

SPANISH TRACE TRAIL

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No.	Road	Mile	Sites of Interest
1.	US-90	.5	“Boots” Thomas Iwo Jima Memorial: In WWII, the first American Flag was carried to the top of the Mt. Surabachi on Iwo Jima a platoon of U.S. Marines led by “Boots” Thomas a 21-year old Monticello native. “Boots” Thomas was killed a week later and is buried in Roseland Cemetery.
2.	US-90	.6	DeSoto Trail Info Marker: Spanish explorer Hernando DeSoto passed near here in 1539 on his expedition of what was to become the Southern United States.
3.	US-90	6.5	Lake Miccosukee: A natural prairie lake which until the 1980s was periodically drained by a sink hole. An earthen dike now isolates the sinkhole. Along the lakeshore are large plantations. There are only four public accesses: Hopkins Landing, Reeves Landing, Ward’s Creek, and on US-90. The lake offers excellent duck hunting and fishing.
4.	US-90	7.3	Letchworth Mounds: This is the largest earthen mound built by Native Americans in Florida (ca. 900 AD) and is one of the largest mounds in the Southeast. It is now a State Park with informational signs and walkways for viewing the central mound and the seven smaller mounds nearby.
	SR-59	12.6	Lloyd: Established 1850s. Lloyd was a bustling community until the 1930s. There numerous historic homes and there is a walking tour.
5.	CR-149	12.6	Lloyd-Bond House: Built by Walter Bond (ca. 1860s). Served as a hospital for civil war wounded arriving by rail.
6.	CR-149	12.9	Laffitte : Built by Richard Laffitte in the 1890s as a store and pharmacy and is an example of small town commercial structure.
7.	CR-149	12.9	Lloyd Depot: The oldest brick railroad depot (ca. 1858) in the State.
8.	Cherry	15.1	Springhill Cemetery: Established in 1871, it contains the graves of many early settlers. The church no longer exists.
	US-27	21.1	El Destino Plantation: This land was purchased in 1828 by William Nuttall. In 1840s George Noble-Jones purchased the Plantation, who was a wealthy Rhode Island industrialist and also had substantial holding in Savannah. The plantation remained in the Jones family until 1919. In 1937 Sheldon Whitehouse, former ambassador to Guatemala and Columbia, purchased the plantation.
	US-27	23.3	Old St. Augustine Road: A beautifully canopied road once part of the Spanish road from St. Augustine to Pensacola and past the five missions in Jefferson County. Later it was part of the Bellamy Road (Federal Hwy.) - the first “highway” constructed in Florida after it became a U.S. territory.

- US-27 28.2 Waukeenah:** The oldest community in Jefferson County (ca 1820s). This area was the site of numerous skirmishes with Native Americans during the Second Seminole Indian War (1835-1842). Food, fuel and other services are available.
- CR-259 31.3 Cody Escarpment:** The Red Hills drop dramatically to the Flatwoods here. Once the shoreline of an ancient sea, it provides an impressive view to the South toward Apalachee Bay and St. Marks.
- 31.3 Spanish Mission Sites:** Looking southeast on the hills to the east of the road was the site of Santa Maria de Ayubale, a Spanish Mission (ca. 1630) which was destroyed in 1704 by English soldiers from the Carolinas.
- Beth Page 31.7 Beth Page Church and Cemetery:** Both serve Wacissa, it is an excellent example of a small country church and cemetery.
- SR-59 32.7 Wacissa:** Founded in the 1830s, it evolved because of its close proximity to the pristine Wacissa River. Once the center of turpentine stills and saw mills, it is presently a residential, logging and ranching community. At its zenith, a daily train hauled turpentine to Thomasville.
- Wacissa 34.1 Wacissa River County Park:** The Wacissa river begins here with two first magnitude springs (Wacissa and Horsehead). It is one of most pristine, beautiful and unspoiled rivers in Florida. You can enjoy boating, canoeing (several vendors outside the park offer rentals), swimming and picnicking at the park. From the park the Wacissa flows about 15 miles south to Goose Pasture and disappears into sloughs that finally empty into the Aucilla River near Nuttall Rise.
- Walker 42.6 Flatwoods:** Large tracts of pine timber now occupy these coastal plains, which were under the waters of the Apalachee Bay thirty thousand years ago. The shoreline ran along the Cody Escarpment. Less than sixty years ago cattle free ranged these woods and cowboys could be seen herding their cattle.
- Walker 43.4 Thomas City:** A small community established in 1889.
- Avalon 47.8 Avalon Plantation:** Avalon Plantation (formerly Welaunee Plantation) is now owned by Ted Turner and comprises some 30,000 acres. Col. Robert Gamble, son of Captain Robert Gamble (Revolutionary War) purchased the property in the 1820's. Fort Gamble was a settlers' fort, built near the Wacissa River for protection during the Second Seminole Indian War (1835-1842). Gamble's mother was the daughter of General James Breckenridge (Revolutionary War).
- 51.0 Welaunee AME Church:** Built in 1896 as an African-American school and in 1934 became home of the church.
- US-27 51.3 Tungsten (Capps):** The original tung oil plant is on the left. It was a bustling community from the 1930s to 1950s. Thousands of acres were

owned by the Tungsten Company. Tung oil was used in varnishes, paints and ammunition packaging during WWII. Tung oil comes from the nut of the tung oil tree, a native plant from southeast Asia. The tung trees were planted here to insure an uninterrupted supply as WWII approached.

- US-19 51.3 Rosewood:** The antebellum home (one of three remaining antebellum plantation homes in Jefferson County) was built for Robert McBride (1834). The plantation was a gift to his daughter, Margaret, on her marriage to Asa May in 1848. Asa May was one of the wealthiest planters in Florida and owned more than 3,000 acres. "Rosewood" is on the national register.
- US-19 51.3 Turner Youth Camp:** A day camp operated by Beau Turner to teach youngsters the art of fishing, hunting and outdoor life and the value of good environmental practices.
- US-27 55.6 Barber Hill Road:** Beautiful oak canopy, unspoiled and unpaved with steep clay embankments on each side. It is a section of the Old St. Augustine Road and remains as it was in the 1800s.
- US-27 57.3 Lamont:** Originally called "Lick Skillet." Lamont was founded in the 1840s near a major site for fording the Aucilla River. Food, fuel and services available.
- 10 CR-257 57.4 Lamont School:** Lamont school is now being restored. It was used as a school from 1921 until 1950.
- CR-257 60.2 Redhills Plantation:** A large plantation in Jefferson and Madison County.
- CR-257 65.8 Aucilla:** Originally an early Indian village and trading post (1830s). The last of four railroad stops in Jefferson County and was a busy pioneer settlement servicing numerous sawmills and turpentine stills in the area.
- Aucilla 65.9 Aucilla Christian Academy:** Originally constructed as a public school in 1928 and closed in 1950s. In the early 1970s it became a private school.

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DIR.	ROAD	SEGMENT / TOTAL	SITES OF INTEREST
		0	
←	West Mahan (US-90)	9.5 / 0	Courthouse Circle ☺
		.1	Jefferson High School
		.1	Old Jail Museum
		.2	Avera-Clarke B&B
		.3	Pasco House (On left side)
		.5	Thomas Iwo Jima Memorial
		.6	De Soto Trail Marker
		2.7	County Horse Arena
		6.5	Lake Miccosukee ✳
		7.3	Letchworth Mounds
←	South SR-59 (Gamble)	3.1 / 9.4	
		/ 9.6	Cemetery
←	East CR-149 (Old Lloyd)	.7 / 12.6	Town of Lloyd ☺
		12.6	→ Bond House (0.1 mi.)
		12.6	← Laffite Store (0.1 mi.)
		12.6	Lloyd RR Depot
→	South Lloyd Ck/ Cherry	5.3 / 13.3	
		15.1	→ Springhill Cemetery (1 mi.)
→	West US-27 (Apalachee)	3.6 / 18.7	
		21.1	El Destino Plantation
←	South St. Augustine Rd	5.8 / 23.3	Old Bellamy Rd/Camino Real
		24.3	SR-59
→	East E. Capps Hwy	.1 / 28.2	Town of Waukeenah ☺
→	South CR-259	2.9 / 28.4	
→	West Beth Page Rd	1.3 / 31.3	
		31.3	Cody Escarpment (Looking South)
		31.3	Spanish Missions (Former Sites)
		31.7	Beth Page Church & Cemetery
←	South SR-59 (Gamble Rd)	1.4 / 32.7	Town of Wacissa ☺
▲	South Wacissa Springs Rd	.5 / 34.1	Wacissa River County Park ✳
▲	North Wacissa Springs Rd	.5 / 34.6	
▲	North CR-59	.7 / 35.1	Town of Wacissa ☺
→	East C0-259	3.1 / 35.9	
→	East Peter Brown Rd	4.3 / 39.0	(Paved 3.8 mi. -Unpaved .5 mi.)
		/ 41.6	Cody Escarpment (Looking South)
		/ 42.6	Cattle Gaps
←	West Walker Springs Rd	2.6 / 43.4	(Unpaved 2.6 mi.)
			Flatwoods
			Thomas City

←North Avalon Rd	5.2 /	46.0	Beautiful Canopy (Unpaved 5.1 mi.)
		47.8	Avalon Plantation
		51.0	Welaunee Church
→East E Capps (US-27)	4.3 /	51.3	←Rosewood - Asa May (2 mi)
			←Old Tung Oil Plant (2 mi)
			←Turner Youth Camp (2 mi)
	/	53.5	WPA Rd
→East S. Barber Hill Rd	.5 /	55.6	Old St. Augustine Rd / Bellamy Rd
→East E. Capps (US-27)	1.2 /	56.1	
←North Co-257 B (S. Salt)	8.5 /	57.3	Town of Lamont ☺
		57.3	▲Aucilla River (.3 mi) ✱
		57.3	Old Salt Road
		57.4	Lamont School
		60.2	Red Hills Plantation
		63.0	I-10 Intersection
←West Aucilla Hwy	8.1 /	65.8	Town of Aucilla
		65.8	Former Indian Trading Post
		65.9	Aucilla Christian Academy
→North US-19	3.3 /	74.1	
	/	75.5	Simpson Nurseries
	/	77.4	Courthouse Circle ☺
TRAVEL TIME 1:45	Miles	77.4	☺ Services ✱ Recreation Areas