## Directions to Cay Creek Wetland Park 189 Charlie Butler Road

Midway, GA 31320

From the North (Savannah or Richmond Hill): Take I-95 S to exit 76 (Midway/ Sunbury). Turn right (West) at the top of the ramp onto Oglethorpe Highway/ GA-38/US-84. Take your first left onto Charlie Butler/Paul Ripley Road in about 1 mile (marked by a large white sign for Cay Creek Wetlands Park). Take your first right into the Cay Creek Park driveway.

From the South: Take I-95 N to exit 76 (Midway/Sunbury). Turn left (West) at the top of the ramp onto Oglethorpe Highway/GA-38/US-84. Take your first left onto Charlie Butler/Paul Ripley Road in about 1 mile (marked by a large white sign for Cay Creek Wetlands Park). Take your first right into the Cay Creek Park driveway.

From Highway 17/Ocean Highway: In Midway, turn onto Oglethorpe Highway/ GA-38/US-84 heading East. In about 2.5 miles, take a right onto Charlie Butler/ Paul Ripley Road. Take your first right into the Cay Creek Park driveway.

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# Visit Cay Creek Wetland

Park

Cay Creek Wetland Park makes it easy to explore freshwater swamps and saltwater creeks. Come take a walk and see what you may find. Special features include:

- 7/10 mile elevated boardwalk (handicap-accessible)
- wildlife viewing platform
  - 20 interpretive panels
- 6 different ecosystems

More in depth information on the natural communities of Cay Creek and an educational quide are available at: www.coastalwildscapes.org



Cay Creek is owned by the City of Midway: City of Midway 912-884-3344



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## A Guide to Cay Creek Wetland Park

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### An Interpretation of Nature



## Map of Boardwalk

Cay Creek Wetland Park provides a journey through fresh and salt water ecosystems. Enjoy seeing and learning about the park's natural communities with an easy stroll along the boardwalk. The map to the right gives a glimpse of what you will encounter along the way, highlighting six main ecosystems.

#### A. Upland Forests

Pine Flatwoods and Maritime Forests flank either side of the drive leading to the boardwalk. Look for Eastern Box Turtles and Creole Pearly-eyes on the forest floor.

#### B. Open Wetland

A freshwater wetland greets you at the start of the boardwalk. Butterflies and dragonflies frequent this sunny area to feed on freshwater flowers like Pickerelweed.

#### C. Freshwater Tidal Swamp

Characteristic of the Southeast, this swamp forest is filled with Bald Cypress trees and a suite of ferns. Green anoles, Ibis, and River Otters may be seen here.

A few yards more and you will find a lookout tower for bird-watching and contemplation.

#### D. Transition from Freshwater Tidal Swamp to Brackish Marsh You can witness the shift from fresh to saltwater by observing various plants.

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#### E. Marsh Hammocks & Shrubby Upland Edge

As you leave the forest, the canopy opens and saltwater begins to shape the landscape. Fiddler crabs and Painted Buntings utilize this edge habitat.

F. **Brackish Marsh & Tidal Creek** The boardwalk ends with a delightful dock overlooking a tidal creek. Surrounded by verdant marsh grasses and bird calls, consider relaxing here for a while.

