



We look forward to seeing you at the Jekyll Island Buggy Expo. Enclosed are some tips for your stay.

JIBE is now an event sanctioned and insured by the North American Power Kiting Association (NAPKA). **Membership applications must be completed before you do anything at the event.** Joining NAPKA ahead of time leaves you more time to buggy! Just go to Napka.org to join. Then go to the "Upcoming Events" on the main page and select JIBE 2015. Then click on "Register for Event". Not only does joining NAPKA get you in to JIBE, but it also qualifies you for every other NAPKA event in North America at no additional cost.

WHEN AND WHERE TO BUGGY

The parking fee collection station (\$6.00 per day, \$28 for weekly pass), is now located on the causeway in front of the visitor's center. After that, go over the bridge and straight past the gas station and Dairy Queen to the new traffic circle. Go around the circle and exit to the north (left of the entrance) and you will come out near Great Dunes Park. If you have a big, heavy buggy you have the choice of using the handicap ramp there to get your buggy on the beach 700 feet south of the JIBE tent. Otherwise proceed a few more yards to the restaurant parking lot and just drag your gear down the stairs there, coming out right on Kite Beach. See map next page.

When you walk on to the beach from the restaurant parking lot, you are at the south end of Kite Beach. Look north to the next building with the blue shade umbrellas out in front, and that is the upper end. It's about a quarter mile. There are typically very few people here and we will carve out the spot by our presence and activity.

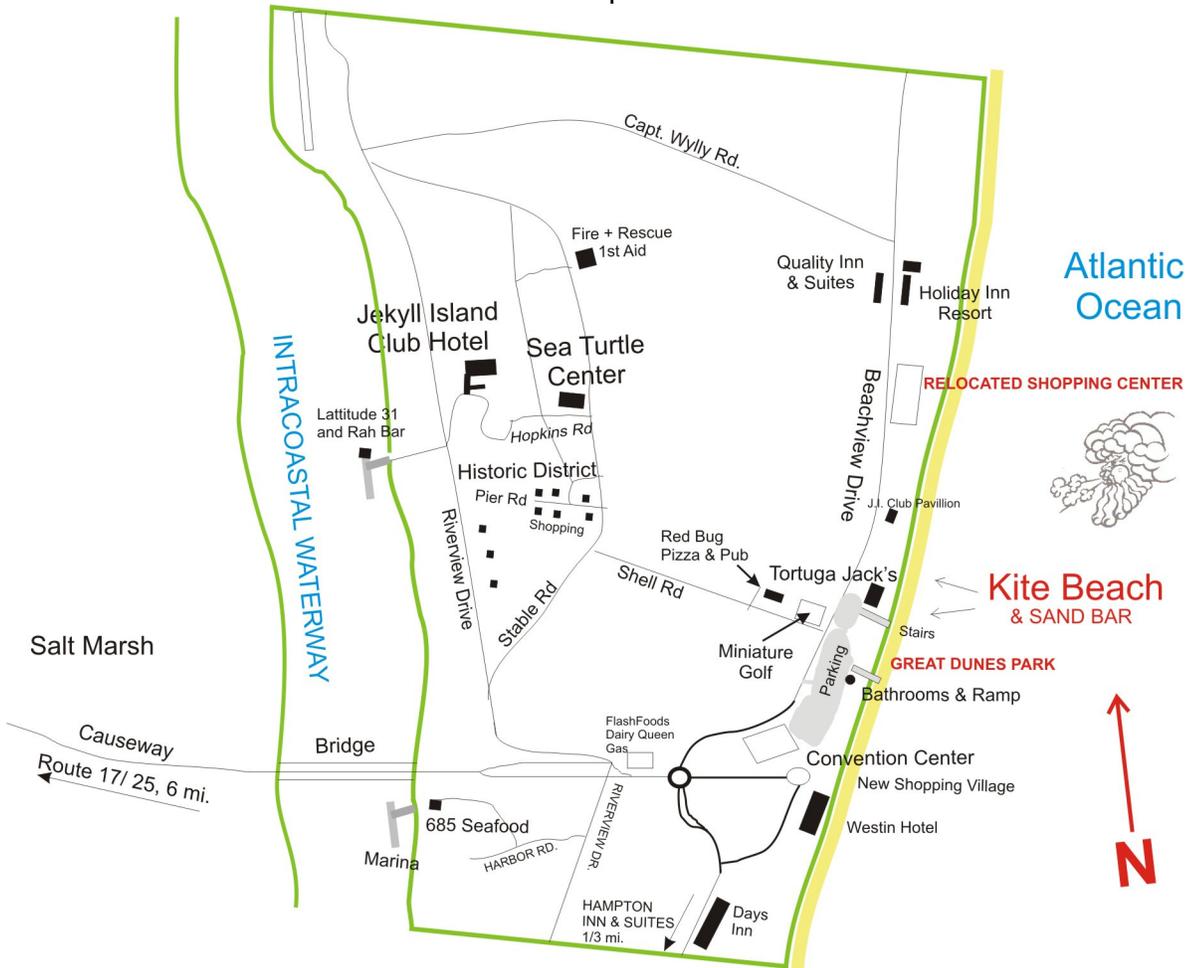
AGAIN FOR 2015: The southern portion of the island, south of the South Dues boardwalk (just south of the Hampton Inn), is now a restricted area and we cannot buggy past that point. During JIBE we have special permission to go as far south as the southern water tower, since that is more recognizable and un-ambiguous. This means no more "shipwreck runs". The reason is because of nesting birds (yes, Plovers) and other sensitive wildlife. This still gives us neatly 2 miles south of Kite Beach, so please help our cause by cooperating with local authorities.

There will be a new moon and large spring tides in the afternoons for 2015 and the beach will be very large, leaving us a lot of room. Nice runs will be possible with any wind direction.

Weekdays will of course bring less foot traffic, and towards the end of the afternoon, as more people leave, we should be able to venture to the north and south of Kite Beach for distance runs, provided the sea-breeze kicks in for on-shore winds.

Jekyll Island mid-section map

Shows Kite Beach location and new traffic patterns



There will be overnight "valet parking" for buggies in the north end of the Great Dunes parking lot, so that you do not have to break it down and pack it away every night. The Jekyll Island Authority has given special permission for some JIBE attendees to park their camper in the lot overnight (known as the "Kite Fort") to watch over the gear. We will also have them padlocked with a long steel cable similar to a bicycle lock. Being a gated state park and well patrolled, Jekyll Island is pretty secure anyway.

SHOPPING/ SUPPLIES ON THE ISLAND

There is a new gas station and convenience store with a Dairy Queen Express near the island entrance.

NOTE: Finn's Restaurant (formally Blackbeard's) is no reopened as "Tortuga Jack's, Baja-style Mexican..

The shops are located in a temporary shopping center are now relocating to the new shopping village located between the Convention center and the new Westin Hotel. It is right in front of you as you approach the roundabout. This will be complete by the eend of summer, 2015. It has...

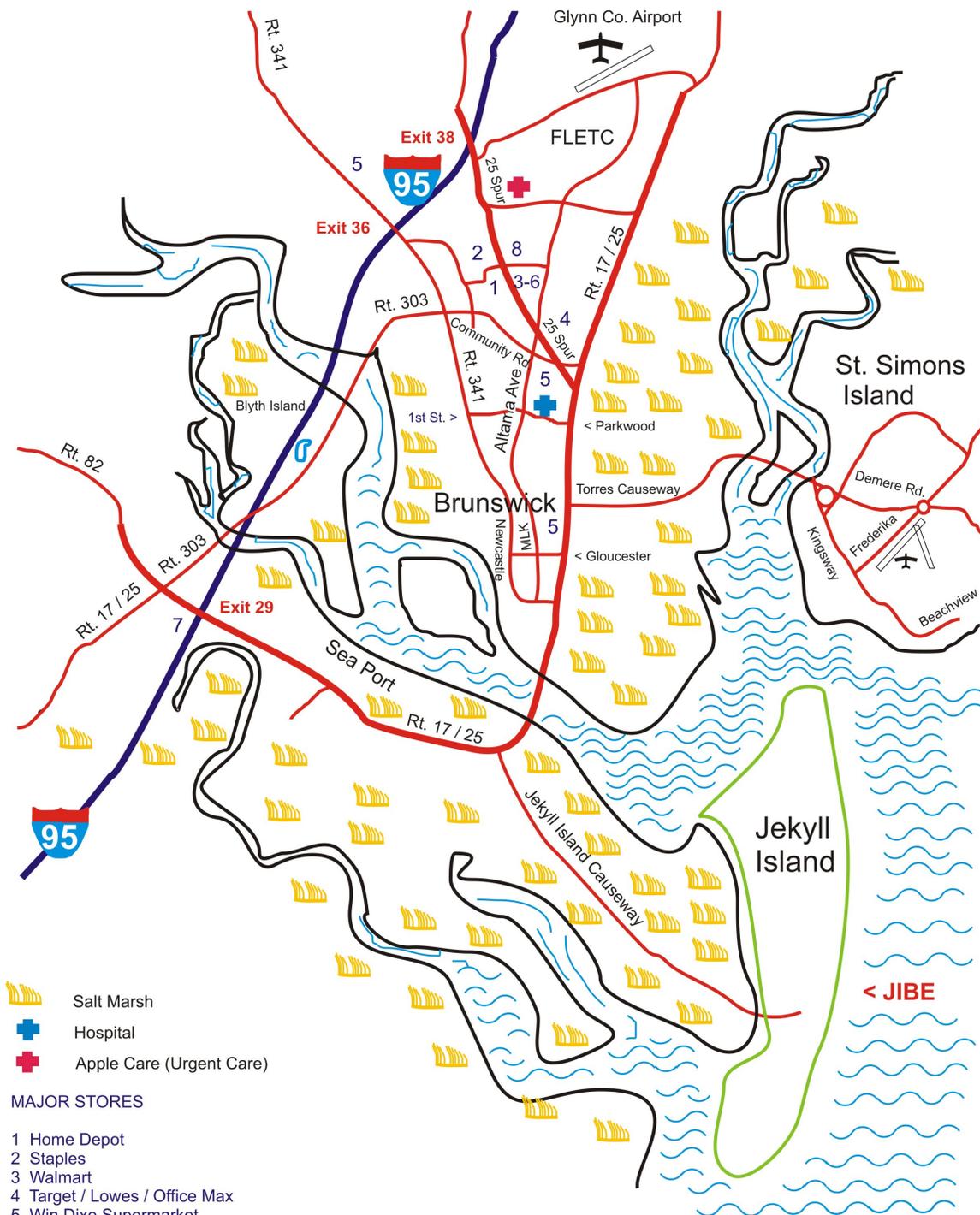
- Small grocery market
- Liquor store (+ beer, wine), now open Sundays after 12:30 pm
- Gift shops (more + galleries in the Historic District)
- Beach stores and outfitters
- Bank/ ATM
- Post office

OTHER SHOPPING / MAINLAND

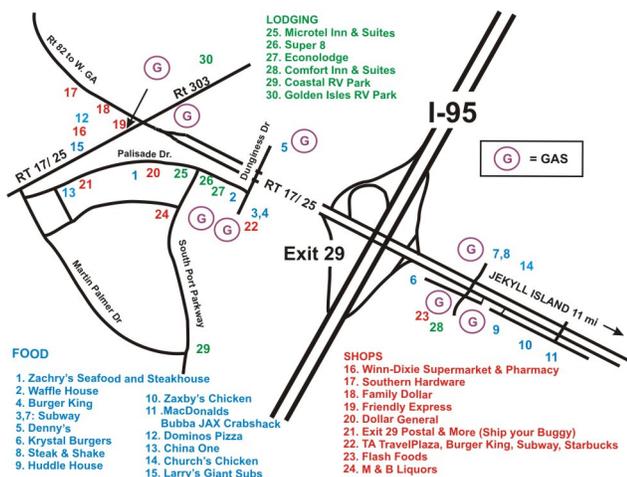
Supermarkets are located on Rt. 25 / Rt. 17, 5-6 miles in either direction from the end of the Jekyll Island causeway. Winn Dixie is the largest and is north (turn right from the causeway) over the bridge and 2.5 more miles on the left, after the light. **West Marine** is there too. See the maps on next pages for location of major big box stores and supermarkets.

Lowes, Target, Home Depot, Wal-mart...

- Leave the island via the causeway you came in on, ending at Rt. 25/ 17.
- Right on 25/ 17 over the suspension bridge, 4 1/2 miles past the bridge.
- Stay in left lane, follow signs to SPUR 25 and I-95.
- Go 1.3 miles, right on Altama Ave for **Lowes, Target, Michaels**
- Continue on Rt 25 Spur another 0.9 miles to Altama Connector. **Home Depot** is on the left and **Wal-mart** is to the right
- Also to the right off the spur across from Walmart is the mall with **Sears, JC Penny and Belk.**



Regional map of SE Glynn County. Only major roads are shown, along with our big-box stores and major supermarkets. It is 5 miles from I-95 exit 29 to the Jekyll Island Causeway, and another 6 miles over the salt marsh to Jekyll. See the separate map of the exit 29 region for hotel, restaurant, gas and shopping locations. There are more hotels at exit 36 but most people who do not stay on the island stay there for its proximity and affordable room rates.



What to Bring

For buggies, standard 4" wide tires are fine on the hard-pack sand. Wider tires just offer more versatility and are easier to get through the soft sand to the beach.

- Blokarts and landboards / ATB's welcome.
- Tow leash/ rope for the buggy; useful for letting the buggy down the beach stairs backwards.
- You will want a splash guard or mud flap for your front wheel (buggies) because your mouth will be agape with a wide grin all the time and your tires will throw up a lot of sand, mud and "biological matter".
- Kites for all possible wind ranges, if you can.
- **Helmets are required** by insurance and are a good idea. The hard-pack sand is like concrete.
- Sunscreen and lip balm with SPF. The sun is bright and the sand reflects it. Re-apply it a lot.
- We will have water and ice, but bring any favorite sports drinks.
- Alcohol is OK on the beach (no glass!), but watch out for dehydration.
- Spare fast-drying clothes and towels. You may get wet splashing through tide pools and surf.
- Dogs are welcome on the beach. Leash laws are in effect May-Sept, but well minding loose dogs are tolerated by most.
- Snacks. There is a basic IGA grocery market, liquor store and beach shop 1/2 mile north of the restaurant site and a convenience store near the island entrance, but for more extensive provisioning, shop on the mainland. See maps for shopping locations.

MEDICAL CARE

We will have basic 1st aid supplies on the beach. There is a firehouse and ambulance on the island (see map). Urgent care and Hospital E/R are on the mainland. For everything up to and including sprains and fractures, go to Apple Care. They see you in 30 min or less and take insurance.

Directions...

Firehouse/ 1st Aid

- Take Shell Rd. right across from the restaurant parking lot
- Right at the end of Shell Rd. on Stable Rd.
- About 1/2 mile, the firehouse is on the right

Hospital

- Leave the island via the causeway you came in on, ending at Rt. 25/ 17.
- Right on 25/ 17 over the suspension bridge, go 3 1/2 miles past the bridge.
- Left on Parkwood (follow the blue “H” signs).
- Hospital is on the right, about ½ mile.

Apple Care Urgent Care facility (faster than the E/R)

- Leave the island via the causeway you came in on, ending at Rt. 25/ 17.
- Right on 25/ 17 over the suspension bridge, go 4 1/2 miles past the bridge.
- Stay in left lane, follow signs turning left to SPUR 25 and I-95.
- Drive 4 miles on Spur 25 and turn right on Glynco Parkway at Holiday Inn Express.
- About ¼ mile turn left at “Apple Care” sign, go to building A, ground floor.

SAFETY RULES

Kiters on Jekyll Island are fortunate to enjoy the support of a kite-friendly local government, and we of course want to keep it that way. For this reason we ask that all participants observe the following common-sense guidelines.

NEW: The southern portion of the island, south of the South Dues boardwalk (just south of the Hampton Inn), is now a restricted area and we cannot buggy past that point. During JIBE we have special permission to go as far south as the southern water tower, since that is more recognizable and un-ambiguous. This means no more “shipwreck runs”. The reason is because of nesting birds (yes, Plovers) and other sensitive wildlife. This still gives us neatly 2 miles south of Kite Beach, so please help our cause by cooperating with local authorities.

1) Wear a helmet. Period. It is required by our insurance and is a good idea anyway. The beach is mostly hard-pack and like concrete. Elbow and knee pads are a good idea, too.

2) Always pass downwind of pedestrians whenever possible. If you have to pass upwind, do so at a distance greater than your kite-lines. The beach will be big for most of the afternoons so this is easier than you think.

3) NO KITE LINES OVER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

If you are forced to pass people upwind at a distance closer than your kite-lines, raise your kite towards the zenith so that the kite does not pass over their heads. Use this de-powered position to slow down until you pass safely.

4) Puppies and toddlers have no attention span and little situational awareness. They can dart in front of you, so always slow down when they are nearby. Kids tend to run towards kites out of excitement and can create a hazard.

5) Limit your speed on the beach until you have investigated the surface of your course at slow speeds for gullies, holes and other obstacles, even alligators! Every tide leaves a new beach and the entire beachscape and topography changes every 13 hours. Remember that every sand castle has a hole next to it, and tidal pools are usually deeper than you think!

6) Ride within your abilities to control the buggy and kite, especially around people. It won't be crowded by any means, but you will be passing strollers and some sunbathers from time to time. Again, watch out for kids.

7) Limit fully lit speed runs to when the beach is substantially clear of people, usually later in the afternoons (when wind and tides are better anyway). You will get your chance.

8) Stay off the sand dunes (and keep your kite out of them). They are an ecologically fragile, protected environment. It's easy to tear a kite in the dunes, and those nettles hurt and stick to kites and bridles!

9) No riding after dusk and no flashlights on the beach. Sea turtles come ashore to nest at night and they are protected.

10) If you get to Driftwood Beach, keep your kite away from the dried dead trees (the “Pointy Bits”). It is illegal to cut the driftwood trees for any reason, so if you don't have the confidence to pass safely, consider turning around.

Be Safe. Be nice. Have Fun.

Alcohol is allowed on the beach, but no glass containers. Be careful and watch out for dehydration. We will have some water, ice and some cooler space, but bring your favorite sports beverage if you like.

SCHEDULE, 2016

Monday, May 2nd

Low tide: 11:23 am, -0.1', Sundown: 8:05 pm,

12 noon – 7:30 pm...

- Event Registration and welcome
- Fun-fly and buggy on the beach

5:00 pm - sundown

- Extended runs down the beach after "crowds" clear.

Tuesday, May 3rd

Low tide: 12:20 pm, -0.48', Sundown: 8:06 pm

12 noon – 7:30 pm...

- Event Registration and welcome
- Fun-fly and buggy on the beach

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

- Extended runs down the beach after "crowds" clear.

Wednesday, May 4th

Low tide: 1:14 pm, -0.85', Sundown: 8:07 pm

12:00 noon – 7:30 pm

- Fun-fly and buggy on beach

5:00 pm - sundown

- Extended runs down the beach. Where else can you chase the State Police without getting arrested?

Thursday, May 5th

Low tide: 2:07 pm, -1.13', Sundown: 8:07 pm

12:00 noon – 7:30 pm

- Fun-Fly and buggy on Beach

Friday, May, 6th

Low tide: 2:59 pm, -1.27', Sundown: 8:08 pm

12:00 noon – 7:30 pm

- Fun-Fly and buggy on Beach

NOTE: There will be no bugging after dusk at this event due to the possibility of hatchling sea turtles making their way from nests in the dunes to the water.

Major Island Landmarks Reference

