

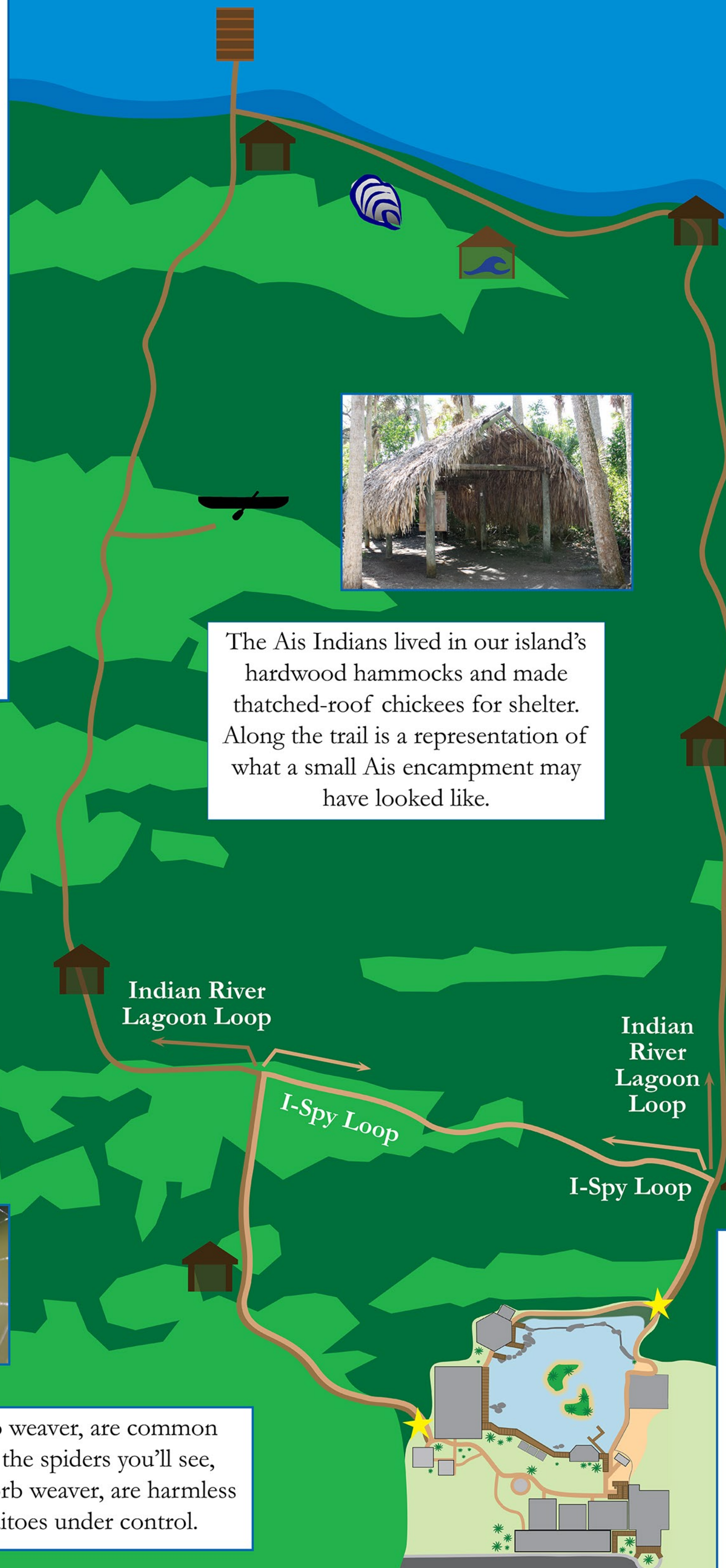
NATURE TRAILS

To get the most out of your walk, take your time and use your senses.
There is more than meets the eye when you make the effort to really experience nature!

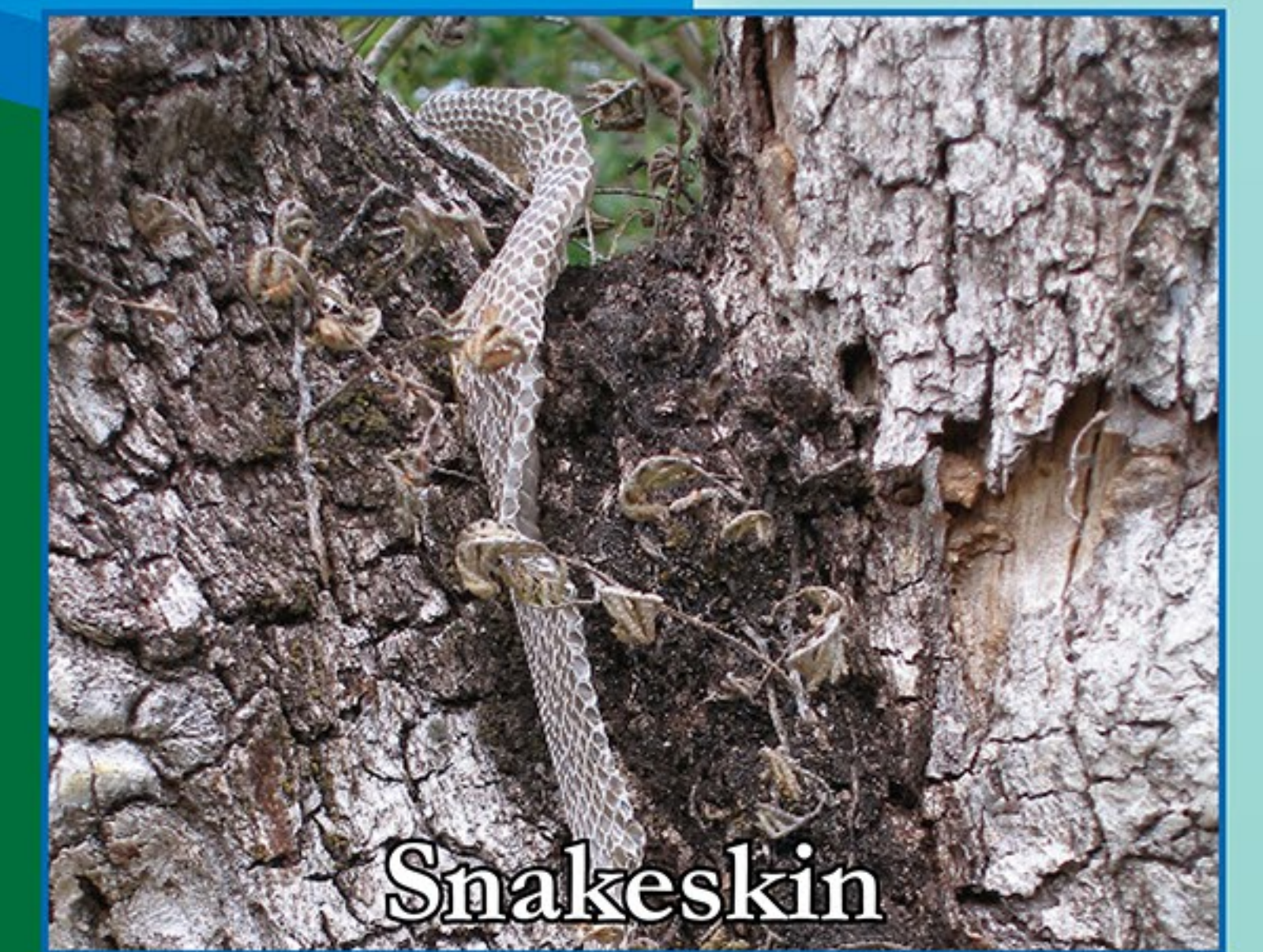
KEY

-  Trail Head
-  Indian River Lagoon Loop
Length: 1 Mile
-  I-Spy Loop
Length: 1/3 Mile
-  Tropical Hammock
-  Mangrove Swamp
-  Shelter
-  Aquaculture Research Facility
-  Ais Indian Encampment
-  Observation Deck
-  Oyster Shell Recycling Site

Indian River Lagoon



Mangroves provide a foraging and resting area for migrating birds as well as a nesting habitat for local coastal species.

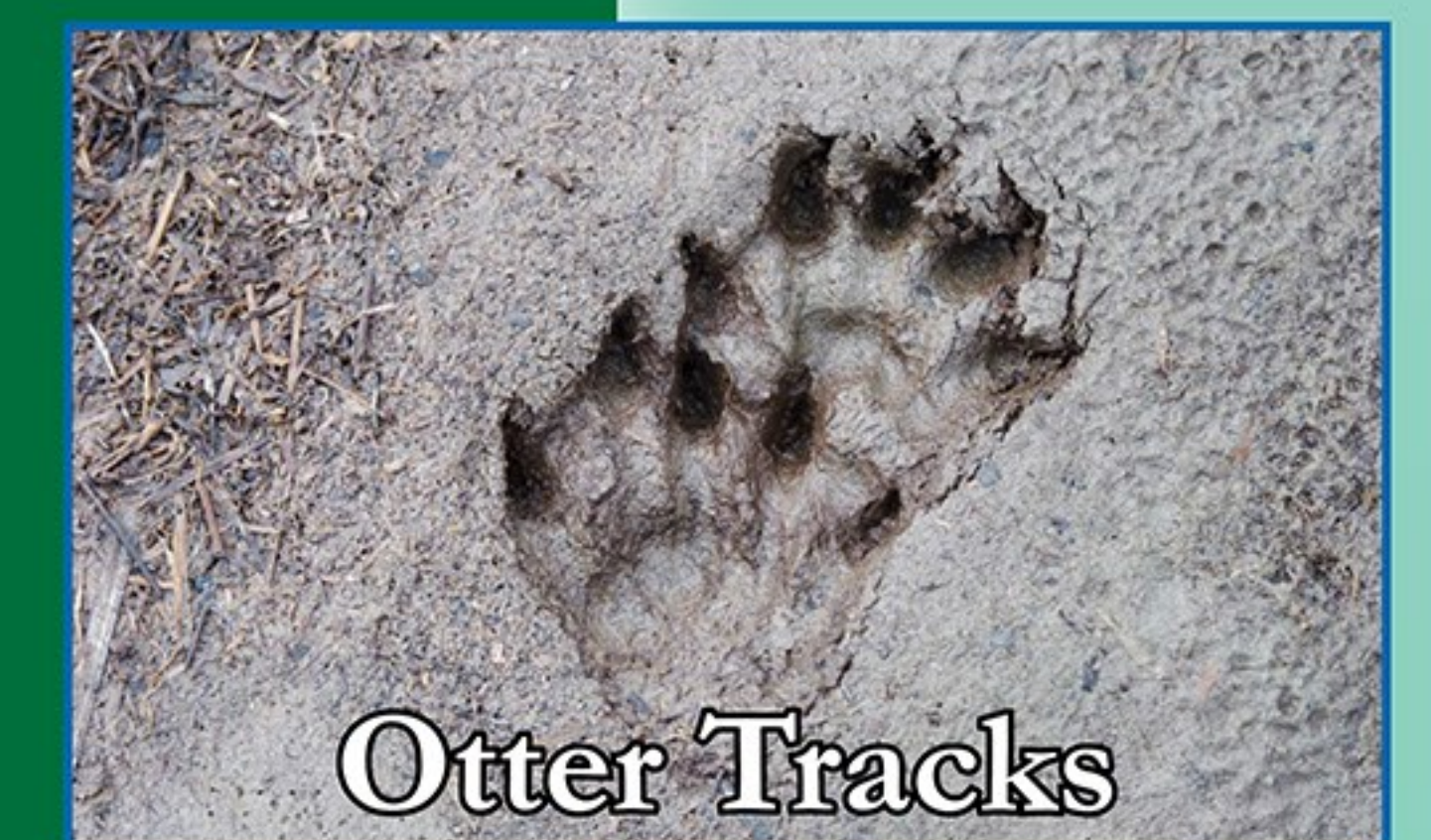


Snakeskin

Even if you don't spot wildlife along the trail, keep an eye out for footprints and other clues to help identify the animals that live in this coastal ecosystem.



Fiddler Crab Hole



Otter Tracks

The Ais Indians lived in our island's hardwood hammocks and made thatched-roof chickees for shelter. Along the trail is a representation of what a small Ais encampment may have looked like.



The Indian River Lagoon is the most biodiverse estuary in North America, with over **4,300** different plant and animal species.



Spiders, like this spiny orb weaver, are common on the nature trail. All of the spiders you'll see, including the huge golden orb weaver, are harmless and help to keep mosquitoes under control.

Please help us keep this area natural.

- ◆ Stay on the path.
- ◆ No smoking on the nature trail.
- ◆ Properly dispose of trash in the available receptacles.
- ◆ Leave the trail as you found it.
- ◆ Be respectful of local wildlife as you are a visitor in their habitat.
- ◆ In the event of inclement weather, please exit trail immediately.
- ◆ Do not remove plants or wildlife.

Please take a photo of this map for reference.