



# Briggs Boardwalk

## Rookery Bay Research Reserve

**BRIGGS BOARDWALK** is a half-mile self-directed nature trail passing through several unique habitats from scrub forests to mangrove-filled waters. The boardwalk is kid-friendly and the perfect place to enjoy time in nature at Rookery Bay Research Reserve. Look closely and listen carefully.

### MONITORING

Reserve staff actively monitor the plants and animals and keep a special eye on all the rare species from the very tiny sand dune spurge plant to the hefty American Crocodile. The diverse plant and wildlife within Rookery Bay's 110,000 acres is due to the wide variety of habitats in this unique subtropical environment.



Scrub



Pine Flatwoods



Mangroves



Marsh



Brackish Pond



Osprey

A variety of birds can be heard and seen on the boardwalk depending on the time of year including song birds, raptors such as Ospreys, shorebirds and wading birds.

Look carefully and you may spy a crayfish or Blue Crab hiding among the marsh waters.

Communities of fish are also visible among the numerous plants filling the marsh waters.



Blue Crab



Green Anole

The quieter you are, the better your chances of seeing elusive wildlife such as reptiles like the Green Anole lizard or small mammals such as River Otters. Also, be on the lookout for unusual insects.

### Remember

- Do not disturb plants or animals
- No feeding of wildlife
- Relax and enjoy this beautiful place!



Scan this QR code to see the latest recorded observations on the boardwalk



## Community Science Project

**HELP THE RESERVE** as you explore the boardwalk!

You can contribute by letting us know what plants and animals you see. Follow the steps below to join our iNaturalist community science project and help to preserve this special place. Information collected can be used and seen by fellow community members, including science and research professionals.

- Download the **iNaturalist** app on your phone to create an account
- Find **Projects**
- Search for **Briggs Boardwalk at RBNERR**
- Choose **JOIN Project**



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