

Live Oaks Bicycle Route

Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Safety Tips

- *Wear a bike helmet for safety.
- *Follow designated bike route signs.
- *Keep to the right.
- *Pay special attention to motorists and pedestrians.
- *Obey all traffic signs.
- *For added safety at night wear light clothing, carrying a flash light, and be sure your bike has a headlight and reflectors.
- *Before passing a pedestrian call out a hearty "HELLO!"

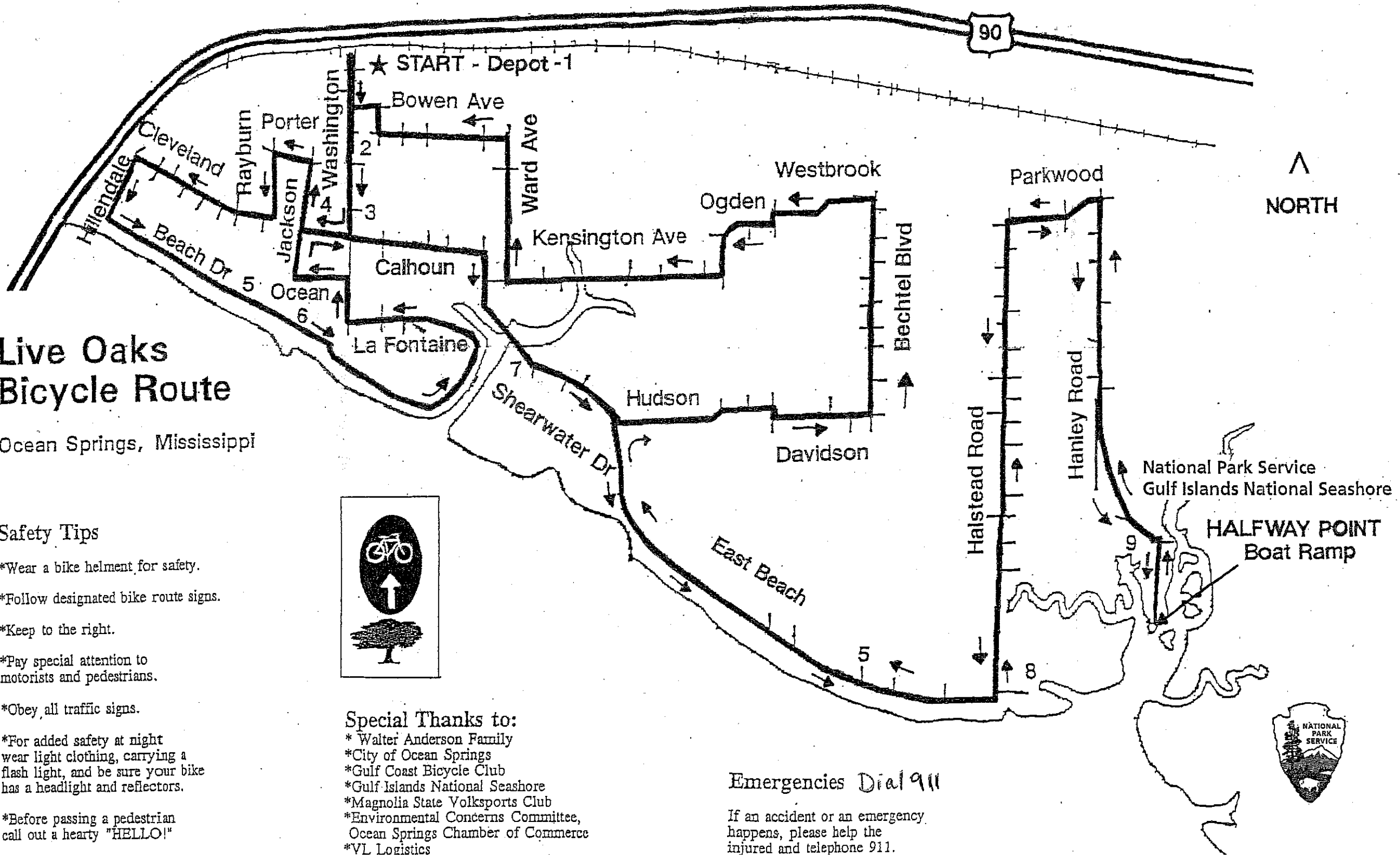


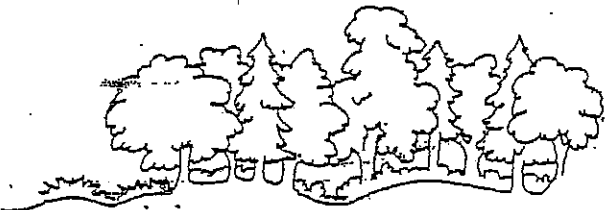
Special Thanks to:

- * Walter Anderson Family
- * City of Ocean Springs
- * Gulf Coast Bicycle Club
- * Gulf Islands National Seashore
- * Magnolia State Volksparts Club
- * Environmental Concerns Committee,
- Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce
- * VL Logistics

Emergencies Dial 911

If an accident or an emergency happens, please help the injured and telephone 911.





POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Old L & N Train Depot.

The Depot, built in 1907, was a central point in the day-to-day life of the City until 1965, when rail service was terminated. After leasing the Depot for 14 years, the Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce purchased it in 1979. The Depot was selected for the National Register of Historic Places in 1979. Telephone 875-4424.

2. Downtown.

Appearing like a colonnade in downtown Ocean Springs, ancient live oak trees shade shops and businesses including craft boutiques, art galleries, restaurants, and jewelry shops. Other commercial attractions are found on many of the streets crossing the route.

3. Walter Anderson Museum.

Completed in 1991, the Walter Anderson Museum provides facilities for the exhibition, study and storage of Walter Anderson's work. The artist, a resident of Ocean Springs best known for his water color illustrations of nature, died in 1965. The Museum is open Monday-Saturday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Telephone 872-3164.

4. Old Ocean Springs Historic District.

Houses and churches build in the mid to late 19th century are located along several of the streets throughout this neighborhood. The name "Ocean Springs" was chosen for the community in 1854.

5. Front Beach and East Beach.

These two beaches divided by the Inner Harbor provide excellent opportunities for picnicking, beachcombing, bird watching, and jogging. Pelicans, shearwaters, gulls, and terns are just a few of the birds which search for food along the shoreline. Two public fishing piers are located on Front Beach.

6. Fort Maurepas.

In 1699 French Canadian Pierre LeMoyne d'Iberville established a French colony on the east side of Biloxi Bay, where Ocean Springs now exists. Fort Maurepas, erected in 1699 by d'Iberville, was the first significant structure erected by Europeans on the Gulf Coast. Although the exact location of the Fort is unknown, the historic reconstruction is based on a drawing made by an engineer, Remy Reno, who accompanied d'Iberville on his voyage. Adjacent to the Fort is the Fort Maurepas Nature Preserve dedicated by the City in 1992.

7. Shearwater Pottery.

Established in 1928 by master potter Peter Anderson, Shearwater Pottery is a family-operated art pottery renowned for works that combine decorative beauty and usefulness. The show room is open Monday-Saturday 9:00 AM to 5:30 PM and Sunday afternoon from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Telephone 865-7320.

8. The Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.

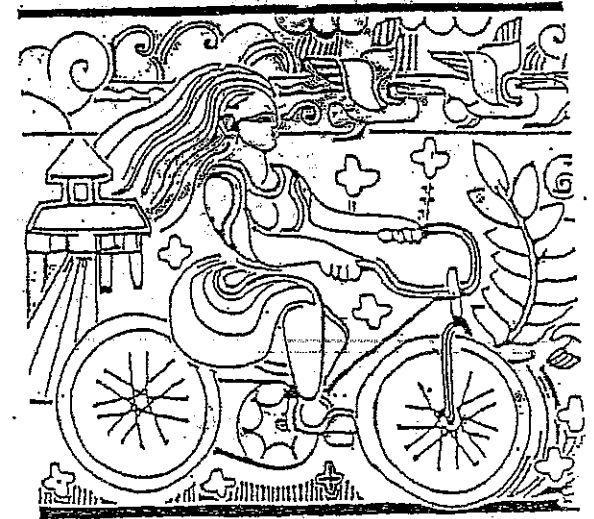
The Laboratory was founded in 1947 as a marine biological station and to provide educational opportunities in the marine sciences. In 1990 the Laboratory became affiliated with the University of Southern Mississippi. Telephone 875-2244.

9. Gulf Islands National Seashore—Mississippi District.

This National Seashore was established in 1971 to protect the natural and cultural resources of offshore barrier islands and the saltmarsh area of Davis Bayou. The bike route terminates at the boat ramp pavilion. Before returning to the L & N Depot, pause and enjoy the view of the saltmarsh. (PUBLIC RESTROOMS ARE LOCATED IN THE PAVILION.) Telephone 875-0821.

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WELCOME

Enjoy the Scenery,
Bike Safely!

The Live Oaks Bicycle Route extends 25 kilometers or 15.5 miles along the streets of Ocean Springs. The Route begins at the Old Louisville and Nashville Train Depot in downtown Ocean Springs, leads to the Davis Bayou Area of Gulf Islands National Seashore, and returns to the Depot. Follow the green and white designated bike route signs located on the right side of the city streets.