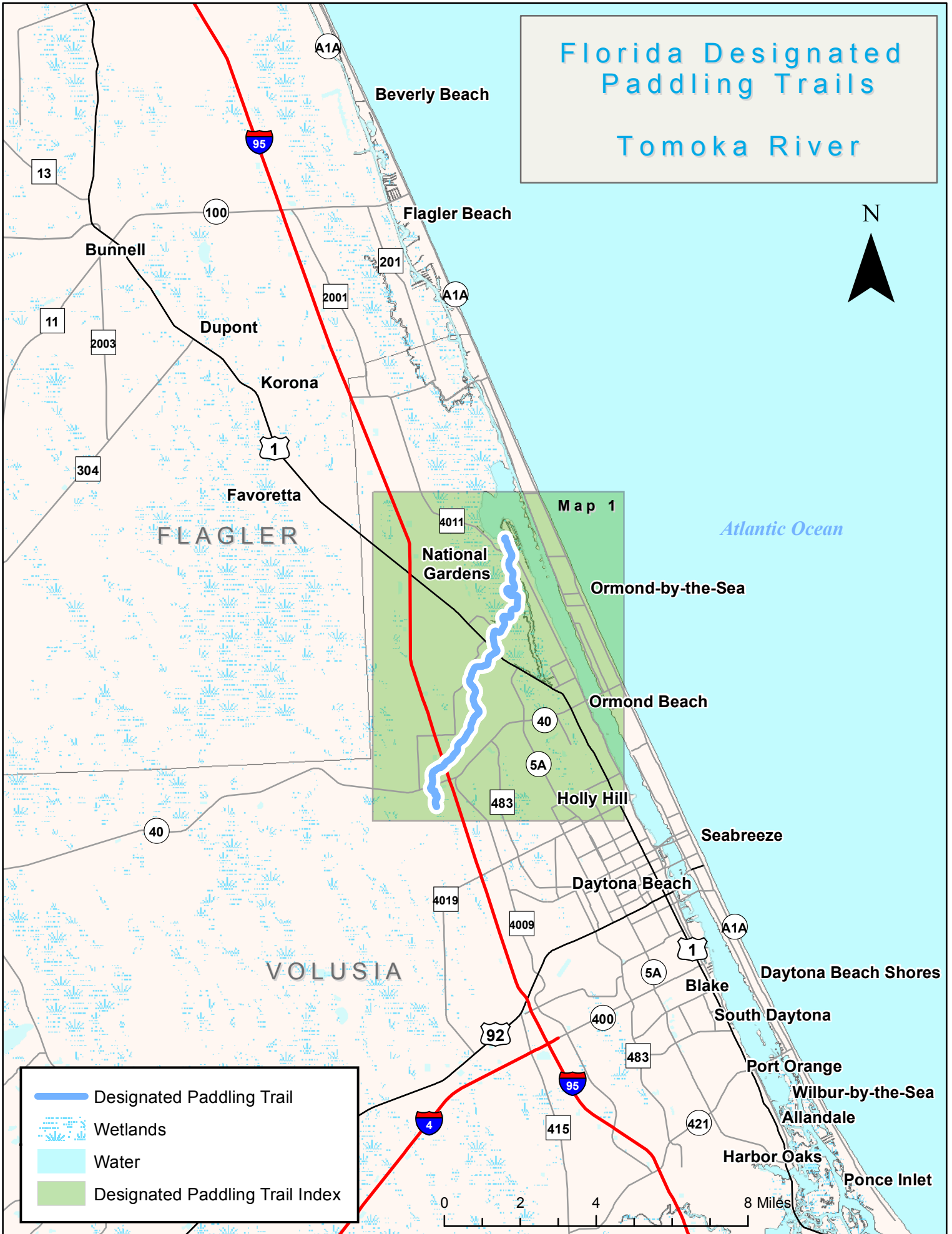


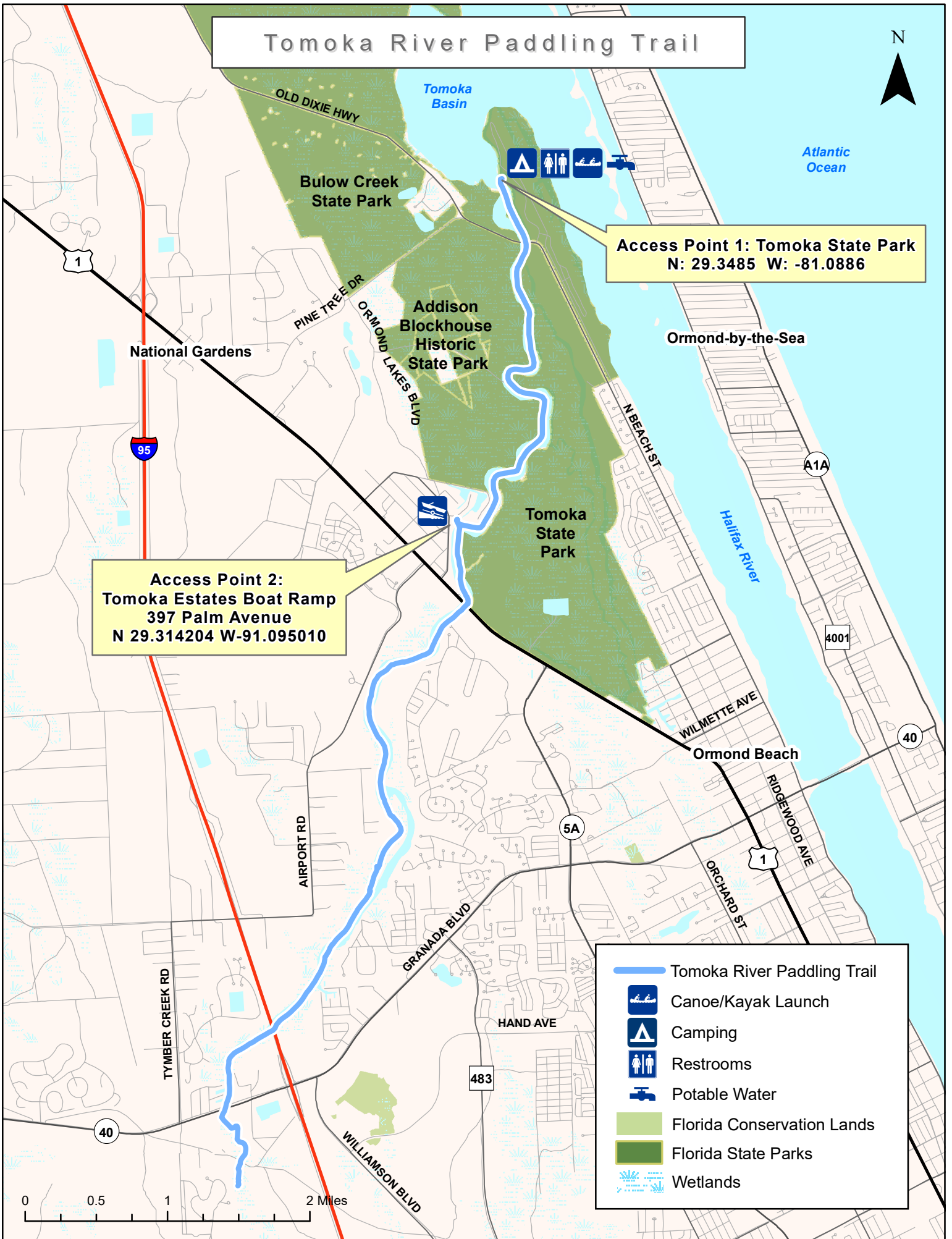
Florida Designated Paddling Trails

Tomoka River



Tomoka River Paddling Trail

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Access Point 1: Tomoka State Park
N: 29.3485 W: -81.0886

Access Point 2: Tomoka Estates Boat Ramp
397 Palm Avenue
N 29.314204 W-91.095010

- Tomoka River Paddling Trail
- Canoe/Kayak Launch
- Camping
- Restrooms
- Potable Water
- Florida Conservation Lands
- Florida State Parks
- Wetlands





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The Waterway

The Tomoka River features a wide variety of natural communities, from a narrow, canopied waterway where the river originates to the coastal marsh-lined vista around Tomoka State Park. The high ground now occupied by the park was once the site of the Timucuan Indian village of Nocoroco. This archeologically significant site, and ones nearby, are considered some of the most important in Volusia County.

The Paddling Experience

The Tomoka River is generally suitable for beginners. River access is very limited considering its length and proximity to populated areas. Three areas, the SR 40 Bridge, Riverbend Nature Park, and the US 1 Bridge, *no longer provide access to the river*. Winds and tidal influence become stronger as the river widens and nears Tomoka State Park, so plan trips accordingly. Boat traffic on this river can be heavy during holidays and weekends. Paddlers can launch from Tomoka State Park or the Tomoka Boat Ramp for a round trip in either direction. It is about 13 miles upstream from the state park to the end of the river.

Access Points

#1, [Tomoka River State Park](#)

The Tomoka and busy Halifax River (Intracoastal Waterway) border this peninsula park. There is a hand-launch facility for paddlers and an improved boat ramp. *From I-95, take exit 268 for SR 40 towards Ormond Beach. Drive east on SR 40/W. Granada Blvd. for 4.3 mi. to the traffic light at the west end of the Ormond Bridge over the Halifax River. Turn left (north) before the bridge (don't cross the river) onto N. Beach St. and proceed 4.1 mi. north to the park's main entrance on the right (east) side of the road.*

#2, [Tomoka Boat Ramp, 397 Palm Avenue](#)

This is a small quarter-acre park with paved boat ramp and **very** limited parking with space for five cars with boat trailers. No fees. *From US 1, turn east on Coguina Avenue, then right on Palm Avenue. The small park is on the right.*

Outfitters and Shuttle Service

Tomoka State Park has canoe and kayak rentals at the [Tomoka Outpost](#), 386-673-0022



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Base Camp

[Tomoka State Park](#) is a site on the [Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail](#), and a bird-watcher's paradise, especially during the spring and fall migrations. The park protects a variety of wildlife habitats and endangered species, such as the West Indian manatee. Visitors can stroll a half mile nature trail through a hardwood hammock that was once an indigo field for an 18th century British landowner. Native Americans once dwelled here, living off fish-filled lagoons. The high ground now occupied by the state park was once the site of the Timucuan Native American village of Nocoroco. This site is commemorated by an interesting sculpture of Chief Tomokie, built in the 1950s portraying the story of a poem about a mythical princess known as "Oleta". In the late 1700s the area was part of a 22,000-acre rice and indigo plantation. Tomoka State Park with its sister park [Bulow Creek](#) make up over 8 miles of the scenic drive known as the [Ormond Scenic Loop](#). A boat ramp gives access to the Halifax River (Intracoastal Waterway) and Tomoka River. Canoe and kayak rentals are available. For overnight stays, the park has full-facility campsites and youth camping.



Upper end of Tomoka, FWC



Chief Tomokie statue, Kristin Lock



Lower Tomoka, FWC



Tomoka State Park, Vera Jordan