

**PLANTATION TRAIL** Rev 04/28/14

<b>ROAD</b>	<b>MILE</b>	<b>SITES OF INTEREST</b>
<b>US-19</b>	<b>.1</b>	<b>Wirick-Simmons House:</b> Adam Wirick built this Greek Revival house in 1831. It has been restored and refurnished and now houses the Jefferson County Historical Society. Open Saturdays 8am-2pm or 850-997-5552.
<b>Dogwood</b>	<b>.7</b>	<b>Avenue of the Oaks:</b> Beautifully canopied by old Live Oak trees, planted by J.H. Girardeau, who was known as the “Watermelon King.” Jefferson County was a major producer of watermelon seeds in the early 1900s.
<b>Bassett Dairy</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>Bassett Dairy Road:</b> A designated canopy road and it was once part of the old Dixie Highway.
<b>CR-149</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>Walker (formerly Bassett) Dairy:</b> A working dairy founded by the Bassett family and is now operated by the Walker family.
<b>CR-257</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>Elizabeth Church &amp; Cemetery:</b> An example of a country church.
<b>CR-257</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>Hickory Hill Church:</b> An example of a country church.
<b>N. Salt</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>North Salt Road:</b> In the days before refrigeration salt was necessary to preserve meat. Salt from the salt works near the mouth of the Aucilla River traveled north along this route.
<b>CR-257</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>Aucilla:</b> Originally an early Indian village and trading post (1830s). The last of four railroad stops in Jefferson County was a busy pioneer settlement servicing numerous sawmills and turpentine still in the area.
<b>US-90</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>Aucilla River:</b> The Aucilla River begins near the Florida/Georgia State line and flows to the Apalachee Bay. Along its route the river disappears several times south of Lamont in a series of beautiful and mysterious sinks, known as the “Aucilla Sinks.” Recreation includes boating, canoeing and fishing. It has one of the few white water rapids in the State.
<b>Honey Lake</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>Honey Lake Plantation:</b> An old plantation transformed into a luxury destination resort. Activities include horseback riding, trap shooting hunting, weddings, events and casual fine dining.
<b>Bippus Road</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>Bippus Road:</b> A designated canopy road (a must see) with steep embankments and oak canopy. It remains unpaved (1.2 mi) just as it was in the 1800s.
	<b>26.8</b>	<b>Lyndhurst Plantation:</b> An plantation formed by William J. Bailey in the

early 1830s and later named Lyndhurst. The plantation house (on the National Historic Register) is one of the three remaining antebellum plantation houses in Jefferson County.

- Gum Swamp 26.8** **Gum Swamp Road:** A designated canopy road with beautiful canopies and steep clay embankments. It travels through scenic farms & ranches.
- CR-149 32.3** **Jefferson Landings:** A private airstrip community.
- 32.3** **Dixie Plantation:** A plantation now comprising 9,000+ acres. At its zenith Dixie covered 30,000+ acres. The land comprising Dixie was purchased by the Gerald Livingston in the 1920s. Dixie plantation's remaining 9,000 acres are now a conservation trust managed by Tall Timbers.
- 32.7** **Snead's Smoke House:** A recreation area, including boating, canoeing and fishing.
- 32.7** **Aucilla River:** Here the river flows between Pinckney Hill Plantation (Westside) and Dixie Plantation (Eastside). (See Aucilla River above).
- 34.5** **Pinckney Hill Plantation:** A 39,000+ acre plantation. The land was purchased by William S. Farish in the 1920s and renamed Pinckney Hill. The plantation land is in a conservation trust and the major activities are farming, timber, and hunting.
- 35.6** **New Bethel Church:** An example of a country church.
- Brock 35.6** **Brock Road:** A designated canopy road (unpaved 3.3 mi.). Pinckney Hill Plantation occupies both sides of Brock. A trade route for early settlers.
- Groover 39.0** **Groover Road:** A designated canopy road (unpaved last 2.6 mi.). Connects with Reichertville Road (at Boston Hwy) leading to Thomasville. It was a trade route for the early settlers.
- 39.7** **Elizabeth School:** An African-American school used from 1936 to 1965. The school building was funded by WPA during the Depression.
- Boston Hwy 42.1** **Live Oak Plantation:** A plantation used mainly for hunting, timber and farming.
- 42.9** **Merrily Plantation:** A plantation used mainly for hunting, timber and farming.
- 46.0** **Olive Baptist Church:**

**42.7 Bethel Church:**

**47.9 Mt. Zion Cemetery:**

**48.6 Golden Acres Ranch:** Golden acres is a small ranch that offers tours and petting of several species of animals just 2 miles west on Barnes Road. (Appointment necessary 850-997-6599).

**US-19 51.9 Edgewood Plantation:** A small plantation on the out skirts of Monticello.

**ALTERNATE ROUTE:**

**Gum Swamp 17.4 Gum Swamp Road:** A designated canopy road. It is unpaved. The northern section has beautiful canopies and steep clay embankments and is border by scenic farms and ranch lands.

**20.1 Alexander Cemetery:**

**22.6 Fern Pond Plantation:**

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**Dir. Road Segment / Total**

**Sites of Interest**

▲North US-19	.1 / 0		Courthouse Circle ☺
	.1		Wirick-Simmons Hose (ca. 1831)
→East Pearl Street	.4 / .1		
→South Marvin	.1 / .5		
←East Dogwood	.3 / .6		“Avenue of Oaks” - Beautiful Canopy Road
←North N. Simpson	.1 / .9		
→East Pearl /Ashville	2.7 / .9		
	3.6		Walker (Formerly Bassett) Dairy
→South Basset Dairy Rd	7.8 / 3.6		
	8.0		Elizabeth Church & Cemetery
	8.4		Hickory Hill Church
▲South CO-257 B	2.7 / 8.8		(Intersection continue straight ahead)
	8.8		North Salt Rd
	9.9		Intersection US-90 (Shortcut) ☺
	11.5		Town of Aucilla & Aucilla Christian Academy
←East Blue Lake Rd	2.5 / 11.5		
→East US-90	1.3 / 14.1		Aucilla River *
	14.8		Alternate Route - 1 ( NW Whippoorwill - 9.6 mi. unpaved)
←North Honey Lake Rd	5.5 / 15.4		(Pavement ends in 2.7 mile & restarts in 1 mile)
	17.1		Honey Lake Plantation *
←North US-221	4.5 / 20.9		
←West Bippus Rd	1.2 / 25.5		Beautiful Canopy Road - Unpaved
	26.8		Lyndhurst Plantation House (Left side)
→North Gum Swamp	1.7 / 26.8		Beautiful Canopy Road Unpaved
←West Ashville Hwy	7.1 / 28.5		
	32.3		Jefferson Landings
	32.3		Dixie Plantation
	32.7		Snead’s Smoke House *
	33.2		Aucilla River *
	34.5		Pinckney Hill Plantation
	35.6		New Bethel Church
→North Brock Rd	3.3 / 35.6		Beautiful Canopy Road - Unpaved
	39.0		Dills Road
▲North Groover Rd	3.8 / 39.0		Beautiful Canopy Road (Pavements in ends in 1.2 miles)
	39.7		Elizabeth School
	41.9		Bear Left at “Y”
	42.1		Live Oak Plantation
←South Boston Hwy	8.6 / 42.8		
	42.9		Merrily Plantation
	46.0		Olive Baptist Church
	47.2		Bethel Cemetery
	47.9		Mt Zion Cemetery
	48.6		→ Golden Acres (1.6 miles west on Barnes Rd) *

48.3

Stills Road (West 1.2 miles to join Miccosukee-Magnolia Trail)

← South US - 19 1.1 / 51.6  
51.9  
52.7

Edgewood Plantation  
Courthouse Circle ☺

TRAVEL: Time 1:45 Miles 52.7

☺ Services \* Recreation

**ALTERNATE ROUTE- 1**

**Direction ROAD Milage; Segment / Total Sites of Interest**

**Intersection of Blue Lake & US - 90 Mile 14.4**

→East US - 90 .6 / 14.1

←North Whippoorwill 1.5 / 14.7 Pavement ends in 1.0 miles.

←North White Dove 1.2 / 16.2 Unpaved Road

▲North Gum Swamp 7.8 / 17.4 Beautiful Canopy Road - Unpaved  
20.1 Alexander Cemetery  
22.6 Fern Pond Plantation  
23.6 Lyndhurst Plantation

←West Ashville Hwy / 25.2 Reenter Route at Ashville Highway

**Added Travel 20 Minutes More & 3.3 Miles Shorter ☺ Services \* Recreation**