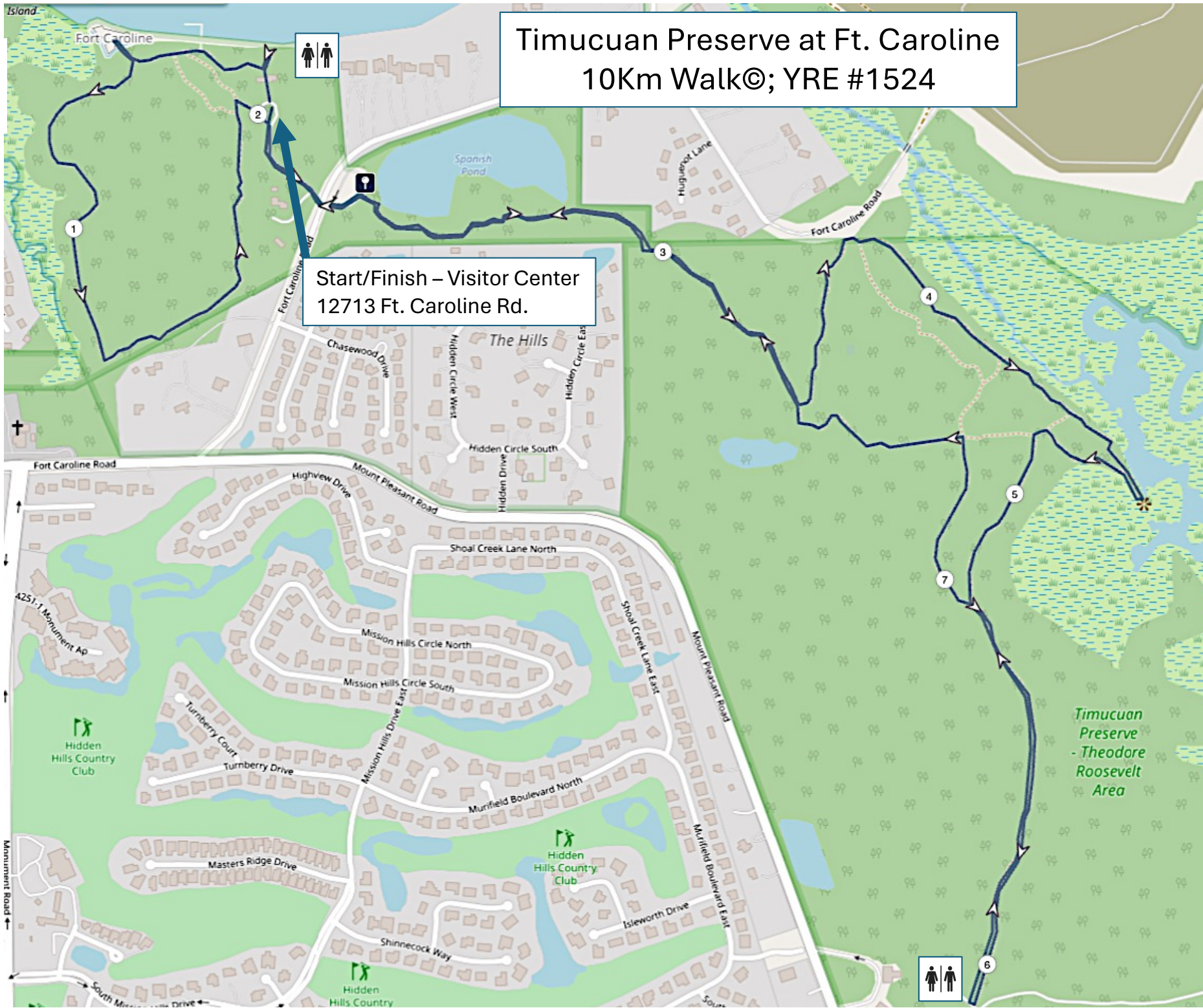
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